

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

### **Present**

Councillors Fothergill, Lister, Waring and the Clerk

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

Councillors McKay, Atkinson, Harrison, & Milner,

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> September 2005, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

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

There was no reported crime for July. There were 2 minor crimes reported for August and also the theft of a large trailer from farm premises. P.C. Booth asked if information regarding Security Assessments for Parishioners could be added to the report for the Causeway - it was agreed to do this.

#### **b). Springs Lane - Highways Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 & Meeting at Atkins 12<sup>th</sup> October 2005.**

The issue of increased traffic along Springs Lane and possible suitable courses of action were discussed. It was agreed that improved signage from the new section of the A1 to the Trading Estate was essential in some form and that this is what should be requested at the meeting with Highways, Councillor Procter and a representative from North Yorks. County Council on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. A meeting had been arranged by the Highways Agency at Atkins offices on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October to discuss possible solutions to the objections raised to the draft orders (Bramham to Wetherby Upgrade) by the A1 Action Group. Councillor Fothergill had received a copy of the proposals, which the council discussed and agreed that either of the second two options would be preferable. (1. A new road from the racecourse roundabout along the rear of the racecourse to join with the C78 & 2. To upgrade Springs Lane and introduce a by-pass at the bottom end, west of the village to by-pass School Lane). As no-one from the Council was available to attend this meeting at Atkins it was agreed to ask Peter Locke to speak on behalf of Walton and inform him of the preferred options as far as the council is concerned. It was felt that as this issue was now to become the subject of a public inquiry that any serious concerns of the Council could be raised at that inquiry.

#### **c). Bus Shelter**

All the necessary permissions had now been received and Mrs Simpson had agreed that the shelter might intrude on to her land. An application has been made to the Well-being Fund for assistance with the cost of the shelter and the Council now awaits their response. It was agreed to investigate further possibilities for funding for this project.

#### **d). NEAC – Parish Council Forum - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

As no one from the Council was available to attend the Council now awaits publication of the minutes of this meeting.

#### **e). A1 Action - Highways Agency Objections to Draft Orders etc.**

The Council had sent a formal response to the Draft Orders outlining the issues regarding Springs Lane. The response from parishioners in the five parishes had been generally disappointing with only 133 objections being submitted 44 of which were in the form of a petition.

#### **f). Parish Council Web-site**

In the absence of Councillor Naylor it was agreed to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **a). YLCA - Agenda for Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

It was agreed to send apologies from the Council, as no one was available to attend the meeting.

### **b). Letters from YRCC re Database of Rural Groups and Countryside Agency re Parish Plan**

The Clerk asked if these letters could be passed to Richard Newman as he held all the information required to make the response. It was agreed that this would be an appropriate course of action.

### **c). Response to Letter from Councillor Naylor re Proposed Telephone Installation at British Library**

It was agreed that it was necessary for Councillor Naylor to explain the technicalities of this response and so it would be discussed at the next meeting.

## **6. Planning**

### **a). Permission Granted – Sustrans Ltd. - Cycle Path to Thorp Arch & Beyond.**

### **b). Planning Application - Mr. P. Westmoreland - Change of Use to Mot Testing Station**

No Objections.

### **c). Planning Application - Mr. P. Cockburn - Change of Use to Go-karting Facility**

No Objections

### **d). Planning Application - Hightown Properties - 21 Dwellings on Rudgate Park, Thorp Arch** Information Only

## **7. Finance**

### **a). Letter & Returned Cheque from Smiths of Derby**

It was agreed to pass this cheque to the RFO.

### **b). Letter re Annual Subscription to WARDEN**

It was agreed to pay this.

## **8. Any Other Business**

a). Information had been received from LCC that a bulb-planting scheme for the Harrogate & Wetherby Wards had been set up and would be delivered by Groundwork Leeds who will involve local children with the planting. As Walton does not have a primary school or other suitable Group, Councillor Fothergill kindly agreed to act as a contact for this scheme and to arrange for children from the village to take part in the planting.

b). Men had been observed carrying out a survey for a proposed new roundabout at the original entrance to the Trading Estate. It was agreed that Councillor Fothergill would try and obtain further information at the meeting with the Highways Department on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

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

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 7.30pm.

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