

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on Monday 11 January 2021, 7.30pm by remote access

Present- Councillors David Aspland (Chair), Brodie Clark CBE (Vice Chair), Stephen Sharp, Richard Prudhoe, Edward Simpson, David Taylor, Mark Wake.

Also in Attendance Helena Buck (Clerk)
Ward Cllr Norma Harrington
Brian Eldred (Chair of Village Hall Committee)

1. **Apologies for absence noted and approved:** none.
2. **Declarations of any pecuniary interests.** None.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 November 2020.**
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 November 2020 be accepted and approved as a true record, proposed Cllr Aspland, seconded Cllr Prudhoe, agreed by all.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes.** None.
5. **Police Matters: to consider the most recent Crime Report.**
No crimes or incidents were reported for October. In November, WY Police introduced an interactive website with a detailed crime mapping function. The clerk reported that during the last PACT meeting it was noted that users found the link difficult to navigate and results were often out of date. Cllr Harrington suggested that councillors revisit the mapping website and forward any comments to the Neighbourhood Support Officer at Leeds NE NPT. Noted: PACT meetings take place 6.30pm the 1st Tuesday of every month.
6. **To consider correspondence received.** A correspondence list had been circulated and noted.
7. **Financial Matters**
The following accounts were approved:
 - a. Income and Expenditure to 23 December 2020 including Bank Reconciliation.
 - b. Income and Expenditure forecast to 31st March 2021.
Cllr Taylor presented a detailed account of I&E forecast to 31 March 2021 which showed projected carry-forward reserves of £12,244 as at 31 March 2021.
It was **resolved** to accept the Income and Expenditure forecast as presented, proposed Cllr Aspland, seconded Cllr Clark, agreed by all.
 - c. Budget for 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022.
Cllr Taylor presented the proposed budget for 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 which showed projected carry-forward reserves of £11,985 as at 31 March 2022. There was no anticipated CIL income for 2021-2.
Cllr Taylor noted that the PC is running a small operational deficit at the moment but within accepted financial parameters.
It was **resolved** to accept the budget as presented, proposed Cllr Aspland, seconded Cllr Clark, agreed by all.
 - d. Review and Approval of Proposed Precept Income for 2021-22.
It was **resolved** to increase the Precept Income by 2.9% to £6,323, proposed Cllr Aspland, seconded Cllr Clark, agreed by all. The precept figure was similar to that raised in the previous year (£6,328 in 2020/21) due to a reduced indicative taxbase for 2021/22.
 - e. Payments for approval since last PC meeting:
 - i. PC Crew GoCardless: Maintenance Contract Payment for QuickBooks Inv. 20326 dated Nov 2020. £10.

- ii. PC Crew GoCardless: Maintenance Contract Payment for QuickBooks Inv. 20728 dated Dec 2020. £10.
 - iii. H Buck Inst Inks reimbursement – Hewlett Packard Instant Inks Direct Debit by credit card for Office Jet 4650 Printer: Nov-Dec 20: £7.99 per month. £15.98.
 - iv. Play Inspection Company Inv. 44034: Annual playground inspection. £81.00.
 - v. Guy Kitchen. Village Workday expenses – Stormshield masonry paint. £42.64.
- f. Retrospective approval for the following payment (authorised Cllr Aspland):
- i. Mark Wake. Reimbursement for Christmas Lights. Receipts submitted. £2,670.52.
 - ii. B.K. Parnaby & Sons Building Contractors Inv. 20/2221. Walton Village Christmas Lights. Inv. 2/12/2020. £259.40.
 - iii. Mark Wake. Reimbursement for Christmas Lights, receipts submitted. £98.22.
- g. Retrospective approval for PC donation towards Light up Walton Event – balance of up to £1,000 using CIL monies (approved by LCC & confirmed by email).
- h. Noted - the Village Hall committee contribution of £1,000 towards the Light up Walton Event.
- i. Noted - receipt of £1,500 donation from LCC Central Payments towards the Light up Walton Event.
- j. Approval for Clerk salary and expenses Nov-Dec 2020 (circulated).
- k. Approval for HMRC payment: Tax on Clerk's salary Nov-Dec 2020 (circulated).
- l. Additional spending on Christmas lights during 2021-2 was suggested but it was considered preferable to fund a future village event following any lifting of CV-19 restrictions.

8. a. Village Hall Development update.

BE presented a development update. In response to LCC pre-application comments, revised plans had been prepared which extended into the NW corner as an alternative to the original submission. The revised layout retained the front elevation resulting in less harm to the heritage aspect and provided more internal space. However, there would be loss of windows to the rear, kitchen space with no natural light or ventilation, and additional sewage & drainage works resulting in a significant increase in design & construction costs. Both sets of plans required more detailed architectural drawings and comparative costings. Potential funding opportunities were discussed including advantages of the VH obtaining charitable status.

Action: Cllr Taylor to investigate charitable status.

The practicalities of hosting private events was raised. There was PC support for the playground being closed during wedding weekends but residents needed to be advised in advance of any closures arising from private events.

Thanks due: On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Aspland thanked Cllr Simpson for his significant contribution to recent VH car park works.

b. To consider a request from the Village Hall Committee for the Parish Council to contribute to car park upgrade.

As current members of the Village Hall Committee Cllrs Taylor, Sharp and Wake withdrew from the discussion to consider a financial contribution to the VH car park upgrade.

It was resolved to donate £750 from the CIL budget to the car park upgrade, proposed Cllr Aspland, seconded Cllr Prudhoe, agreed by Cllrs Clark & Simpson. This would leave £2,248 - £750 = £1,498 in the current CIL reserves.

9. Playground Update.

Noted: Findings of the annual playground inspection carried out on 4 Nov 2020 by The Play Inspection Company (circulated).

Action: Cllr Sharp to follow up recommendations.

A playground opening risk assessment that had been forwarded by the VH Committee was accepted. Approval was given for the VH Committee to continue regular routine playground inspections.

10. Planning matters.

a. Application Number: 20/07056/FU/NE For: Single storey side extension Site At: 1 Main Street Walton Wetherby. **No objections.**

b. Application Number: 20/07920/FU/NE For: Removal of condition 3 (nets to be removed Autumn/Winter) of planning permission 19/00024/FU (construction of a three lane non-turf pitch with netting enclosure) Site At: Walton Park Cricket Club Springs Lane Walton. **PC response has been forwarded to Walton CC.** No update to report.

c. Application Number: 20/08278/FU/NE For: Demolition of existing rear extension, insertion of bi-folding doors to rear. Site At: Sunrise Main Street Walton. Comments by 8 January 2021. **No objections.**

11. Naming the footpath.

It was agreed that it would be appropriate to adopt a footpath name with positive connections to the village. There was support for some involvement with LUFC who use the path in terms of signage, sponsorship, an event etc. and to promote positive relationships with the club and its members.

Action: Cllr Aspland to progress.

12. To consider minor items (matters about which no decision can be taken at this meeting) and to notify the Clerk of items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

New planning application: 20/08547/FU Change of use 8 glamping geodomes, Land off Hall Park Rd, Walton, received 11 January. Detailed discussions to take place in due course.

13. Date of next meeting: Monday 1 March 2021, 7.30pm by remote access unless otherwise indicated.

Signed.....Chairman

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