

## Walton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the St. Johns Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton, on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### Present

**Cllr. B. M. Price** Chair  
**Cllr. Y. R. Shaikh** Deputy Chair  
**Cllr. R. Hardie**  
**Cllr. D. M. Karalius**  
**Cllr. A. Jones**  
**Cllr. G. J. Greenshields**  
**Cllr. S. Davies**

**In Attendance**      **Ray Hallam – Parish Clerk**  
**Residents 0**

Cllr. B. M. Price, the Chair opened the meeting at 7.15pm and welcomed everybody.

- 1 Apologies** - The Chair stated that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Bennett, Harris and Meacock.
- 2 Minutes of the previous Annual Parish meeting** - The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018, distributed to all present, were reviewed.  
***It was moved that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.*** The minutes were signed by the Chair.
- 3 Chairman's Report** – The Chair, Councillor B. M. Price read from a prepared report, on her year in office as Chair of the Parish Council.

#### **Chairman's Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

This has been my second year as chair. I was voted in for the purpose of continuity to deal with the various topics that we were concerned with. There has been no change in the membership of Walton Parish Council, and this has also been an advantage.

It has been another challenging year for Walton and I would like to think that because of our participation with various organisations the authorities are listening to our concerns. We have pooled our resources with the south PCs and also with Moore PC and are working together for the benefit of our communities. Not many pictures in the paper this year but plenty of articles about the Green Belt.

I have attended one Civic Service and Brunch this year and a social evening with Appleton Parish Council. Councillor Karalius and I also went to an event organised by the editor of South Warrington News Bridget Massey and had a very enjoyable evening.

We continue to support the library in Stockton Heath and the Stockton Heath Festival. The library is closing soon for a short period so that necessary alterations can be carried out, this will enable more activities to be held there. Councillor Karalius and I enjoyed a pleasant evening there at a wine tasting.

Along with our Parish Clerk and Councillor Harris I have been to several Parish Council Liaison meetings organised by the Democratic Services Officer where we were given an update on the

LDP and the Local Transport Plan. A letter is to be sent to every household in the area with dates for consultations.

Councillor Greenshields or myself continue to attend meetings about the LDP along with members of the South Warrington Parish Councils.

I have attended several meetings organised by our Crime Commissioner.

Councillor Karalius and I continue to meet with the Creamfield organisers and are working with them and the police to ensure as little disruption as possible during the concert weekend.

We had our annual service at the War Memorial on Sunday 11th November led by our vicar Anita Raggett. This was a special date remembering 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Christmas was celebrated in Walton by the purchase of 3 Christmas trees and we had a switching on ceremony in Lower Walton by our vicar with help of Father Christmas. We also had the carol singers from St John's church. Thank you to all parish councillors who were involved from planting the trees, talking to residents, organising the refreshments, and litter picking. It was a lovely evening not even dampened by the sudden downpour.

During the year we sponsored a local student who was litter picking in the area as part of his voluntary work for his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We now employ a Parish Warden one day a week to look after the tubs and flowerbeds. He is also in his spare time litter picking. This is an ongoing task not helped by the village being used as a car park by visitors to Walton Gardens.

We held our Civic Service at the Parish Church on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Our guests included our local MP and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress as well as friends and representatives from local organisations and Parish Councils. Our vicar gave a lovely service and everyone enjoyed the lunch and company afterwards. Once again we were complimented on the decoration of our parish rooms for which we thank Councillor Karalius for supplying most of the greenery from her garden. Thanks to all the Councillors who helped to make it a special day.

Our meetings are on the whole well attended and I thank my fellow Councillors for their help and support in the last 12 months. Special thanks to our Parish Clerk Ray Hallam who has once again tried to keep me on the straight and narrow.

Parish Cllr. B M Price Chairman 2018-2019

#### **4 Parish Matters**

There were no parish matters.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending. The meeting closed at 7.22pm.