

**WALTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**AUTUMN NEWSLETTER**

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## **RETIRING COUNCILLOR**

In August, John Ashcroft resigned after serving Walton as a Parish Cllr for 34 years. We thank him for his contribution to the Parish over that time

## **WALTON HALL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT**

The good weather has been good for the park, and the new café has been popular. It is hoped that the “Winter Wonderland” will reappear in December.

The contracts for the building of the toilet block near the zoo and for the extension to hall have been placed and start of work is imminent. WBC is now in the early stages of producing a bid for money from the “Heritage Lottery Fund” to finance further developments.

The “Friends of Walton Estate” have cleared the greenhouses such that WBC could engage a contractor to remove all the glass. The FoWE have grown significantly, but they still welcome new volunteers. If interested, make contact through – [friendsofwaltonestate@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwaltonestate@gmail.com).

## **CREAMFIELDS**

Live Nation, the new owners were pleased with their first Creamfields. Some of the parishioners were less so. There appeared to be a lot of complaints although the PC had received no phone calls from irritated residents. We therefore communicated with all households in the most effected area to ask how they had been affected. Most complaints were a result of inadequate road closure and “marshals” being unable to control the route that event-goers were choosing to use for entry and exit. Residents close to the site were affected by youngsters trying to make unofficial entry over the security fence. These matters will be discussed with the organisers in order to prevent recurrence next year.

## **VILLAGE BETTERMENT**

Following the planting of 26 trees in the spring, we are pleased to see that only one has died. Thank you to those parishioners who watered them through the summer. We are not pleased to see that 4 have been vandalised, plus another at the Playground. This is likely to be the action of young people so we ask parents to explain to their youngsters that we would like to see the trees respected as they make the Parish nicer, they have cost the Parish approximately £100 each and those on the Playground have been dedicated – mostly to a loved family member. The PC is hopeful that it will again obtain the agreement of WBC to plant more trees in the verges this winter. The PC has bought more daffodil and crocus bulbs and invite parishioners to request some of these to plant around the base of the tree near their house.

## **ACTON GRANGE WOOD**

We were pleased that the boat club made and placed a bbq stand by the table and benches in the wood. It is good to see that it has been in use. If the refurbished furniture is respected, we are optimistic that Peel Holdings will provide a second table.

## **TRIANGLE**

The owners of the piece of land opposite the Walton Arms, known as the Triangle, have not been maintaining it in a tidy condition. As they no longer claim ownership, the Parish Council has taken over maintenance. Last year it was parishioners who cleared, repaired and painted the railings. This year the PC has engaged a contractor to cut the grass. We intend to place a Christmas tree there in December.

### **THE FUTURE**

The PC received another donation from the organisers of Creamfields. We are keen to hear of other ideas to bring about improvements in the Parish with the use of this money - any suggestions?

### **ROADS**

A result of a car sales company buying the disused United Utilities site by Pool Lane is that the start of the 30mph zone is to be moved approximately 85y southwards. This should help reduce the speed of motorists as they reach the bend and it means that the police will be able to carry out speed checks.

### **DRAINS**

Would you please report to us any drains where the water has not cleared within 2 hours of the rain stopping.

### **POTHoles**

Please report any potholes deeper than 40mm to a P Cllr or to [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com).

### **PARISH WARDEN**

We have a volunteer to assist with keeping the village area tidier

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

Karen has kindly added features to the website [www.waltonpc.org.uk](http://www.waltonpc.org.uk) . Please see the website for agendas, minutes and news

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

A service will be conducted by the Rev Dr John Harries at the war memorial at 9.30 on Sunday 10<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.

### **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 that we can help with.

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