

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 11 September 2006 At the Village Hall, Walton at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors: Fothergill, McKay, Atkinson, Lister, Shaw and Bartle. Councillor Naylor arrived at 8.45pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

PCSO Paul Buffey – West Yorkshire Police

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 10 July 2006, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters

PCSO Buffey had not been able to attend the meeting; however, he had reported the crime statistics, there had been 3 burglaries and 1 vehicle theft in August compared to none for the same period last year.

b) Bus Shelter Update To consider the suggestion by the administrators of the Delegated Fund for the West Yorkshire Transport Partnership to provide a modern shelter.

The North East Area Management Committee will be considering the large grant application on 18th September. It was unanimously agreed that a stone shelter, to match the existing, was preferred since it will be in a Conservation Area and a response to WYPTE would be delayed until a decision had been received from the Area Committee.

c) Charity of the Unknown Donor

There had been no further developments with this matter.

d) Springs Lane Update

There had been no further developments with this matter. The works to improve the drainage would be chased.

e) Parish Council Website

There had been no further developments with this matter.

f) Leeds Local Development Framework

An email had been received from Sue Speak, Local Plans East, Strategy & Policy Service, Development Department Leeds City Council advising that Thorp Arch Estate will not be considered for development until 2016. It was unanimously agreed to continue to monitor the situation and that no further action was necessary at this stage.

i) Other Meetings Attended

Councillor Atkinson informed the meeting that he would be no longer attending the Crime Prevention Panel meetings.

5. Quarterly Review - Register of Members Interests And Register Of Gifts

Members were reminded to make any alterations or additions to their Code of Conduct Register of Interests and Register of Gifts and Hospitality forms.

6. Clerk's 6 month probationary review and contract of employment.

The clerk's probationary period is complete and it was unanimously agreed to continue with the current arrangements. It was agreed that it would not be necessary to stipulate in the contract that there should be a maximum 2 days leave from meetings, since all leave has to be agreed by the Council. Similarly it would not be necessary to add a statement regarding the payment of excess hours, as any additional hours are to be agreed by the Council also.

7. Correspondence

1. Leeds City Council polling review consultation – a reply would be sent confirming that a station should be maintained in the village.
2. Grass cutting map – to ensure there are no areas missed off. It was agreed that map was correct.
3. Standards Committee Agenda 26/07/06
4. What Should Leeds Do With It's Waste? results
5. British Library BLASP project update
6. Dog control order info.
7. Leeds Voice Environment Forum Steering Group – request for members
8. Freedom of Information Act update
9. Minutes of the Parish/Town Council forum 15/06/06
10. Questionnaire from WYRTP
11. Urban Forum northern regional conference
12. National Market Towns convention
13. West Yorkshire Police Authority e-bulletin
14. YLCA Climate Changes & Sustainability Act
15. Clerks & Councils direct July 2006
16. External Audit fee scales
17. Leeds UDP Review 2006
18. Flyer "Find Out What You Said Leeds Should Do With Its Waste"
19. Email from Planning re drainage at Field House Farm
20. Statement of the SPD matters
21. Order for the 30mph speed limit on Wetherby Road and Parish Council's response
22. WYPA consultation event 3/10/06
23. NYCC Minerals and Waste Development Framework, Statement of Community Involvement.
24. Agenda "Keeping an Eye on Leeds" 05/09/06
25. Local Works newsletter
- 26 Village Hall bookings calendar
- 27 Holding letter from Leeds City Council regarding Village Hall bin
28. Country Air summer 06
- 29 Copy of letters from Village Hall Management Committee regarding rubbish collection.

8. Planning

Approval for the development at Hall Parks Farm, Hall Road ref: 31/482/05/OT for outline permission to erect an agricultural dwelling house.

A letter would be sent to Leeds City Council development department requesting that amendments to plans should be subject to the same consultation process as new applications.

9. Finance

1. Payment to the clerk £300.00 including Tax
2. Payment to clock winder £20.00
3. An invoice had been received for the annual subscription to WARDEN. This was accepted and would be paid.

10. Any Other Business

1. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Strata asking them to remove the advertising flags now that the properties have been sold on Smiddy Hill.
2. The Parish Council has been invited to take part in the bulb planting project organised by Groundwork Leeds and an application form will be submitted.
3. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Leeds City Council highways department requesting that appropriate drainage be arranged on the new development on Smiddy Hill to prevent accidents in poor weather conditions.
4. It was agreed that the parish council would request that the Community Constable issue “polite notices” to the parked cars on the verge opposite the Village Hall.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 9 October 2006 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00 hours.