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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of Walton Parish Council held at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton, on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

**Present**  
Councillor B M Price - Chair  
Councillor S Taylor  
Councillor G J Greenshields  
Councillor R Hardie  
Councillor R D Bennett  
Councillor S A Harris  
Councillor D A Meacock

**In Attendance**  
Parish Clerk R J Hallam  
Residents 1 (Mrs Hughes)  
Guest - Owen Hughes Year 9 Bridgewater High School  
Guest – PCSO Philip Wilkinson (PW)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.31pm.

**68. Apologies for Absence**

The Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Shaikh (work), Davies (holiday) and Jones.

**69. Adjournment**

The Chair asked for an adjournment to allow the guests to address the meeting.

***It was resolved that the meeting would go into adjournment at 7.32pm.***

Owen explained that as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award (volunteering section) he was carrying out litter picking in his local area (Hill Cliffe Road) for 1 hour per week for 3 months. He gave a brief break down of his experience to date.

He will come along to a meeting once he has completed his task and give an outline of his experiences for the whole period.

The Clerk will be asked to sign off his completion form at the end the task.

PW advised the meeting that there had been no issues in the area. No burglaries, criminal damage or any other crimes.

Cllr Bennett said that a quad bike had been stolen from outbuildings on Chester Road during the previous week. The PCSO had not been made aware of this at the time of compiling this information.

**70. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were reviewed.

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

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

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation.

**Banners**

The Clerk confirmed that the planning application for consent to display an advertisement had been submitted on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The Clerk asked for the invoice of £231 to be added to the July Accounts for Payment and this was confirmed.

**Broadband Speed**

Cllr Davies had received the response from BT Openreach and this was circulated to all councillors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Action – Clerk to advise Mr. Potter.**

**Porch House Farm**

Mr. Priestner's email of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, which was sent to the Clerk in response to the Parish Council's letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> June was discussed. It was decided that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Hardie in formulating a response.

**Action – Clerk to prepare a response.**

**Two Acre**

Councillor Greenshields felt that WBC were in default of their own process in not having fully responded to the PC's complaint.

**Action – Clerk to follow this up.**

**72. Creamfields.**

Cllr. Bennett left the room.

The Chair and Cllr Karalius had attended the meeting. Cream advised the meeting of the actions to be taken to ensure the smooth running of the event over that weekend. There was an invitation to go around the site. The next meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllr Bennett re-entered the meeting.

**73. Ranger**

The Clerk had been copied in to Gardenia's Public Liability and Employer's Liability Insurance, along with a General Risk Assessment Form and invoice for June.

It was agreed that the areas that had been worked on were much improved.

The Clerk asked for the invoice of £360 to be added to the July Accounts for Payment and this was confirmed.

**74. Report from Borough Councillor.**

Cllr Harris advised of the amalgamation of Torus and the Liverpool Mutual Housing Society, to take advantage of the economies of scale.

**75. Data Protection GDPR**

The Clerk advised that he would be doing further work on this over the recess and would report back at the September meeting.

**76. 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 001087	payable to R J Hallam	Clerk's Salary	£264.54
Cheque number 001088	payable to HMRC	PAYE/Tax	£66.13

## Website [www.waltonpc.org.uk](http://www.waltonpc.org.uk)

Cheque number 001089	payable to R J Hallam	Office Expenses	£15.00
Cheque number 001090	payable to St John's PCC	Graveyard Maintenance	£300.00
Cheque number 001091	payable to J R Jackson and Son	Replanting barrels & beds	£600.00

The following accounts had been received by the Clerk after the report had been produced and he asked if these could be added to the list of accounts for payment. See earlier requests.

Cheque number 001092	payable to WBC	Banners planning consent	£144.00
Cheque number 001093	payable to Gardenia Gardens Ltd	June invoice	£360.00

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

### **77. Planning Matters**

Councillor R Hardie gave an update on the report that had been issued.

### **78. WW1 Celebrations.**

There was nothing to report as the meeting had been cancelled. The next meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm. Cllr Bennett mentioned that one of his higher fields could be used for a beacon.

St. John's were planning a special service at the church for after the service at the War Memorial.

### **79. War Memorial.**

Cllr Meacock informed the meeting that Dave Smith will jet wash and repaint free of charge. He will get a date for when this is to be done. Cllr Bennett will provide water.

### **80. Report from the Donations Advisory Group.**

***It was resolved that the PC would donate the sum of £300 to St. John's Church for the upkeep of the Church grounds.***

***It was resolved that the PC would donate the sum of £50 towards the Mobility Scooter Appeal.***

***It was resolved that the PC would donate the sum of £50 to the West Warrington World Scout Jamboree.***

**Action – The Terms of Reference for all the Groups is to be looked and an application form for donation requests will be considered during September.**

### **81. Local Plan PDO**

Councillor Greenshields advised that John Groves had so far produced several pieces of work. He summarised the contents of these documents, which involved;

- Looking at the new planning guidelines, where it is hoped that the government will be a lot clearer about the green belt.
- Justification for growth.
- Green belt appraisal.
- Infrastructure appraisal.

Much of the growth prospect is based on HS2 and if this doesn't actually come up into Cheshire then, predictions would be way out. Nobody seems to be taking any account of Brexit.

The next meeting of the Working Group is during September.

The Local Transport Plan and PDO are likely to come out at the same time, which will probably be the new year.

*It was resolved that the PC would agree to pay up to £500 towards the costs of the South Warrington Joint Planning Group activities and that the PC is kept informed of activities, progress, outputs and cost breakdown as appropriate.*

There will have to be support work done on traffic issues, but this represents great value for money.

**82. Report on Parish Matters**

Phone box – No progress.

Litter Bins Underbridge Lane.

*It was resolved that the PC spend up to £400 on the purchase and fitting of 2 litter bins in Underbridge Lane.*

Church Car Park – No progress.

**Other Parish Matters**

None.

**83. Report from Village Betterment Committee**

Cllr Hardie put the idea forward of putting some play equipment on the QEII Jubilee Playground.

**Action – He will approach WBC Parks Department.**

**84. Reports from Appointed Representatives**

Church Magazine/Publicity – Cllr Karalius – No magazine

Footpaths – Councillor Price – John Thorpe has spoken to the landowner about the Mill Lane footpath.

Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett – There is overgrown vegetation on the left of Chester Road over the Toast Rack Bridge which is obscuring the road signs.

The grids from Holly Hedge Lane to the border are full of debris.

The suckers are still at the bottom of the tree at the Hobb Lane junction, obscuring the view of traffic exiting Hobb Lane on to Chester Road.

The street light in Hobb Lane needs replacing. It is 150 yards from Chester road on the right.

Over grown vegetation coming from Acorns and Pear Tree Farm is closing up the cyclepath on A56.

**Action – Clerk to report to WBC and property owners.**

Walton Hall Estate – Cllr. R. Hardie – Nothing to report.

**85. Review of Correspondence**

Stockton Heath Recycling Centre – The closing date for the questionnaire is 29<sup>th</sup> July.

**Action – Clerk to arrange for link to be included on website.**

Warrington Sports Club – Email from resident of Whitefield Road complaining about noise. Clerk had provided contact details of Environmental Protection.

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

The next meeting of the next Parish Council will be **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 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 21.35 hrs.