

# **WALTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 12 June 2006  
At the Village Hall, Walton at 7.30 p.m.**

## **Present**

Councillors: Fothergill, McKay, Atkinson, Naylor, Lister, Bartle and Shaw

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

There were no apologies.

### **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 8 June 2006, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **a). Casual Vacancies**

Councillors Gillian Bartle and Angus Shaw were unanimously co-opted as members onto the Parish Council.

#### **b) Police Matters**

PC Alison Booth reported that there had been no recorded crimes in March or May this year and 2 reported crimes in April, reflecting the current downward trend in the crime statistics for the whole of the region. However, she urges residents to continue to be vigilant to opportunistic crimes particularly thefts from garages and gardens during the summer months. PC Booth hopes to arrange to bring the mobile Crime Prevention Unit to the village, perhaps to coincide with a village event, in order to pass on crime prevention information.

#### **c) Bus Shelter Update**

Councillor Fothergill had attended a meeting with the Ward Councillors to discuss financial support towards the shelter, however, grant aid is proving very difficult to obtain and it was agreed that a loan for the outstanding amount should be investigated in order to prevent further delays to the project. It was also agreed to appeal to residents of Walton for sponsorship via the Causeway magazine.

#### **d) Charity of the Unknown Donor**

There were no further developments on this matter.

#### **e) Springs Lane Update**

North Yorkshire County Council had advised the Council that the advisory signs on York Road should be fitted some time during the summer. Leeds City Council issued a consultation document to the members for the 30mph signs to be fitted on Wetherby Road. There were no objections to the proposals and it is hoped that these signs will also be fitted over the summer. Members noted that vehicles had been seen speeding on Springs Lane and this would be reported to the police.

#### **f) Parish Council Website**

Members discussed which items should be available on the website and how the Parish Council should be contacted via the site. It is hoped that the website will be up and running in the near future. Councillor Naylor confirmed that the invoice received included additional charges for the extra work involved in transferring the site. It was agreed to settle the account for £76.39.

Councillor Naylor also informed the meeting that the annual renewal charges for hosting the account would be due soon.

g) Other Meetings Attended

Councillor Atkinson reported on the North East Area Management Committee Parish Forum meeting that had taken place on 8 June which had mainly discussed the role of the Health Scrutiny Board. The next meeting of the Parish Forum would discuss the grass cutting contract.

**5. Correspondence**

1. Leeds City Council Traffic Surveys
2. Minutes of the North East Voluntary, Community & Faith sector meeting held on 25/04/06
3. Agenda "Keeping an Eye on Leeds" 06/06/06
4. Agenda "Standards Committee" 25/05/06
5. Agenda "YLCA Leeds Branch" 06/06/06
6. Agenda "Standards Committee" 08.06.06
7. Leeds City Council consultation document "Designing for Community Safety – A Residential Guide" It was agreed that confirmation should be sought from Leeds that the Local Development framework would encompass the UDP and not replace it.
8. Invitation to attend Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside open days at Roundhay Park 16-19 June 2006.

**6. Planning**

Approval received for a detached garage to the rear of 3 Main Street ref: 06/01386/FU.

**7. Finance**

Payments agreed:

Mrs K Wilkinson	clerk's salary	£312.00
Inland Revenue	tax	£ 88.00
Mrs K Wilkinson	postage & stationery	£ 28.02
Inca Europe Ltd	website host	£ 76.39

Payment was also made to the clock winder.

**8. Any Other Business**

Thorp Arch Bridge

The members were very concerned that there had been no response from METRO to the Parish Council's request to provide a bus service to the village when the bridge is closed. There was a discussion about the effects on school transport and students being unable to get to and from school. It was agreed to contact Ward Councillor Procter to enlist his support as soon as possible.

Potholes

The potholes on Smiddy Hill and the state of the footpath on Smiddy Hill would be reported to Highways, once again.

Grass Cutting

A copy of the grass cutting map would be requested from City Services and a letter would be sent expressing the members concern over the standards of the grass cutting. A copy of the letter would be sent to Randall Brown.

Members noted the new loft ladder that had been installed in the Village Hall.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 10 July 2006 at 7.30pm.

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