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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 29th August 2019.

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

Residents 0

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

72. Apologies for Absence

The Chair reported that 3 apologies for absence had been received. Councillors Davies (holiday), Shaikh (work) and Harris (traffic delays).

73. Adjournment

No adjournment.

74. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th July 2019 were reviewed.

Councillor Hardie, page 19, para 63, line 12, 7 should read &.

Councillor Price, page 20, para 67, Other Parish Matters, line 1, Lord Daresbury should read Daresbury Park.

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

75. Reports on Matters Arising from the previous minutes

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation.

Banners

In view of Councillor Harris being unable to attend the meeting owing to traffic delays, there wasn't any news about her approach to Ian Brackenbury.

Replacement trees for A56.

Action - If nothing heard from Simon Twigg following email of the 23/08, Clerk to chase up using read receipt facility.

Action – Clerk to check on whether there is an appropriate proposal to cover cost.

New Waste Bin for Old Chester Road.

Action - If nothing heard from Dave Cotterill following email of the 23/08, Clerk to chase up using read receipt facility.

Information Boards.

VBAG to meet in September and discuss this matter.

Civic Service.

Work continuing to find a suitable date.

Issues Raised with WBC Report.

The Clerk obtained updates from councillors on outstanding items.

76. Report from Borough Councillor.

No report.

77. 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. 001163	pay to R J Hallam	Clerk's Salary	£544.94
Chq no. 001164	pay to HMRC	PAYE/Tax	£136.22
Chq no. 001165	pay to LiveWire (Warrington CIC)	Library Contribution	£274.50
Chq no. 001166	pay to R J Hallam	Office Expenses	£19.48
Chq no. 001167	pay to Gardenia Gardens Ltd	Warden Work	£540.00
Chq no. 001168	pay to Grapp & Thelwall PC	Parish contrib to GT Plang Work for S Warr Gp	£307.66
Chq no. 001169	pay to Chesh Assoc of Loc Co	Chair Training	£60.00

Receipts

03/07/19	HMRC	VAT rebate 2018/19	£269.19
09/08/19	Creamfields	Donation	£5000.00

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

New Financial Regulations.

The Clerk explained that NALC had published some new model Financial Regulations. However, as we were not members of ChALC we had no access to these.

The Clerk explained why he felt the Parish Council should reconsider its non-membership.

Action – Include on October's agenda.

78. Planning Matters

The report had been issued with the meeting documentation.

Councillor Hardie went through the report and updated councillors.

79. Local Plan Proposed Submission Version.

Stobarts – Councillors Greenshields explained that it was unlikely that the Government would call this in.

80. Creamfields

Councillor Bennett left the room at 8.15pm.

Feedback was received on the meetings of the 12th and 19th August.

At the event it was felt that the main concern was the behaviour of taxis drivers, who seemed to do what they liked. This would be brought up at the Creamfields meeting which was due to be held shortly.

Councillor Bennett returned to the meeting at 8.27pm.

81. Report on Parish Matters

Two Acre Complaint

It was Councillor Greenshields view that this should now be escalated to the Ombudsman. Councillors supported this view.

Action – Councillors were happy for Councillor Greenshields to prepare a letter for Clerk to forward on.

Fence along Walton Lea Road.

The Clerk read out the email from Neil Simpson (NS) where he explained that it was the responsibility of the Estate as part of a long term lease agreement with Peel Holdings.

NS is attending our October meeting when we should get an update on his discussion with Highways.

Parish Warden

The Chair gave an update on the favourable impact the appointment of a Warden had had on the Parish. Councillor Price would in future fulfil the role currently undertaken by The Chair.

Superfast Broadband.

Malcolm Eldridge had written to Councillor Davies advising that available grants would cover Openreach's cost for laying fibre. He had asked Openreach whether the average cost would increase if the core group was extended further afield.

Councillor Davies was unsure whether she could get an answer to this, but she would respond to the Clerk who would forward on to Mr. Eldridge.

Other Parish Matters

Trees Wardley Road – Some residents had reported that the trees were now interfering with overhead cables.

Action – Councillor Price to advise Clerk of detail who would then in turn report to WBC.

Walton Obesity – The 22nd July email from a resident was discussed. The consensus of the meeting was that it was parents' responsibility.

Action – Clerk to send a suitable response.

Motorhome – No longer parked on Old Chester Road.

82. Report from Village Betterment Advisory Group

There had not been a meeting, but one was to be arranged for September. The siting of the new bench currently being stored at Councillor Bennett's Farm, would be agreed at this meeting.

The Audit Advisory Group are preparing a new Terms of Reference.

The Audit Group will also bring forward proposals on procedures for dealing with draft minutes and approved minutes in relation to the website.

83. Reports from Appointed Representatives

Church Magazine/Publicity – Cllr Bennett – No magazine.

Footpaths – Councillor Price – Nothing to report.

The next RoW meeting not until December 2019.

Roads/Traffic and Street Lighting – Councillor Bennett – Parking sign situated in lay-bye opposite Councillor Bennett's Farm has been pushed down.

Action – Clerk to report to WBC.

Hedges on both sides of Runcorn Road, from Porch House Farm to the boundary require cutting back. These hedges are privately owned and the owners are to be advised.

Action – Clerk to send appropriate letters.

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

84. Review of Correspondence

None.

85. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the next Parish Council will be **Thursday 3rd October 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 09.05 hrs.

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