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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Walton Parish Council held at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton, on Thursday the 7th March 2019.

Present

Councillor B M Price - Chair
Councillor Y R Shaikh – Vice Chair
Councillor S Davies
Councillor D A Meacock
Councillor R D Bennett
Councillor R Hardie
Councillor S H Taylor
Councillor S A Harris
Councillor D M Karalius
Councillor G J Greenshields

In Attendance

Parish Clerk R J Hallam
Residents 1

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

188. Apologies for Absence

The Clerk reported that an apology for absence had been received from Councillor Jones.

189. Adjournment

There was no adjournment.

190. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th February 2019 were reviewed. Page 45, the 2nd line of the paragraph under people in attendance, 'chair' should read 'Chair'.

It was resolved that the minutes with the above amendment should be accepted as a true record.

191. Reports on Matters Arising from the previous minutes

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation.

The Clerk then covered issues that had come to light since the report had been issued.

Erosion of land to the side of Park Lane

It will be necessary to establish who has responsibility, once we have received a reply from John Ansell.

Creamfields Crime Figures

Action – Clerk to include on April's agenda.

Phone Box Grants

Councillor Davies pointed out that grants may now not be available through the National Lottery.

New Bench

Action – Clerk to process the order for a Heskin Bench.

192. Report from Borough Councillor.

The WBC budget has been passed with a 2.98% increase.

193. To receive and accept the report from the Clerk on the Parish Accounts and to formally approve the accounts for payment

The Clerk had issued with the Agenda the Financial Report (FR) and a copy of the Receipts and Payments Account for the current year to date, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk presented: -

Cheque number 001127	payable to R J Hallam	Clerk's Salary	£272.47
Cheque number 001128	payable to HMRC	PAYE/Tax	£68.11
Cheque number 001129	payable to R J Hallam	Office Expenses	£7.49
Cheque number 001130	payable to Stockton Heath Festival	Donation/Sponsorship	£350.00
Cheque number 001131	payable to Information Commiss	Annual Fee	£40.00

The following Accounts had been received following the completion of the Report and the Clerk requested that they be added to the above list.

Cheque No. 001132	payable to R J Hallam	Office Expenses	£54.18
Cheque No. 001133	payable to Gardenia Gardens Ltd	Warden/Ranger	£360.00

It was resolved that the Financial Report and the Accounts for Payment be approved. The cheques were signed by Cllrs. Hardie and Shaikh.

194. Planning Matters

The report that had been issued with the meeting documentation.

Planning Application 2019/33404 – This was a previous application which could be classed as overdevelopment.

195. Warden/Ranger Update/Report

Councillor Karalius referred to the emails she had sent out to all councillors, which contained information about the work carried out by the Warden.

Action – Clerk to include discussion on the Warden's Contract on April's agenda.

Action – Councillor Karalius to provide a quarterly report to the Clerk on the work done by the Warden, which can then be forwarded to councillors for discussion at meeting. This procedure will be reviewed after two quarters.

196. Report from Donations Advisory Group

The DAG to meet to discuss an application from St John's Church and make a recommendation to the full PC at the April meeting.

197. Local Plan PDO

Councillor Greenshields outlined the key points identified at this stage:-

- The draft Local Plan (now called Proposed Submission Version - PSV) is now available and will be considered firstly by the WBC Executive Board on 11th March and if approved, by the full WBC on 25th March 2019. If approved by Council, the plan will go out to public consultation on 15th April for 8 weeks with the consultation period ending on 3rd June 2019. The background papers to the PSV are not yet available. WBC will be having 'drop-in' sessions at the Halliwell Jones Stadium during the consultation period.
- the PSV period is 2017 to 2037 (20 years)
- housing numbers are down by 15% (1113 per annum in the PDO down to 945 per annum in the PSV)

- green belt release down by 20%
- employment land is very similar to the PDO at 362 acres and employment areas are broadly the same
- key points on the South West Urban Extension
- will provide around 1,600 new homes which would triple the size of Walton
- the new community will be supported by a new primary school; a local centre including local shops and a new health facility; have extensive areas of open space and recreation provision
- the new Green Belt boundary is meant to ensure clear separation between Warrington and Runcorn but there are major doubts this is sufficient in relation to the closeness of Moore village and the likely major house building likely to be proposed by Halton Council
- development cannot come forward until the funding and the programme for the Western Link have been confirmed - this means the first homes are anticipated to be completed in 2023/24 with the urban extension completed in full by the end of the Plan period in 2037. Access to the site is currently dependent on the A56 Chester Road which is extremely congested during peak hours, with limited access over the Ship Canal. The scale of the development cannot be accommodated by the A56 which means that it is essential that development is coordinated with the delivery of the Western Link
- The final form of the development will be determined through the preparation of a comprehensive masterplan incorporating a green infrastructure strategy

The South Warrington Parish Councils Planning Group will be organising a few public meetings at Lymm High School and Bridgewater High School as well as distributing a leaflet to all households in South Warrington outlining the issues and also advising how to make a response to the Plan.

198. Report on Parish Matters

Civic Service 2019.

The Clerk confirmed that 23 had so far confirmed attendance. Parish Councillors along with their guests made a further 12 giving a total to date of 35.

The Chair confirmed that she had arranged the catering.

QEII Jubilee Playground Hedge

Councillors had all been emailed copies of the letter from the occupiers of the house on Walton Road. They had said that they intended to replace the hedge with a Laurel hedge. Following a discussion, councillors preferred the option of replacing with a privet hedge as existing.

Action – Clerk to advise occupants.

HGVs and Hobb Lane

The Chair and Councillor Karalius agreed to attend meeting with Moore Parish Councillors.

Action – Clerk to contact Kate Fitch the Clerk at Moore to arrange.

Other Parish Matters

Superfast Broadband Community Fibre Partnership – Councillor Davies outlined the way forward for interested residents and agreed to email the Clerk with the necessary steps which could be passed on to residents.

Street Trees Mertoun Road – Matter now closed. Councillor Hardie had emailed the resident with the appropriate information.

Action – At Councillor Hardies request the maintenance of the Parish Council's Street trees to be included on April's agenda.

199. Report from Village Betterment Committee

Councillor Hardie had circulated the minutes of the meeting on the 28th February.

The Chair pointed out that Councillor Meacock had given his apologies, but this had been omitted from the minutes.

A copy of the VBC minutes will be attached to these minutes.

Gateway Signs

Action – Councillor Harris to come back to June meeting with more information and suggestions for siting.

Action – Councillors to email Councillor Harris with their thoughts.

Action – Clerk to include on June meeting agenda.

Flower box on railings

Action – Councillor Karalius to approach WBC.

Two further flower tubs at junction of Holly Hedge Lane and Runcorn Road. – WBC had refused permission for this in the past.

Action – Councillor Karalius to approach WBC.

Signage Plaques for Tubs.

Action – Councillor Karalius to look into this further.

Concrete posts on QEII Jubilee Playground.

Action – Councillor Hardie to remove these.

200. Reports from Appointed Representatives

Church Magazine/Publicity – No magazines.

Footpaths – Councillor Price – Rights of Way meeting in 2 weeks

Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett – On A56 there is a dangerous tree leaning towards the highway, outside gate HG11.

Councillor Karalius received an email from a resident on the 3rd March which said that the gullies from Hobb Lane to Yew Tree Cottage still cannot take any quantity of water in spite of the gullies having been sucked out.

Action – Clerk to advise WBC.

201. Review of Correspondence

Parish Map for Website – Decided not to go ahead.

Mr Priestner emails dated 7th February and 6th March. – The consensus feeling amongst councillors was that Councillor Hardie's email of the 31st December 2018 was a personal matter between him and Mr Priestner and that there was little to add to email sent by the Clerk on the 11th February.

Mr Priestner email 7th March regarding A56 Trees

Action – Clerk was asked to follow this up with Miles Rickard.

202. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the next Parish Council will be Thursday 4th April 2019 at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 21.35 hrs.