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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Walton Parish Council held remotely by Zoom Conferencing, on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.**

**Present** Councillor D M Karalius - Chair  
Councillor Y R Shaikh – Vice Chair  
Councillor S A Harris  
Councillor R Hardie  
Councillor S Davies  
Councillor R D Bennett  
Councillor B M Price

**In Attendance** Parish Clerk R J Hallam  
Residents 0

**1. Apologies for Absence**

The Chair reported that an apology had been received from Councillor Taylor (III)

**2. Adjournment**

There was no adjournment.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were reviewed.

***It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Councillor Hardie and seconded by Councillor Price, all in favour.***

**4. Reports on Matters Arising from the previous minutes.**

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation. The Clerk had nothing to add since the report was issued.

Councillor Harris explained that as Councillor Hardie had not sent her an email with the questions she wanted raising with WBC, she was unable to complete the action put on her at the last meeting.

Councillor Harris said there was a virtual meeting event on the 15/04/21, run by Warrington CEE Alliance to discuss the Climate Energy Bill. It would be a non-party aligned meeting.

**Golf Club Wall**

Councillor Shaikh wanted it noting in the minutes that Neil Simpson the Walton Estates Manager had made the following statement.

***I would like to confirm that I intend to raise the order for the repair to the Golf Course boundary wall in April. I would also like to once again thank the Parish Council for their previous kind gesture of financial support of £1,000 towards the costs of the repair (resolution December 2019).***

**5. Report from Borough Councillor.**

Steven Broomhead announced that all Borough Council remote meetings will cease from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The LGA have lodged a legal challenge, with a decision being made on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021. This could affect Parish Council meetings.

A motion to improve planning transparency and public trust had been defeated.

A cross party motion about harassment and violence towards women had been passed.

A pandemic recovery program run by Warrington Voluntary Action had grant funding available for this purpose, for grants between £3-£15K.

**6. 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 001276	payable to R J Hallam	Clerk's Salary	£290.87
Cheque number 001277	payable to HMRC	PAYE/Tax	£72.72
Cheque number 001278	payable to R J Hallam	Office Expenses (inc AVG cover)	£124.37
Cheque number 001279	payable to Gardenia Gardens Ltd.	Feb21 Acc. Grounds (19 hrs)	£342.00
Cheque number 001280	payable to Amberol Ltd	8 new plastic planters	£3210.05
Cheque number 001281	payable to ChALC	Planning Course 1 (Karalius)	£30.00
Cheque number 001282	payable to R Hardie	Tree for Playground & Cable ties	£69.88

***It was resolved that the Financial Report, and the Accounts for Payment be approved. Arrangements would be made for the cheques to be signed. Proposed by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Davies. Motion carried.***

**7. Report from the Donations Advisory Group.**

***It was resolved that the PC donate the sum of £100 to The Clean My Warrington Group. Proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Harris. All in favour.***

Following a question from Councillor Hardie, Councillor Davies confirmed that the Group was a fully constituted organisation. The Clerk also outlined what the donation would be used for.

**8. Planning Matters**

The Planning Advisory Group Report had been circulated to all Councillors.

Councillor Hardie referred to application 2021/38936, where it would be drawn to the attention of WBC, the over development involved.

***It was resolved that the Planning report dated 1<sup>st</sup> April be accepted. Proposed by Councillor Hardie and seconded by Councillor Karalius. All in favour.***

It was agreed that the Planning Statement prepared by Councillor Hardie for inclusion on the website be accepted.

**Action – Clerk to arrange for inclusion on website.**

**9. Local Plan**

Councillor Harris said there was nothing to report.

**10. Election May 2021.**

All Councillors present had completed the nomination papers.

The Clerk explained that if there were not enough candidates to fill all the vacancies on the PC then the PC had 35 days from the election to fill these vacancies by co-option, without the need to call for an election.

**11. Report on Parish Matters  
Website.**

It was agreed that any further action on this would be left to after the election.

### **The Village Triangle Trees.**

A reply had been received from Simon Twigg (ST) dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, following a further prompting from Councillor Harris and the Clerk had circulated it to all councillors.

Councillor Shaikh read out the email and Councillor Hardie suggested that the reply should be sent to the resident who had originally registered the complaint.

In his comments, it wasn't clear whether ST felt that anything should be done and whether WBC were prepared to do anything.

ST had however mentioned that he had a potential lead to possible owners of the plot and would be contacting them to understand their position in relation to maintenance of the land.

It was agreed that Councillor Harris would make contact with ST, to try and establish WBC's position and that the Clerk would send a copy of the email to the resident.

**Action – Councillor Harris to contact ST.**

**Action – Clerk to send a copy of email to resident with a covering letter.**

### **Parish Boundary Review.**

Councillor Harris declared an interest.

It was agreed that Councillors Hardie and Price could be part of a group (comprising of Hatton and Stretton PCs) to see if this matter was worth pursuing. Questions would need to be asked of the Electoral Commission.

Councillor Harris wanted it noted that she was opposed to any change.

### **Other Parish Matters.**

None.

#### **12. Report from Village Betterment Advisory Group.**

The Group had not met.

Delivery of the planters is scheduled to take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The Community Champion at Morrison's Supermarket may be contacted in relation to possible donations of compost and plants.

It was agreed that the local press should be contacted when the planters were ready.

#### **13. Reports from Appointed Representatives**

**Footpaths – Councillor Price** – Nothing to report.

**Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett** – The bollards on Holly Hedge Lane are now in a really poor state, but WBC do not have the funds to replace these. This has been caused by HGVs having to turn around, as there is no way over the hump backed bridge. Signage is still being discussed with WBC. Councillor Harris had emailed Jamie Fisher about an update on this matter.

**Walton Hall Estate – Cllr. Price** An updated report from Neil Simpson had been circulated. Councillor Davies asked Councillor Price if she would check with Neil Simpson the details of social distancing that would be in place when various activities in the Park opened.

**Action – Councillor Price to check with Neil Simpson.**

#### **14. Review of Correspondence**

**New parking meters at the overflow car park at Walton Gardens.**

Councillor Harris to contact Neil Simpson about clarifying the issues raised by the resident in her email.

**Action – Councillor Harris to contact Neil Simpson.**

**Western Link and land adjoining the A56.**

Councillor Bennett was not aware of the email sent to him. He would however check the sign on the post opposite Springbrook and then contact the Clerk.

**Action – Councillor Bennett to check sign and report to the Clerk.**

**15. Date and time of next meeting**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Holly Hedge Farm, Holly Hedge Lane, Walton, commencing at 7.00pm.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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