

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillors: Fothergill, Shaw, Bartle, Naylor and Lister

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors McKay and Atkinson. PCSO Paul Buffey – West Yorkshire Police

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 13 November 2006, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters

PCSO Buffey was unable to attend the meeting, but had sent a report for the crime statistics. There had been no reported crimes for November and this was the same for November 2005. From 1st January 2007, Community Officer PC Kate Done will be responsible for Walton.

b) Bus Shelter Update

Councillor Lister presented the meeting with a quotation for £20.00 for a plastic sign for the bus shelter and this was accepted. Alternative quotations received were for brushed stainless steel and were for ££180.14 and £85.00. It is expected that Metro will increase the grant to cover the cost of the sign and the terms and conditions will then be signed on behalf of the parish council.

c) Springs Lane Update

The Inspectors Report from the inquiry into the A1 Upgrade has been returned. The Inspector has recommended that the Highways Agency monitor traffic flows on Spring Lane after the scheme opens in conjunction with Leeds City Council. Evidence from this is to be used to decide whether a lorry ban is necessary which the Highways Agency has agreed to fund. A1 Action has recommended that Leeds City Council close Springs Lane as soon as possible on the basis that future road repair costs will outweigh the cost of a closure. This is to be pursued with the Ward Councillors as part of the North East Area Management Committee Parish Forum meetings. The 30mph signs for Wetherby Road have been fitted with positive results so far. North Yorkshire County Council has confirmed that the advisory signs on York Road should be installed before Christmas.

d) Parish Council Website

Work on the website is complete. Minutes for Parish Council meetings from the last two years are now available together with general information.

e) Wetherby Skip Services

A letter has been sent to Leeds City Council Development Department seeking clarification of the terms of the consent granted to Wetherby Skip and also details of how it can be enforced. It is understood that it will be necessary to provide LCC with details of dates, times and vehicle registration numbers before any action can be taken. It was agreed to invite Mr Kent to attend the next meeting of the parish council so that the matter can be discussed.

f) Storm Water Drains, Smiddy Hill

There had been no further developments with this matter.

g) Other meetings attended.

No other meetings had been attended.

5. Correspondence

1. Parish precept return.
2. Minutes – Leeds Voice Voluntary, Community and faith Sector Forum 19.09.06.
3. Leeds Voice Keeping and Eye on Leeds agenda 05.12.06 and minutes 7.11.06.
4. Standards Board “How to make a complaint” booklet.
- 5 Remittance advice from Leeds City Council for £3250 grant from Area Committee.
6. Annual External Audit – returned.

6. Planning

A copy of a planning application on Thorp Arch Estate would be requested from Leeds City Council

7. Finance

1. Clerk’s salary – £255.51 - approved
2. Inland Revenue (Income Tax) - £44.49 - approved
3. Clock winder - £15.00 – next month
4. SLCC membership - £55.00 – next month
5. Mazars (External Auditors) additional fee for extra work. - £23.50.

8. Any Other Business

1. The red road markings in conjunction with the 30mph signs will be chased.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 8 January 2007 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40 hours.