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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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

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

**In Attendance**  
Parish Clerk R J Hallam  
Residents 1  
Guest – PCSO Philip Wilkinson (PW)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

**87. Apologies for Absence**

The Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Shaikh (work) and Harris.

**88. Adjournment**

The Chair asked for an adjournment to allow the resident and guest to address the meeting.

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

A resident of Higher Walton had emailed the Clerk during the day to express the more positive aspects of Creamfields and she felt that there was too much emphasis put on complaints. The email was circulated to councillors by the Clerk, prior to the meeting.

The resident went on to outline some of the benefits that Creamfields brings to the area along with the work they do with local charities.

PW informed the meeting of the crime that had taken place in Walton since the last meeting in July. It was clear that there had been an increase in crime since he last reported, with a number of instances of criminal damage, theft and burglary.

No figures had been published on Creamfields as yet, but it seemed that crime was down.

**89. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were reviewed.

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

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

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation.

The Clerk went through the report, reminding councillors of the issues covered. There was nothing to add to the report since it had been issued to councillors.

**Banners**

Planning had asked for further information and this will need to be progressed.

**Power supply for Christmas Tree at junction of Hill Cliffe Road/Whitefield Road**

**Action – Clerk to follow up with Stuart Grundy**

**Two Acre**

Councillor Greenshields said he was not impressed with the response from Planning and felt that we should consider taking our complaint up with the Ombudsman.

**Action – Include on October's agenda**

At the request of the resident the Chair asked councillors if they would approve the moving up of the Creamfields agenda item and this was agreed.

**91. Creamfields.**

Councillor Bennett left the room.

The Clerk covered the two emails received from local residents about the noise levels (both copied in to councillors) and two councillors had also expressed concern.

It was felt that taxis needed to be better controlled and that noise levels needed to be kept within regulations.

The Chair said that she would raise all these issues at the Liaison Meeting arranged by Margaret Winstanley for the following week, along with the more positive comments about Creamfields expressed by the resident during the adjournment. She would also raise the matter of the real time recordings at the event.

Councillor Bennett returned to the meeting.

**92. Ranger**

It was agreed that the work done by Gardenia had brought benefits to the area and that all areas had been improved.

Councillor Greenshields expressed the importance of keeping a balance between Higher and Lower Walton.

Councillor Hardie said that we need to keep a close eye on duplication of work with WBC and Gardenia.

Councillor Karalius said that the matter of providing more detail on the work being carried out will be addressed on future invoices.

**93. Report from Borough Councillor.**

No report.

**94. Data Protection GDPR**

The Clerk referred to the model "Retention & Disposal Policy" and the "list of Documents for Retention or Disposal", these documents had been circulated to all councillors. The Clerk said that he would be including proposals on October's agenda for the PC to adopt the policy and document retention.

It may be necessary to provide the Clerk with larger filing cabinet and a more suitable shredding machine, than his own personal machine.

**Action – Include proposals on October's agenda.**

**Action – Clerk to arrange meeting with Councillor Taylor to review progress on GDPR.**

**95. 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 001094	payable to R J Hallam	Clerk's Salary	£529.08
Cheque number 001095	payable to HMRC	PAYE/Tax	£132.26
Cheque number 001096	payable to R J Hallam	Office Expenses	£24.47
Cheque number 001097	payable to Warr West Dist Scout Co	Donation	£50.00
Cheque number 001098	payable to Warr Disab Partnership	Donation	£50.00

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

#### **External Audit**

The Clerk explained that he had chased up the AGAR and was advised that the audit would be completed shortly. The fee would be £200 + VAT.

#### **96. Planning Matters**

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

##### **Porch House Farm.**

This had gone to appeal.

All councillors had been copied in to the emails from a resident about the processes followed by the PAG and the subsequent replies by the Clerk. The resident had advised the Clerk that he was reserving his position with regards to an official complaint.

#### **97. WW1 Celebrations.**

Councillor Jones advised that unfortunately it would not be possible to have bagpipes on the day. The Church had been successful with a grant application, but the figures had not yet arrived. There was to be a special service at St. John's on Remembrance Sunday.

St. John's graveyard was to be designated a Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery.

#### **98. War Memorial.**

**Action – Clerk to send out thank you letter to the people responsible for the War Memorial refurbishment.**

**Action – Mention to be made in the Church magazine.**

#### **99. Stockton Heath Library**

No report.

#### **100. Local Plan PDO**

Councillor Greenshields advised that there is a meeting next week.

Two or three things have happened in the interim.

- At the end of July, a new National Planning Framework came out which included a national way of calculating the need for housing. WBC PDO is way above what that calculation will give. There is going to be a housing delivery test and councils that don't actually meet their housing target can be fined, so WBC may think they can lower the risk of a fine by reducing the number of houses.
- There is a rumour that the Government are not going to fund the Western Link, which would make housing on the western side not viable, but the consequence could be more houses in South Warrington.
- There is also a rumour about a distributor road which will come out at the M56 junction 10.
- There have been two planning applications for depots by Stobarts and Limetree round the Barley Castle area. These have been declined on traffic issues, but appeals are likely.

Councillor Greenshields feels that it is a big issue that WBC are not quick enough in releasing information. He also said that the Working Group need to eyeball Planning and there is a need to try and influence them more than we do at the moment.

**101. Report on Parish Matters**

**Phone box** – No progress.

**Newsletter** – The Chair said that this should be completed by end of the week. 800 copies to be printed.

**Other Parish Matters**

**Superfast Broadband**

**Action – Councillor Davies to look into the possibility of a community funded partnership.**

**102. Report from Village Betterment Committee**

Councillors agreed that a bin next to the bench at the War Memorial would be beneficial.

**Action – Clerk to consult with Councillor Harris about this and establish that WBC would empty.**

**103. Reports from Appointed Representatives**

**Church Magazine/Publicity** – Cllr Karalius – Issued

**Footpaths – Councillor Price**

**Action – Clerk to send follow up email to Peter Parkinson at Bridgewater Trust about Walton's towpath.**

**Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett** – vegetation overgrowing on to pavement on Runcorn Road from Underbridge Lane to Moore boundary.  
Vegetation overhanging around The Lodge on Hobb Lane.

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

**Walton Hall Estate – Cllr. R. Hardie** – Felt he had to comment negatively on the response from David Boyer. He stated that there was a reticence to part with information on the use of the Hall and Golf Course.

**Action – It was agreed that the Clerk would invite Neil Simpson to a future PC meeting to cover some of the PC's concerns.**

**Action – Councillor Hardie to email the Clerk with some of the issues he would like Neil Simpson to cover.**

**104. Review of Correspondence**

The Clerk explained that he had received letters from TV Licensing about out a lack of TV License, but he had resolved the matter.

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

**The next meeting of the next Parish Council will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 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 21.10 hrs.