

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

### **Present**

Councillors Fothergill, McKay, Harrison, Atkinson, Lister & Waring and the Clerk

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Naylor

### **2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no interests to be declared.

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting, held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **a). Police Matters**

P.C.Booth attended the meeting and gave the crime figures for the past year. There had been 11 crimes – 7 in the village centre and 5 in the outer village area. P.C.Booth also asked that parishioners be informed of an increase in domestic burglaries in outlying villages when access has been gained via insecure windows/doors. It is important that householders with alarm systems should set their alarms when they retire and **not** just when they leave their home.

#### **b). Springs Lane**

The Clerk has written to Mr. Alistair Snart of RMS (Road Management Services) asking for improved signage to direct traffic from the new section of the A1 along the York Road and down Rudgate to the Trading Estate. The Council is still awaiting a response.

#### **c). Wighill Lane/Wetherby Road**

The improvements to Wighill Lane/Wetherby Road are continuing and the Council has been promised new signage and a speed limit on the section of this road, which runs through the village. It is hoped that these will be available in the foreseeable future. The Speed Cameras, which were the subject of vandalism, will be reinstated as soon as the extent of the damage has been assessed and the necessary repairs carried out.

#### **d). Parking at Moorside Cottages**

The members of the Council expressed their disappointment at the lack of parishioners attending the Annual meeting, especially those members of the parish who had written letters regarding the parking at Moorside Cottages. It was the intention of the Council to give a true record of the actions taken regarding this matter and the responses given by Leeds City Council and to discuss this matter with those concerned. It was agreed that the Council should now write to these parishioners regarding this parking issue.

#### **e). Wetherby Skips**

The Clerk had sent to the Planning Enforcement Department a copy of a map showing what the Council would define as 'the Village', as this differed from the Parish boundary. Again the Council is still awaiting a response.

#### **f). Bus Shelter**

In the absence of Councillor Naylor, discussions on this matter were postponed until the next meeting.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **a). Letter from Kate Hutchinson re Services for old & Young People**

This letter requested a copy of the Walton Parish Plan and also information on any services offered in Walton for the elderly and the young (especially 11-19 year olds). A copy of the Parish Plan and information about the Community & Social Club for the Over Sixties had been obtained from Richard Newman and would be forwarded to Kate Hutchinson.

#### **b). Letter from West Yorkshire Police re Police Authority Consultation**

This letter had requested contact details for Parish Councillors to invite them to a Police Authority Consultation. The Clerk had sent the necessary details.

c). Information from the Wetherby & District Crime Prevention Panel

This was passed to Councillor Atkinson.

d). Letters from Robert Smith & Paul Cleary re Moorside Cottages

As Mr. Smith & Mr. Cleary had not attended the Annual Parish Meeting it was agreed to write to them to give a true record of the actions taken regarding this matter and to inform them that this matter had now been placed in the hands of Leeds City Council.

## **6. Planning**

a). Planning Application from Hanover Property Trust for Children's Play Area on TAE.

The Clerk had sent comments regarding concerns about increased volume of traffic and child safety

b). Planning Application from Miss A Rhodes for Conservatory to 5 Rudgate Mews.

No Comments

c). Planning Application from Strata Plus for Demolition of Outbuilding at Field House Farm

No Comments

d). Planning Application from Strata Plus for Rooflights and Additional Windows at Field House Farm

The Clerk had sent comments asking why these items had not been put on the original plans and asked that as the development was in a conservation area it was hoped that the development would stay as close as possible to the original buildings in design.

Comment was made regarding the new entrance from Smiddy Hill, which was on the new plans but not the old and had not been mentioned by the planning application. It was agreed to contact the planning department to check whether or not it was planned to change the access for this house.

e). Planning Application from Mr & Mrs A Shaw for Ground Floor Balcony to Laurel House Farm

A letter had been received to state that this was in fact permitted development.

## **7. Finance**

a). A remittance advice had been received to inform the Council that the precept had been paid into the bank. It was therefore agreed to pay over the promised £1000.00 to the Village Hall Committee.

b). There is £1028.98 in the Current Account and £2087.12 in the deposit account.

## **8. Any Other Business**

a). It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Council to ask when the grass cutting would take place.

b). It was agreed that the dandelions on the verge outside the church needing treating. It was agreed to approach a local contractor to try and arrange this.

c). The Chairman of the Parish Council had been invited to the Launch of the Thorp Arch Parish Plan.

d). It was noted that the Walton sign at the end of School lane had been missing for some time and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the relevant department of LCC regarding this matter.

e). Richard Newman informed the Council that unfortunately the Cycle Path would not be extended through Walton as the land required was currently unavailable.

f). The Clerk asked the members of the Council to start looking for a replacement for the position of Clerk. It was agreed to ask locally and also place an advert in the Causeway magazine.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45 hours.