



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on Monday 6 January 2025 at 7.30pm at Walton Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs David Aspland (Chairman), Richard Prudhoe (Vice Chairman), Mark Wake, Ed Kilby, Edward Simpson.

Apologies: Cllr Stephen Sharp.

In attendance: Deborah Marshall (Clerk to the Parish Council).

Guests: Ward Cllr Norma Harrington.

One member of the public was in attendance.

24.064	Apologies
i.	To receive apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllr Sharp.
ii.	To approve any reasons for absence submitted for consideration Resolved: That the apologies and reasons for absence be accepted.
24.065	To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-17 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest in accordance with paragraphs 18-20 of the Members' Code of Conduct. None.
24.066	Minutes
i.	To accept the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 November 2024 as a true and accurate record. Resolved: That the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 4 th November 2024 be accepted and approved as a true record.
ii.	To accept the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 November 2024 as a true and accurate record. Resolved: That the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15 th November 2024 be accepted and approved as a true record.
24.067	Public Open Forum There were no comments or questions from the member of the public.
24.068	Ward Councillor Update Ward Cllrs Lamb and Stables gave their apologies prior to the meeting. Cllr Harrington said there was nothing to report.
24.069	Police Matters: to consider the most recent crime report The November crime report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Reports of crime, and in particular anti-social behaviour have decreased across the Wetherby Ward.
24.070	Finance
i.	To consider the 2025-26 budget and precept

	The draft budget of £7,822 was circulated prior to the meeting. The tax base for 2025-26 is 118.3 and the LCTS grant is £86. This leaves a precept requirement of £7,736 which is a 4.6% increase on 2024-25. The annual charge for a band D property will rise from £62.55 to £65.39.	
	Resolved: That the 2025-26 budget be approved and the precept set at £7,736.	
ii	To approve Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31 December 2024	
	Resolved: That the Bank Reconciliation to end of December 2024 be approved. Closing bank balances at 31 December 2024 totalled £20,202.10.	
iii.	To note payments against budget for the current financial year	
	Resolved: That the payments against budget for the financial year 2024-25 be noted.	
iv.	To confirm the setup of a Direct Debit for the annual ICO payment of £35.00	
	Resolved: That the annual Direct Debit of £35 for the ICO Data Protection Fee be approved.	
v.	To consider the following payments for approval:	
	Deborah Marshall	January Salary & NJC pay increase backpay
		£260.48
	Kompan	Playground Mat Repairs
		£336.00
	The Play Inspection Company	Annual Playground Inspection
		£108.30
	INCA	Annual website domain and email service
		£78.00
	Ed Kilby	Top soil and grass seed
		£48.00
	Edward Simpson	Christmas Trees
		£440.00
vi.	To note payments made since the last meeting	
	Deborah Marshall	Clerk Salary November & December
		£398.22
vii.	To note receipts since the last meeting	
	Lloyd's Bank	Savings Interest
		£27.70
	The Innocent Hound	Cycle Path Sponsorship
		£250.00
	Leeds City Council	CIL
		£154.50
	Resolved: That the above payments be approved and the receipts be noted.	
24.071	Planning	
i.	To consider any planning applications received	
	24/06261/FU	British Library, Street 5, Thorp Arch Estate
	Refurbishment works to the existing building equipment; Installation of new PV cells to the existing curved standing seam roof.	
	Resolved: That there be no objections from the Parish Council.	
ii.	To receive an update on any current Planning Applications	
	20/08547/FU – Hall Park Road Glamping Site	
	The appeal against some of the conditions was considered on 22 nd November by the LCC Planners and some conditions have now been removed or amended.	
	22/02840/FU – Springs Lane Development	
	The application for the erection of 15 new dwellings was approved on 20 th December. Work is expected to commence on the site in late spring.	
	24/03505/FU – Walnut Farm, Main Street	
	The application for four new dwellings was refused by LCC Planning in October. There has been no further correspondence from the developer.	
	22/03015/FU – Smiddy Hill Farm Shop	
	David Rawlings attended the meeting. Building work is expected to commence in June/July.	
	Resolved: That the updates be noted.	
iii.	To receive an update on drainage issues on Hall Park Road	
	Chris Johnson circulated a report prior to the meeting. This related solely to the appeal on the conditions for 20/08547/FU – Hall Park Road Glamping Site. The Planning Inspector's report fully	