

# WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
At the Village Hall, Walton at 7.30 p.m.

## Present

Councillors: Fothergill, McKay, Atkinson, Harrison, Waring, Lister, Naylor and the Clerk

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

### 4. Matters Arising

#### a). Police Matters

P.C. Booth was unable to attend the meeting. The clerk was instructed to contact her and invite her or a colleague to the next meeting.

#### b). A1 Upgrade – Update – Public Inquiry etc.

The Public Inquiry had now finished. Whilst no one from the Parish Council had been able to attend, it was felt that Peter Locke and the A1 Action group had represented the needs of Walton very well and it was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent. The clerk was instructed to follow up with Leeds City Council on the request for signs on Springs Lane.

#### c) Bus Shelter Update

It was agreed that it was possible that the bus stop had 50 users per day and also that the shelter should be stone to match the one on the opposite side of the road and this would be confirmed to Kate Hutchinson. In the event that Metro agrees to provide a shelter, they would be asked to contribute the cost of a standard shelter towards the project. The clerk would chase Metro for the outcome of the passenger survey.

#### d) Bulb-planting Update

Streetscene had requested a second copy of the map indicating where the bulbs were planted. Councillor Fothergill would action.

#### e) Charity of the Unknown Donor

Councillor McKay would continue to investigate the possibility of ceasing the arrangement.

#### f) NEAC Town & Parish Council Forum meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006

Councillor Atkinson had not been able to attend the meeting; however, the minutes had been received. Randal Brown, Director of City Services had been in attendance and had discussed parking on grass verges. He confirmed that there are no schemes in place at the moment to convert grass verges to tarmac. The priority currently for the department is to clear the backlog of highways maintenance issues which could take a number of years. Once this is cleared then grass verge issues could be raised up the list of priorities. The Environmental Enforcement Working Group is looking to establish an umbrella by-law to deal with parking on verges to include fixed penalty notices.

### 5. Correspondence

#### a) Development Department re Community Speed Awareness Scheme

Training is available for Parish Councils who wish to use the new Laser Speed Detection device.

#### b) Letter from Chief Executive Dept re Hearings Sub-committee

It was agreed that Walton supported the proposal to establish a hearings sub-committee to deal with cases involving Parish and Town Councils.

c). LEAP Calendar for 2006.

To be added to the agenda for the Parish Council meeting in March.

d). Letter from Wetherby & District Crime Prevention Panel

A copy of the newsletter identifying useful telephone numbers would be circulated. It was agreed to make a donation of £25.00 to the group.

e). Letter from Yorkshire Water re Investment Programme & Drop-in Session

Councillor Fothergill had attended the session. Yorkshire Water is undergoing a £4 million project to improve the water quality in the area and plan to replace some of the water supply pipes along Smiddy Hill to Wetherby Road. Some of the properties may be affected whilst the works are carried out however; Yorkshire Water confirmed that access to properties would always be maintained. The works will not affect the sewers and it will be carried out sometime towards the end of this year or the beginning of next.

**6. Planning**

a). Planning Application - Development at The British Library ref. 20/69/06/FU for a detached electricity substation

There were no objections to this application and it was agreed that the Council should write to the planning department this effect.

b). Permission Granted - Terence O'Rourke - Change of Use to Children's Playcentre

**7. Finance**

a) SLCC Membership renewal Form

It was agreed to renew the membership

b) Invoice for works to the clock £157.45

It was agreed that the works had been done and the invoice should be paid.

c) YRCC Annual Membership

The RFO would confirm that Walton Parish Council was a member before forwarding payment.

d) Bank Accounts

As of 28<sup>th</sup> January there is £275.31 in the current account and £4156.25 in the deposit account.

**8. Any Other Business**

a) Skips

Councillor Fothergill reported that the recent increase of skips moving through the village was for the redevelopment of Walton House.

b) Blind Lane

A letter had been received from Mr Cox in response to the Parish Council's letter and this was read in full. The clerk was instructed investigate who is responsible for Blind Lane.

c) Lights

Councillor Naylor would investigate the company located behind Esteem Business Systems on Rudgate so that a request could be made to them to reduce their lighting at night which is causing problems for drivers.

d) Signs

Councillor Fothergill had spoken to Miller Brothers requesting they remove the signs from Wetherby Road. This would be followed up with a letter copied to the estate office. A similar letter would also be sent to the second hand furniture organisation on Champagne Whin.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at 7.30pm.

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