

# **WALTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **Present**

Councillors: Fothergill, McKay, Atkinson, Naylor, Lister and Bartle Shaw.  
PC Alison Booth and PCSO Paul Buffey – West Yorkshire Police.

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

Councillor Shaw.

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

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **a). Police Matters**

PC Alison Booth reported that there had been one recorded crime in the parish in June this year compared to 2 last year, reflecting the continuing downward trend in the crime statistics for the whole of the region. PC Booth introduced PCSO Paul Buffey who has recently been moved to this area for at least 1 year. As well as Walton, PCSO Buffey will be working in Bardsey, Aberford, Scholes, Thorner and Thorp Arch. PC Booth will be leaving her role at the end of July and it is hoped that a replacement will be found by the autumn.

#### **b) 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.

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

The annual audit documents had been received.

#### **d) Springs Lane Update**

Councillor McKay reported from a meeting of the A1 Action Group where it was confirmed that the advisory signs on York Road should be in place by September/October.

#### **e) Closure of Thorp Arch Bridge**

The Parish Council has received an email from METRO advising the alternative arrangements for public transport whilst the bridge is closed. .

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

There had been no further development on this matter.

#### **g) Grass Cutting**

The contractors had returned to the village and completed the remedial works. A letter would be sent to Streetscene thanking them for their prompt action and seeking confirmation that measures had been put in place to ensure it wouldn't happen again.

#### h) Leeds Local Development Framework

Members discussed the response from the Head of Planning and Economic Policy and it was agreed that there were still serious concerns that the LDF policies could enable the possibility of housing development at Thorp Arch Trading Estate to be introduced again once the UDP policies were replaced. The Parish Council agreed to seek written assurances from Paul Gough, UDP Review Manager that this would not happen and also to seek support from the Ward Councillors and neighbouring Parish Councils.

#### i) Other Meetings Attended

There had been no other meetings attended.

### 5. Correspondence

1) Leeds City Council Learning & Leisure – response to Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation – Follow up to be sent in 6 months.

2) Leeds City Council – Parish & Town Council Charter. It was agreed to endorse the Charter.

3) Country Air spring 2006.

4) Leeds Voice Minutes/Agenda 06/06/06.

5) Charter 88 newsletter.

6) Consultation document from Leeds City Council Legal and Democratic Department entitled “Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Statement of Gambling Policy”.

7) CE Electric newsletter.

8) Email from YLCA regarding npower customers.

9) Agenda for the Leeds Voice meeting held on 11/7/06 and minutes of the meeting on 25/04/06.

10) Notification from the Standards Committee of training sessions for the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

11) Notification from Leeds City Council of the schedule for the replacement streetlights project. A letter would be sent requesting additional lights in the village at Moor Side Cottages, Main Street and Smiddy Hill.

12) Highways Maintenance schedule for 2006/07.

### 6. Planning

Development at Hall Parks Farm, Hall Road ref: 31/482/05/OT for outline permission to erect an agricultural dwelling house. Notification had been received that a decision would be made on 6 July.

Re Planning Application at Unit 372, Thorp Arch Trading Estate for a single storey link-detached office extension ref: 06/03825/FU. There were no objections to this development.

British Library Storage Facility. A letter had been received informing the members of the planned schedule of the building works.

### 7. Finance

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the members with the financial statement for the year ended 31 March 2006 and the audit documents were approved and signed and will be returned. It was agreed that a donation towards the cost of installing a loft ladder should be made to the Village Hall.

### 8. Any Other Business

A letter would be sent to Walton Old Hall requesting the overhanging vegetation is cut back to allow full pedestrian access to the footpath.

### 9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 11 September 2006 at 7.30pm.

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