

**WALTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
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## **Walton Hall Estate Development**

The Walton Estate liaison meetings are attended by Cllrs Bob Hardie & Malcolm Eldridge. They participate in the discussion of the proposals, and make suggestions for the improvement of the estate.

The new cafeteria is scheduled for opening in October. There are now plans to build new toilets to serve the zoo & playground for completion in 2013 and new toilets and lift for the hall – to be completed in 2014. It is also intended to install a lift at the golf club and re-roof the riding school, but completion dates have not been given.

Progress has been made in exposing the conservatory so that it can be made safe and estimates for its repair made. It is intended to apply for grants to pay for the repair/renovations. The glasshouses will be removed

## **Creamfields**

The event was cancelled on the Sunday due to the incessant rains. The amount of tenting covering the ground contributed to run-off of water from the fields, which may have exacerbated the flooding of local roads. Other than noise – were there any complaints?

## **Remembrance Sunday**

A service will be conducted by the Rev Dr John Harries at the war memorial at 9.30 on 11<sup>th</sup> November. The Parish Council and your Borough Cllr will lay wreaths. Members of the Parish are welcome to join us and lay their own token of remembrance.

## **Jubilee Celebrations**

The Parish Council supported two street parties, one at West Avenue and another at the Lychgate. These proved very popular with the attendees who found it helped to meet old and new friends. Walton shared with Appleton and Stockton Heath PCs the costs of a beacon at High Warren. The beacon was one of over 3000 that were lit around the country. After the lighting of the beacon, there was a spectacular firework display.

A “Royal Oak” sapling, donated by “Fields in Trust”, is to be planted in the Playground.

There is also a plaque from FiT to be mounted at the Playground.

The PC is giving consideration to a more permanent record of the Jubilee. Have parishioners any suggestions for this?

## **Village Betterment**

The PC was successful in obtaining the agreement of WBC to plant more trees in the verges. They were planted in locations agreed with residents in Stetchworth, Osborne, Walton Heath and Rutland Rds. Unfortunately there are three of the new trees damaged already. We hope to continue with further planting this winter.

The PC will supply bulbs to Parishioners for them to plant around trees or in other (agreed) public places. Please contact any Parish Cllr ASAP.

It is planned to improve the copse alongside the Bridgewater canal near Acton Bridge. In partnership with the canal company (Peel Holdings), they will refurbish the benches and table there and the PC will improve the site. We would be pleased if some residents would help us with the clean up on the 28<sup>th</sup> Oct or 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please ring Ann Hardie.

We intend to give this wood a name - have you any suggestions?

We are keen to hear of other ideas to bring about improvements in the Parish - any suggestions?

We are very pleased that the licensee at THE STAG has offered to take over the maintenance of our War Memorial. A big thank you.

Is there anyone who would like to adopt a flowerbed? We will provide the plants.

At this time of the year the PC regularly asks farmers and landowners to cut their hedgerows. Would residents look at their boundary with the pavement and cut back any overhanging vegetation.

### **Warden**

The planting of trees, bushes and flowers to improve the appearance of the Parish brings with it the need to prune, water, trim and weed them. The Parish Council would like someone, or some friends, to help with these jobs as and when required. Volunteers would be preferred, to whom the PC would pay expenses or an honorarium. See the notice board for more information and/or telephone our clerk.

### **Parking & Roads**

#### **Snow & Ice**

The green grit bins will be re-opened soon so that residents can spread grit on icy patches nearby. Take care.

#### **Drains**

The recent rainfall showed up the blockages in drains in the Parish. The matter is to be discussed at a PC meeting with an officer from WBC

#### **Parking**

The double yellow lines on Walton Lea Rd close to the Sports Club are to be legalised. It should be noted that parking on highway land (e.g. pavement) on the other side of the lines will also be unlawful.

#### **Pavements**

There are a number of pavements in the Parish which are sub standard. If there is one near you which you think could be a danger, then please inform any Cllr and the PC will endeavour to have it repaired.

### **Parish Website**

Karen has kindly added features to the website [www.waltonpc.org.uk](http://www.waltonpc.org.uk). It has been receiving approx. 500 visits on average per month. Please see the website for agendas, minutes and news

### **Warrington Credit Union**

If you can save a little at times, and at other times may need a small loan – are you aware of the credit union that operates in Stockton Heath? It operates on a Tuesday at St Thomas' Church from 10 to 12noon

### **Mersey Ports**

There is to be another presentation in November by the Ship Canal Company. We should hear what agreements are likely to be made with WBC re the interaction of bridge movements with road traffic.

### **Parish Council Meeting Dates**

The PC will meet at 7.30 on the first Thursday of each month, except August  
A full set of the minutes can also be seen at the Public Library, Alexandra Rd, Stockton Heath or on the website

### **Contact details**

Please contact any Cllr or our Clerk about any matters of concern that we can help with.  
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