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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 4th July 2019.

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

Residents 1
PCSO Phillip Wilkinson (PW)

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everybody.

58. Apologies for Absence

The Chair reported that 3 apologies for absence had been received. Councillors Bennett (work), Jones and Greenshields.

59. Adjournment

The Chair called for an adjournment to allow the resident and PCSO to address the meeting.

It was resolved that the PC should go into adjournment at 7.31pm.

Mr T Jones explained that he used a mobility scooter/buggy to get about and that there were 3 places on Chester Road close to the Stag Inn that created a problem for his mobility scooter/buggy.

- He pointed out that there were no drop pavements at Pool Lane.
- Large drop on one of the pavements at the central reservation, problem for buggies with solid rather than pneumatic tyres
- At cottages near the old Ship Inn there are steep steps which encroach on to the pavement and do not leave much space for mobility scooters to pass.

Action – Clerk to take these up with WBC.

PCSO PW reported that there had been three crimes in Walton over the last month.

1. Theft of flowerpots on Chester Road.
2. Burglary at Bennett's Farm outhouses by men wearing masks. There are no lines of enquiry.
3. Criminal damage to fence at Jackie's Farm Bellhouse Lane.

The adjournment ended at 7.42pm.

60. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th June 2019 were reviewed.

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

The minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting held on the 10th June 2019 were reviewed.

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

61. Reports on Matters Arising from the previous minutes

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation.

Banners

Councillor Harris agreed to approach Ian Brackenbury about resolving the issues with the planning application.

Action – Clerk to forward paperwork to Councillor Harris.

Local Plan

Councillor Shaikh asked for it to be noted how much all councillors recognised and valued all the work that Councillor Greenshields had done in connection with the Local Plan.

62. Report from Borough Councillor.

Councillor Harris had attended a briefing at the Town Hall about the Western Link.

The projected cost in 2017 was £212M. The maximum contribution by the DFT would be £142.5M. WBC will take a loan to fund the difference.

There will be a communication and engagement programme with the public from July 2019.

The cabinet meet on the 8th July to put the business case forward.

There will be a planning application in Autumn 2020, with a decision in 2021 and a public enquiry.

Work to start early 2023 with completion in 2026.

The length will be 3.2 miles.

The rationale behind the scheme was to open up housing land and commercial developments.

63. 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: -

Chq no. 001156	pay to R J Hallam	Clerk's Salary	£272.47
Chq no. 001157	pay to HMRC	PAYE/Tax	£68.11
Chq no. 001158	pay to G J Greenshields	Photocopying for Local Plan	£30.00
Chq no. 001159	pay to R J Hallam	Envelopes & Hire St Thomas's Hall	£44.50
Chq no. 001160	pay to St John's PCC	Donation Hall Refurbishment	£500.00
Chq no. 001161	pay to Groves Town Plan Ltd	Parish Submissn to Local Plan	£2250.00
Chq no. 001162	pay to Gardenia Gardens Ltd	Ranger Work & planting tubs 7 beds	£770.00

Receipts

24/05/19	Stockton Heath Parish Co.	Two years rebate Rents-Easements Privs	£30.00
31/05/19	HMRC	VAT rebate 2017/18	£896.03

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

Internal Audit Report.

The Clerk reported that he had sent the Risk Management Document and Councillor Shaikh's Audit report to all members of the AAG for review and consideration.

Screenshots had been taken of the required documents on the Notice Board and website.

External Audit.

The AGAR had been submitted on the 05/06/19.

64. Planning Matters

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation. Nothing to add.

65. Local Plan Proposed Submission Version.

Councillor Greenshields was not at the meeting.

Councillor Harris reported that Stobarts had two planning applications. One was in the appeals process. A second had been submitted with some minor changes.

WBC had dropped their objection.

The South Warrington Parish Group were raising a legal objection and had hired a barrister.

66. Warden/Ranger Contract.

The Chair will approach LB about re-instating the flower bed at West Ave and watering of the tubs.

Councillor Hardie raised the matter of small trees growing from the base of the golf club wall along Warrington Road and Park Lane on the periphery of the golf course. This may also be an issue that LB could deal with.

Action – Clerk to approach Neil Simpson about small trees being cut back.

67. Report on Parish Matters

Stockton Heath Library

New income streams mean that not as much money is required.

It was resolved that the PC contributes £274.50 towards South Warrington Library (Stockton Heath) in line with its commitment given on the 05/10/17(minute ref page 33 para 91) to underwrite up to 9% of the £10K required by WBC/Livewire.

The Chair signed the Livewire Grant Contract.

Two Acre Complaint

Councillor Shaikh said that the whole planning issue had been handled abysmally by WBC. His view was that the matter had now however run its course and he supported WBC's explanation.

Councillors agreed that the matter should be carried forward to next meeting when Councillor Greenshields was present.

Information Boards

This will be discussed further at the next VBAG meeting.

Residents may be consulted by including the matter in the next Newsletter.

It will be necessary to obtain 3 quotes.

Other Parish Matters

Creamfields – There will be a meeting on the 10th July at the Lord Daresbury, involving members from parish councils, the police and John Probyn from Live Nation.

68. Report from Village Betterment Advisory Group

Nothing to report.

69. Reports from Appointed Representatives

Church Magazine/Publicity – Cllr Bennett – No magazine.

Footpaths – Councillor Price – Nothing to report.

Councillor Hardie asked whether Councillor Price could raise the matter of the use of paving slabs along the towpath to prevent the soil from sliding on to the path during wet weather, but allowing the rainwater to pass through.

WBC had done something similar along Old Chester Road and it was a less costly option

Action – Councillor Price to bring up at next Rights of Way Meeting.

Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett – No report.

Walton Hall Estate – Cllr. Price – Nothing to report.

70. Review of Correspondence

Polling Station Review. Happy with existing arrangements.

71. Date and time of next meeting

The Clerk will be on holiday from the 31st August to the 7th September.

The next meeting of the next Parish Council will be Thursday 29th August 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 08.55 hrs.

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