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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 2nd November 2017.

Present Councillor B M Price - Chairman
Councillor D A Meacock – Vice Chairman
Councillor R Hardie
Councillor Y R Shaikh

In Attendance Parish Clerk R J Hallam
Residents 2
Borough Councillor P Walker PW)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.53pm.

96. Apologies for Absence

The Chairman reported that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors A Hardie (illness), Karalius (holiday), Greenshields (minor op), Bennett (Work), Ward, Jones (Work) and Taylor (Work)

97. Adjournment

The Chairman asked for an adjournment so that a resident could address the meeting.

It was resolved that the meeting go into adjournment. Time 7.55pm.

Chris Arden spoke, as he had emailed the Clerk requesting a Christmas Tree on the triangle at the junction with Whitefield Road and Hill Cliffe Road. With the advance in battery powered LED lighting, mains electricity was no longer required. The idea had the support of councillors.

Action – Clerk to seek authority for a tree on this site from WBC. The two residents will carry out a costing and advise the Clerk what is required and a proposal then included on the December agenda.

98. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th October 2017 were reviewed.

It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

99. Reports on Matters Arising from the previous minutes

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation. The Clerk then updated councillors on matters that had taken place since the report had been issued.

Two Acre Caravan Park. – A letter had now been drafted to the CEO of WBC (copy in Other Correspondence file) and will now be posted.

Creamfields Noise Issues.

Action – Clerk to follow up emails to WBC, HBC and C I Events.

Integrating of Numerical Sequencing of Extraordinary Meetings.

Action – Clerk to include the Extraordinary Meetings within the normal sequencing process.

Letter to MP on Local Plan.

Action – Clerk to write to MP advising that his response was appreciated.

100. Report from Borough Councillor.

PW reported that 500 people demonstrated outside the Town Hall on 16th October about the Local Plan PDO and handed in a petition signed by 4000 people. This it seemed was ungraciously received. It had now been agreed that there would continue to be a PCSO covering Hatton, Stretton and Walton. A meeting had been arranged for the 27th November at Appleton Parish Hall 6.30pm, where local Parish Councils would consider working together with a planning consultant, when the next draft Local Plan is published.

Steve Peddie has been appointed as the new Executive Director for Families and Well Being at WBC.

101. 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 001043	payable to R J Hallam	Clerk's Salary	£258.31
Cheque number 001044	payable to HMRC	PAYE/Tax	£64.60
Cheque number 001045	payable to D A Meacock	Cleaning of War Memorial by Alison	£140.00

Since preparing the report the Clerk had needed to purchase a new black ink cartridge and requested that this be added to the above list. The details are indicated below.

Cheque number 001046	payable to R J Hallam	Office Expenses	£26.99
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It was resolved that the Financial Report and the Accounts for Payment be approved. The cheques were signed by Cllrs. R Hardie and Meacock. Cheque 001045 was signed by Councillors R Hardie and Price.

Action – As per Standing Order 18b all Advisory Groups to provide the Clerk with written estimates of expenditure for 2018/19 precept by the 27th November 2017.

102. Planning Matters.

The Advisory Group report had been issued with the meeting documentation.

Recent building developments at Porch House Farm. – Mr Priestner (resident) had expressed concern in an email to the Clerk about the developments at Porch House Farm and asked to be brought up to date with goings on. Councillors had been copied in to this email.

The Clerk advised councillors that records indicated that TPO work had been approved with conditions in July 2015. Also, there had been an application in March 2016 (2016/27583) for a detached garage for 3 cars. The PC objected to this on the grounds of green belt intrusion and development beyond the original footprint. On 8th April 2016 the DMC report advised that the application was invalid. There did not appear to be any further records.

Action – Clerk to write to Planning for an update on any subsequent applications.

Two Acre Caravan Site. – The Clerk had been asked by Mr. Priestner (resident) to raise three questions with Planning on, the length of time for a decision, change of use from agricultural land and the definition of travellers issue. The Clerk had written to the planning officer on the 13th October for an explanation and a response was received on the 25th October, which had been copied in to Mr. Priestner and parish councillors on the 28th October. Councillors felt that nothing further could be added to this.

103. Local Plan PDO.

Jointly Employing Planning Consultants (Letter from Appleton Parish Council)

This was covered earlier in the meeting under Borough Councillor Report, with a meeting set for the 27th November.

Each PC has its own vested interest. The Chair felt that Moore PC should be invited to this meeting owing to the proximity to Walton.

Councillor Shaikh warned about whether Walton PC's voice would be heard and that one comment would carry less weight than say five. Any planning consultants could not take say six lots of different instructions. It was felt that it was the basis of the Local Plan that needed to be criticised, there was a strong feeling that the Plan was far more ambitious than it needed to be.

Halton BC Local Plan.

Helen Howie of Berrys Planning Consultants had advised the Clerk and Councillor Greenshields that HBC's executive board had delayed a decision on their Local Plan until the 14th December 2017.

Banners.

Action - Councillor Meacock to chase this matter up with Councillor Bennett.

104. Report on Parish Matters

War Memorial

This had now been cleaned and tidied up.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch On.

It was resolved that the PC would spend up to £250 on the Christmas Tree light switch on event.

Action – Clerk to include proposal on December's agenda for the purchase of Christmas Trees.

Autumn Newsletter

The Clerk said that it was perhaps time for a councillor to take ownership of this issue.

Action – Clerk to include on December's agenda.

Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk had confirmed arrangements with Anita. Councillor R Hardie had purchased the wreath. This year the names of those war dead listed at the church would be added to those listed on the War Memorial.

Action – Councillor Meacock to approach the Stag about refreshments.

Training Code of Conduct.

Councillor Shaikh confirmed he will attend the session at the Town Hall on the 6th November at 6.00pm.

Phone Box.

This matter to be carried over.

Police and Crime Commissioner's meeting 12th October.

The allocating of a PCSO for Hatton, Stretton and Walton was confirmed. The Chair asked PW if he could obtain a copy of the minutes of this meeting.

Other Parish Matters

Fly Tipping – The Chairman had been advised by a resident that fly tipping had been taking place, on the golf club side of the wall on Hough's Lane, this was mainly garden waste.

PCSO

Action – Clerk to write to the Sergeant at Stockton Heath Police Station for an update on crime figures in the area.

105. Report from Village Betterment Committee.

There had not been a meeting.

It was resolved that the PC would spend up to £600 on the replanting of tubs and beds with winter flowering plants.

106. Reports from Appointed Representatives

Church Magazine/Publicity – Councillor Karalius – No magazine

Footpaths – Councillor Price – Nothing further to report.

Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett – A report on this had been emailed to all councillors.

Action – Clerk to notify WBC.

Walton Hall Estate (WHE) – Cllr. R. Hardie (RH) – No meeting.

Councillor R Hardie said that it seemed that money was being spent on anything but the Hall, although it is the intention to redecorate the Hall. The golf course may be halved in size and the other half built on and it seemed that golf playing was being discouraged and there is a question mark over whether the golf professional's contract will be renewed.

107. Review of Correspondence

Neighbourhood Area Consultations. No action.

Come and Shape Warrington's Local Transport Plan. No action.

Walton Christmas. Frank Allen at WBC had written to Clerk about whether we could include the dates of the Winter Wonderland event at Walton Gardens in our newsletter.

Action – Clerk to ask Karen to include on website.

Cheshire Fire Authority Consultation. No action.

108. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the next Parish Council will be **Thursday 7th December 2017** 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 21.20 hrs.