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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 6th December 2018.

Present Councillor B M Price - Chair
Councillor S Davies
Councillor S A Harris
Councillor D M Karalius
Councillor A Jones
Councillor Y R Shaikh
Councillor R D Bennett

In Attendance Parish Clerk R J Hallam
Residents 1
PCSO Philip Wilkinson

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.34pm.

141. Apologies for Absence

The Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Greenshields (domestic plumbing issue), Hardie (holiday) and Meacock (family illness).

142. Adjournment

The Chair called for an adjournment to enable PCSO Wilkinson to address the PC.

It was resolved that the meeting would go in to adjournment in order to enable the PCSO to address the meeting.

The meeting went into adjournment at 7.38pm.

The PCSO read out the most recent figures for Walton, which included burglaries and criminal damage. He will email the statistics to the Clerk, who will forward them on to Councillors. He also pointed out that burglaries in particular usually go up at this time of year.

Action – Clerk to email figures on receipt

143. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st November 2018 were reviewed.

Page 30 1st line "Annual" should be deleted. Page 31, para 128, the action point under telephone box, delete "pass on to Clerk" and insert "deliver to Village residents".

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

144. Reports on Matters Arising from the previous minutes

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation.

The Clerk then covered issues that had come to light since the report had been issued.

Overgrown vegetation around golf club wall.

This has now been cut back.

Lights for Christmas Tree on Triangle.

Councillor Bennett had sourced lights with Festoon Lights Perth, a company he had used before. 12 metres of lights, 6 hours on via a timer and 18 hours off, needs 3 x D batteries. Cost £15.99 inc VAT plus £4.95 next day postage.

Partial removal of hedge along border of QEII Jubilee Playground.

The Clerk advised the meeting that although he had not as yet received anything official from Enforcement the latest Enforcement cases closed report from Building Control had indicated that no breach had been found. There was agreement that removal of the hedge was a serious matter and should still be followed up.

Action – Clerk to pass on deeds to Councillor Karalius.

Action – Clerk to write to occupier asking what their intentions are in respect of replacing the hedge.

Mr Priestner's Christmas Tree Proposal.

All councillors had been forwarded a copy of Mr. Priestner's email of the 4th December.

Action – Clerk to send appropriate reply.

Walton Towpath.

Councillor Harris advised that she would follow up on her email of 22nd November, if no response was forthcoming.

145. Report from Borough Councillor.

Nothing to report.

146. 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: -

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| Cheque number 001108 | payable to R J Hallam | Clerk's Salary | £264.54 |
| Cheque number 001109 | payable to HMRC | PAYE/Tax | £66.13 |
| Cheque number 001110 | payable to R J Hallam | Office Expenses | £143.99 |
| Cheque number 001111 | payable to Gardenia Gardens Ltd | Warden Work | £720.00 |
| Cheque number 001112 | payable to R Hardie | Poppy Wreath | £50.00 |

The Clerk informed the meeting that further accounts had been received since the report had been issued and he asked for the following accounts to be added to the list.

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| Cheque number 001113 | payable to Warrington Lions | Xmas lights switch on | £50.00 |
| Cheque number 001114 | payable to Grapp & Thel PC | Share of GT Planning cost | £143.54 |
| Cheque number 001115 | payable to Hayleys Snack Shack | Xmas lights switch on | £68.05 |
| Cheque number 001116 | payable to D Karalius | Expenses for Xmas lights switch on | £100.61 |

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

147. Budget/Precept 2019/20

The Clerk had issued to Councillors a Factsheet, Letter and worked example from WBC, but it emerged during the discussion that councillors had not been able to access the Budget/Precept spreadsheet. WBC had made a recommendation of £8013 slightly down on last year (£8172) owing to CTSA now being passed down to Parish Councils resulting in Band D equivalents being reduced by 15. The Clerk had arrived at a draft budget based on historical costings and spending requirements of some Advisory Groups.

There was some discussion on how the PC should handle future election expenses and the Clerk had included a figure in the budget which equated to 25% of this year's election cost. His draft budget was £10689 which would mean £2676 coming from reserves if WBC recommendation was agreed upon. Current reserves fell within the parameters set out in the Practitioners Guide of three to twelve months of expenditure.

Councillor Harris said she may not be at the January meeting but that her preference would be to go along with the WBC recommendation.

Action – Councillors to consider figures prior to next meeting before ageing Budget and Precept at the January meeting.

Action – Clerk to send out Spreadsheet.

148. Planning Matters

The report that had been issued with the meeting documentation.
Nothing further to consider.

A resident had entered the meeting after the adjournment and with councillor's approval the Chair asked whether she wanted to speak. The resident was one of those in the village who had been approached by Councillor Hardie in respect of a new car park for the Church, which she wasn't in favour of. She thought the matter may have been on the agenda and when the Chair made it clear that this was not going to be discussed she left the meeting.

149. Two Acre complaint to WBC CEO.

Move to next meeting.

150. Christmas Tree Switch on Event.

The event had been a success and Councillor Karalius thanked councillors for their help, before and during the event.

151. Local Plan PDO

The Joint Working Group have agreed to do a presentation to all local Parish Councillors.

152. Report on Parish Matters

Phone box Siting at the Village Triangle

Letters had been delivered by Councillor Shaikh to residents in the village. There were 2 responses which indicated that the idea was a good one and they were happy with the siting. It was agreed that we go ahead with the refurbishment before finalising the usage.

Action – Councillor Davies to look in to grants.

Councillor Bennett left the room.

Creamfields

The minutes from the Liaison Group meeting were considered and discussed. Concern was expressed about security and crime issues at the event. There was no comparison of crime figures for this year compared with last. The intentions for policing for next year was not known.

Action – Councillor Karalius to email Clerk with details of her concerns around security and crime.

Action – Clerk to email John Probyn about the PCs concerns around security and crime.

Councillor Bennett re-joined the meeting.

Village Triangle Christmas Tree and Lights.

It had come to the PC's attention that mains electricity supplied by a resident was being used to feed the tree lights.

At the November meeting councillors had agreed that we should no longer source an electricity supply from a resident in the village even with an RCD.

The PC had sourced a suitable battery powered lights arrangement.

Action – Clerk to write to Mr. Eldridge about the suitability and safety of the arrangement.

Other Parish Matters

Superfast Broadband

Councillor Davies advised that a contact she new at BT Openreach would do a session on the options available to all PCs in our area. Stockton Heath, Lymm, Hatton, Stretton and Grappenhall could all be invited to a session that we would host. We are looking at a Wednesday evening around the middle/end of January.

Action – Councillor Davies to email Clerk with further information.

Action – Clerk to then approach other PCs about attendance.

Civic Service 2019 – Chair to approach Anita about possible dates and advise Clerk.

Action – Clerk to check availability of Mayor and MP.

Walton Arms Hedge – Move forward to next meeting.

Ann Hardie Bench

It was resolved that the PC would spend up to £1000 on the purchase of a further bench and plaque for the QEII Jubilee Playground which will be dedicated to former Councillor Ann Hardie.

Action – Councillor Jones to research the options available.

153. Report from Village Betterment Committee

The VBC minutes of the meeting on the 27th November had been circulated.

154. Reports from Appointed Representatives

Church Magazine/Publicity – Cllr Bennett issued the latest magazine.

Footpaths – Councillor Price – Nothing to report.

Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett – Grids blocked from the TRB to the boundary. Street light No20 still out near the Crematorium.

Action – Councillor Bennett to confirm light number to Clerk.

Action – Clerk to advise WBC.

Walton Hall Estate – Cllr. R. Hardie – no report.

155. Review of Correspondence

Cheshire Fire Authority draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2019/2020

Copied to councillors on the 2/11/18 consultation open till 4th January.

Christmas Toy Appeal

Copied to councillors on 7/11/18 for information.

Great Sankey Parish Council Warrington Foodbank

Copied to councillors on 9/11/18. Referred to the DAG.

WBC Gambling Policy Consultation

Copied to councillors on 15/11/18. For information, consultation closes on 27th December.

Email re Christmas Trees proposal from Mr Priestner

Copied to councillors 20/11/18 and further email on 5/12/18. Dealt with earlier in meeting.

Member Briefing HS2 Ltd Consultation

Copied to councillors on 22/11/18. Consultation closes on 21/12/18. The Chair attended a meeting on the 19th November.

156. Date and time of next meeting

Website www.waltonpc.org.uk

The next meeting of the next Parish Council will be Thursday 3rd January 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 21.32 hrs.

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