

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 10 April 2006
At the Village Hall, Walton at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Councillors: Fothergill, Atkinson, Waring, Lister, Naylor.
P.C. Alison Booth, West Yorkshire Police

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors McKay and Harrison.

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 13 March 2006, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters

P.C. Booth informed the meeting that there had been no reported crimes in March compared to 5 for the same period last year.

b) Bus Shelter Update

The Ward Councillors had deferred a decision for funding towards the bus shelter. They had extended an invitation for a councillor to attend their next meeting on 9 May to put forward a case for providing a shelter. Councillor Fothergill would attend on behalf of the council.

c) Charity of the Unknown Donor

There were no further developments on this matter.

d) Springs Lane Update

An email had been received from Ian Haigh, LCC Highways Department confirming; RMS will introduce signing on the A1 southbound carriageway advising traffic bound for Thorp Arch Trading Estate to leave the A1 at the Walton Road junction, North Yorkshire will introduce a sign on B1224 York Road advising westbound traffic bound for Thorp Arch Trading Estate to use Rudgate, City Services are promoting signing on Wetherby Road indicating that the route to the A1 via Springs Lane is unsuitable for HGVs and advising HGVs to go via Walton Road and that City Services are promoting a 30mph speed limit on Wetherby Road in the vicinity of Walton village.

The signs on Wetherby Road had already been fitted and it was agreed that they seemed to be having some positive effect on traffic through the village. The 30mph signs were expected soon. A date for fitting the York Road signs would be sought from North Yorkshire County Council.

Mr Haigh attached a summary of automatic traffic counts carried out in September 2005, an automatic speed survey carried out in December 2005 and a summary of a manual classified count at the Springs Lane/Main Street junction carried out in December 2005 for information and confirmed that he will be carrying out further ATC surveys during April/May on Springs Lane, Rudgate and Wetherby Road.

e) Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting would take place on 8 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, before the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

5. Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr PF Cleary regarding traffic issues in Walton and closure of Springs Lane
A reply would be sent updating Mr Cleary of the A1 inquiry.

2. Response from Harrogate & District Travel regarding the provision of an alternative bus route when Thorp Arch bridge is closed, and the termination of service 780 completely from 30/04/06.

3. Acknowledgement from LCC Highways re potholes

4. LCC Parish & Town Council Forum Updates including dates for the next meetings and an attachment on double taxation.

5. YLCA website flyer.

6. CE Electric update; Parish Council dedicated phone line to use during prolonged power interruptions and other major incidents 0845 3370151.

7. CPRE Campaigns Update; Protect Greenfield land, new powers to tackle light pollution
A letter would be sent to Colin Burgon MP seeking his support of the policy.

8. Agenda North East Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Forum 25/04/06

9. Leeds Voice – Outcomes of the North East Health and Social Care event

10. Clifford Parish Council copy of letter to Harrogate & District Travel objecting to the cancellation of the 780 Wetherby to Tadcaster service.

A letter would be sent to Harrogate & District objecting to the cancellation of the service.

11. Wicksteed Leisure direct mail

12. Leeds City Council “Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan – Alternative Options” consultation document to explore and consider the various land use options which have potential to deliver the regeneration of Aire Valley and help fund needed infrastructure including public transport.

13. Agenda Plans Panel East meeting 6/4/06 including the list of all the applications considered.

14. Marston Moor Internal Drainage Board – audit notice.

15. LCC City Centre Area Action Plan – consultation options.

16. Mazars – annual audit documents.

17. Allianz Cornhill – annual insurance premium.

18. LCC “What should Leeds do with its waste” questionnaire.

19. Agenda – Standards Committee 25/04/06.

North East Area Committee Meeting – 16/03/06

The chair allowed an additional item to be discussed. Councillor Atkinson reported on the last meeting of the Area Management Team and circulated notes from the meeting which included a report from Paul Goff from LCC Development Department on the UDP. It was confirmed that Thorp Arch Estate was not to be promoted as suitable for housing development as it was not considered to be sustainable. Other items included notification of a waste strategy consultation on the LCC website and problems with bus services should be reported to the Traffic Commissioner in Leeds as well as to the bus companies involved.

6. Planning

a). Planning Application – Development at Hall Park Farm, Hall Park Road Outline application to erect agricultural dwelling house. Notification had been received that the application would be considered at the Plans Panel meeting on 6 April 2006.

7. Finance

a). YLCA membership £66.00

Payment was approved.

b) Annual precept

Notification had been received that the precept had been paid.

8. Any Other Business

Councillor Atkinson had attended a meeting of the Wetherby & District Crime Prevention Panel where it had been reported that crime figures for the Wetherby area were down by half compared to last year however, residents should be advised that bogus officials are operating in and around the Wetherby area.

Councillor Naylor had responded on behalf of the Parish Council to the UDP proposed modifications endorsing the decision to delete housing development at Thorp Arch Trading Estate from the plan.

The pavement at 1 Moorside Cottages would be reported to the Highways Department for repairs.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 8 May 2006 at 7.30pm. This would be the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.25 hours.