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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 1st March 2018.

Present Councillor B M Price – Chairman
Councillor A Jones
Councillor R Hardie
Councillor Y R Shaikh
Councillor D M Karalius
Councillor R D Bennett
Councillor S H Taylor

In Attendance Parish Clerk R J Hallam
Residents 0
Borough Councillor S Harris (SH) (Arrived later in the meeting)
Guest Speaker Lee Beardall (LB) Warden to Winwick Parish Council.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

156. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Greenshields (visiting family) and Meacock (work commitment).

157. Adjournment

The Chair called for an adjournment to enable the guest to speak about his role as Warden for Winwick PC. ***It was resolved that the meeting would go in to adjournment in order to enable Mr Beardall to address the meeting.***

The meeting went into adjournment at 7.35pm.

LB explained that he ran the company Gardenia Gardens Ltd which carried out warden/Ranger duties for Winwick PC. He also did some commercial work and private gardens. There were 3 people in the business. He had carried out work for Winwick PC since 2005. This involved mowing, hedge cutting, looking after fields and park land. He also provided and tended hanging baskets and even dealt with some fly tipping. In view of the length of time he had worked for the PC, much of what he carried out was done on trust. He invoiced the PC monthly and explained that he would normally try for a rate of £15ph. The Chair thanked LB and said that this matter would be covered later in the meeting.

The meeting went back in to session at 7.50pm.

158. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st February 2018 were reviewed. ***It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record.***

On completing the minutes following the March meeting the Clerk identified that R D Bennett had been included twice on the list of councillor attendees for the February meeting. One of these should be replaced by Y R Shaikh.

159. Reports on Matters Arising from the previous minutes

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation. The Clerk said that he had nothing further to add to the report that had been issued.

160. Report from Borough Councillor S Harris (SH).

SH was not present, so the litter picking matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Action – Clerk to include on April’s agenda.

161. Casual Vacancies/Parish Election 15th March 2015

The Chair thanked those who had helped with the distribution of the Newsletter.

Action – Clerk to prepare a notice for the website and notice boards indicating the venue and opening times of the Polling Station.

162. 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 001066	payable to R J Hallam	Clerk’s Salary	£277.00
Cheque number 001067	payable to HMRC	PAYE/Tax	£66.19
Cheque number 001068	payable to Stockton Heath Festival	Donation/Sponsorship	£350.00
Cheque number 001069	payable to ChALC	Planning Workshops (GJG & DMK)	£230.00
Cheque number 001070	payable to B M Price	Election Newsletter Printing	£44.00

Since the documents had been sent out for the meeting, the Clerk had received a further account which he asked to be included in the Accounts for Payment.

Cheque number 001071 payable to Blackbird Garden Co. Grass cutting/Parish tree maintenance £420.00

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

Banners

Councillor Hardie asked about the process for the authority to purchase the banners. The Clerk stated that he felt this came under the resolution to set a budget of up to £10k on all items involved with the PCs campaign opposing the Local Plan.

Councillor Jones read out the original resolution which stated that it was a budget and Councillor Shaikh stated, that as such each time we draw on the budget, then this would need to be separately authorised.

The Clerk said that he felt that agreement to purchase banners was discussed in a meeting, but he would have to check back in minutes to verify this.

Action – Clerk to prepare a list of all items that have so far been charged to the Local Plan budget so that councillors can reconcile and agree the spending.

Once the Clerk has produced this list than councillors can acknowledge the spending to date and be aware that any future spending from this budget will require separate authorisation.

Borough Councillor Harris entered the meeting.

163. Planning Matters.

The Advisory Group report had been issued with the meeting documentation. Councillor Hardie talked through the issues involved with some of the recent applications.

Planning Application 2018/32147 – Porch House Farm

This retrospective application was discussed and under the circumstances it was felt that a site visit was the best way forward, prior to any response to Planning.

Action – Councillors Hardie and Karalius to visit the site.

164. Creamfields

Councillor Bennett left the room.

Spending Plans

QEII Walton Jubilee Playground

Councillor Karalius had not been able, for this meeting, to complete the more detailed scheme of her plan to fence the Playground.

Action – Clerk to include on April's agenda.

Bin storage for Community Church Hall

Councillor Karalius had obtained a number of quotes, but there are listed building and siting issues and it is best if the PCC were involved.

Action – DMK to approach the PCC and explain that the PC would be sympathetic if they approached the PC with a suitable proposal.

165. Local Plan PDO.

Joint Working Group (JWG) – The Chair advised that 4 consultants were to be invited to make a presentation to the next JWG meeting (12/03/18), on why they should be the consultants chosen to represent the JWG.

Councillor Hardie expressed the view that the PC's representatives at the next JWG meeting should say that any successful applicant should only be paid by results.

Dr Barlow email and banners.

Councillor Bennett stated that he was aware that the land owner next to the site of the old Ship Inn would not agree to a banner on this site, even though this land was a site that was included for development. Smaller banners had gone missing from sites along Mill Lane and at the junction of Chester and Runcorn Road. The PC has not got permission from landowners to put banners on any other gates. There had not been any objections from WBC Highways Department. Councillors agreed that this was something that affects Walton and that what the PC had done was reasonable.

166. Report on Parish Matters

Phone Box

Nothing done yet.

Civic Service

The Mayor and Mayoress had confirmed attendance. Still awaiting confirmation from MP.

Lindley's Catering are providing the catering.

Parish Planning

Action – Councillor Greenshields to prepare Parish Planning headings for the next meeting

Two Acre

Action – Councillor Greenshields to draft response to Andy Farrall.

Replacement Trees on the A56.

Action – Clerk to follow this up.

Brushing of Cycle/footpath.

Borough Councillor Harris advised that she had done a follow email to WBC.

Action – Councillor Bennett to speak to the people who walk the ponies down this section of the path about ensuring they remove any manure deposited on the path.

Live Christmas Tree Planting QEII Jubilee Playground and Village Triangle

Councillor Bennett had been unable to plant the 2 Christmas Trees owing to uncertainty over the precise site.

Action – Site meeting with Councillors Bennett, Hardie and Karalius to establish suitable positions.
Malcolm Eldridge to be invited to join them for the Village Triangle tree.

Diseased Horse Chestnut Trees – Councillor Greenshields not present.

Action – Clerk to include on April's agenda.

Other Parish Matters

Borough Councillor Harris had rung WBC about the excessive rubbish on the A56.

167. Report from Village Betterment Committee.

Action – Proposal for Air Ambulance donation to be included on April's agenda.

Parish Warden

There was a lengthy discussion on the best way forward and the need to ensure that there was an element of competition before an appointment was made.

Action – Councillor Shaikh to draft a note for the Clerk to send to candidates for the position of Warden, which can also be included on the notice boards and website.

168. Reports from Appointed Representatives

Church Magazine/Publicity – Councillor Karalius – No magazine.

Footpaths – Councillor Price – Nothing to report.

Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett – Councillor Hardie advised of potholes all down Hill Cliffe Road.

Action – Clerk to advise WBC.

Walton Hall Estate (WHE) – Cllr. Hardie

There was a discussion on what was and what wasn't happening at the Estate and that we needed some clarity on the future of the Liaison Group as we were getting very little information on what was going on, now that the Liaison Group meetings were no longer being held.

Action – Clerk to write to David Bowyer about the future of the Liaison Group Meetings.

169. Review of Correspondence

Email from Peter Priestner asking for outcomes of issues he had raised at earlier PC meetings.

Action – Clerk to update Mr Priestner with issues relating to Porch House Farm and the Two Acre site.

170. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the next Parish Council will be Thursday 5th April 2018 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 21.30 hrs.