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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 5th March 2020.

Present Councillor Y R Shaikh – Vice Chair (Acting Chair)
Councillor R Hardie
Councillor R D Bennett
Councillor S Davies
Councillor S A Harris
Councillor S H Taylor
Councillor B M Price
Councillor D A Meacock

Residents 0

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.34pm and welcomed everybody.

167. Apologies for Absence

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

168. Adjournment.

No adjournment.

169. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

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

170. Reports on Matters Arising from the previous minutes

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation. The Clerk stated that there were a number of matters to be added to the report since its issue.

Replacement Planting of trees on A56.

3rd March Miles Rickard had advised the Clerk that in fact 7 trees had now been installed (3 Liquid Ambers and 4 Lime), an invoice for £800 +VAT had now been raised.

Air Monitors.

An email from the Clerk at Stockton Heath PC had explained that following a software change with their monitor, the data had been sporadic and that this had not yet been shared with their residents. They will supply us with the data once it has been published on their website.

The Clerk had spoken to Richard Moore the Environmental Protection Officer (Air) at WBC and they will supply us with data from their monitor sited on Chester Road close to the junction with Gainsborough Road. The Clerk advised that suppliers of 'Switch Off Engine Signs' were all over the internet and in varying formats and that banners were also an option.

171. Report from Borough Councillor.

SAH said there was very little to report.

A litter pick had not yet been arranged owing to scheduling issues with WBC.

WBC had passed the budget. Purdah starts on the 18th March.

172. 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. 001204	pay to R J Hallam	Clerk's Salary	£272.47
Chq no. 001205	pay to HMRC	PAYE/Tax	£68.11
Chq no. 001206	pay to R J Hallam	Office Expenses (ink)	£7.99
Chq no. 001207	pay to Stockton Heath Festival	Donation/Sponsor of Event	£350.00
Chq no. 001208	pay to Information Commissioner	Annual Fee Renewal	£40.00

Receipts

None

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

173. Clerk's Salary Review.

The Clerk left the room.

The Chair commended the Clerk's contribution. An increase of 3.2% was agreed, to take effect from April 2020.

174. Planning Matters

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation.

Councillor Hardie talked through the three new cases on the report.

175. Local Plan Proposed Submission Version.

The next meeting of the SWPCWG is scheduled for Monday 9th March. Councillor Greenshields has advised that he will attend, if this is not the case then Councillor Harris will take his place.

176. Report on Parish Matters

Stockton Heath Festival.

Councillors confirmed that they were happy to sponsor 'The North Cheshire Wind Orchestra' concert at St. Thomas's Church Hall on Friday 3rd July.

Action – Clerk to advise the fund raiser and forward cheque.

Community Fibre Partnership.

A resident had written to the Clerk, wondering whether the PC would consider a grant from Creamfield's money to subsidise the cost quoted by Openreach and he had also written to our MP Andy Carter.

Councillor Taylor (SHT) had taken this up on MP's behalf and contacted Openreach. Openreach responded with a proposal for £2400 (approx.) per household, involving 60 houses. SHT has asked Openreach to come back with information on where grants may come from (all the different sources) and what gap there might be that the PC may have to fill.

It was agreed that we would await the response from Openreach before making any decision on whether to provide any support. A response is expected during the next week.

Action – Clerk to include on April's agenda.

Action – Clerk to write to Resident.

Walton Towpath.

Peter Parkinson of The Bridgewater Canal had responded to the Clerk's email, to say that they were applying for funding (Rural Development Programme for England), together with WBC and that both will be contributing towards the works if the application is successful. He suggested that we meet with him. It is hoped that it will go to application in June with works being delivered in September 2021.

Action- Clerk to arrange meeting between Peter Parkinson and Councillor Price.

Tree Maintenance Walton QEII Jubilee Playground.

Action – Clerk to confirm with Holly Oak Tree Services for work to be done on 24th April.

Other Parish Matters

Boundary Review – Councillor Harris declared an interest as Borough Councillor. The Clerk of Stretton PC had emailed the Clerk stating that they were looking to contest the decision made in 2016 and asked whether Walton PC and Hatton wanted to join them in this aim.

It was decided that we should informally talk to Stretton PC to establish just exactly what they are thinking of. This could then be brought back to our next PC meeting for consideration.

Action – Clerk to arrange for Councillors Price and Hardie to meet up with representatives of Stretton PC.

Action – Clerk to include on April's agenda.

Mayor's Ball – Councillors Karalius, Price, Meacock, Jones, Taylor and Harris would be attending the event.

177. Report from Village Betterment Advisory Group.

There had not been a meeting.

178. Reports from Appointed Representatives

Church Magazine/Publicity – Cllr Bennett – No magazine.

Footpaths – Councillor Price – The next Rights of Way meeting is scheduled for 2nd April.

Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett – The Park Lane sign near Rowswood Cottage is in poor condition and needs replacing.

There is still debris around grids on A56, from Hobb Lane upwards. Clerk to follow up report made last month.

Warden could be used to do some tidying up at the corner of Warrington Road and Old Chester Road.

Lights on the A56 have been turned in the wind.

Gullies on Mill Lane need sucking out.

Action – Clerk to report to WBC.

Walton Hall Estate – Concern expressed about state of fencing down Walton Lea Road. Clerk stated that Neil Simpson (NS) may have made a commitment to look at this in new financial year commencing 1st April 2020. Councillor Harris confirmed that NS had stated that he wanted to re-instate the existing fence with a good quality fence from the budget in year commencing 1st April 2020.

The matter of getting updates on what is going on at Walton Hall was discussed. It was agreed that Councillor Price as designated councillor for WHE should make contact with Neil Simpson from time to time and then report back to the PC with items as she saw fit.

Councillor Harris reported that a VE Day event is to be held at Walton Hall.

179. Review of Correspondence

Liverpool John Lennon Airport Airspace Transition Consultation. – Decision not to respond.

180. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the next Parish Council will be Thursday 2nd April 2020 at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton, commencing at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, commencing at 7.15pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 20.52 hrs.

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