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**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Walton Parish Council held at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton, on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.**

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

**In Attendance** Parish Clerk R J Hallam

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

**62. Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman reported that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Meacock (holiday), A Hardie (illness) and Shaikh (work commitment).

**63. Purpose behind the Meeting**

The Chairman explained that she had called the meeting in the main for two reasons;

- Response to the Local Plan consultation
- To consider the appointment of a Planning Consultant to assist with response.

There was a long debate on how we should go forward, with conflicting views being expressed.

It was agreed that a proposal should be included on the September meeting's agenda with regards to the hiring of a Planning Consultant.

Councillor Taylor said that we should be asking the consultant to challenge the planning premiss on which WBC have decided to build these houses in Walton and that should include, green belt and legal issues, traffic and resulting impact.

It was agreed that the PC should try and get the MP on board. He should be asked for his views on the local plan and the impact it will have on a small community like Walton, the ravaging of the green bent, the huge increase in traffic and the air pollution it will cause.

**Action Points**

- Include proposal on agenda – **Clerk (Councillor Greenshields** to provide all embracing proposal)
- Letter to residents – **Chairman**
- Letter to MP – **Clerk (Councillors** to email Clerk with bullet points for inclusion in letter)
- **Councillor Taylor** to approach prospective Conservative candidate about commencing a campaign on the issue.
- **Councillors Taylor/Karalius/Bennett** to make initial approaches to known Planning Consultants.
- **Councillor Bennett** to arrange for large banners to be placed on his gates along the A56.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 20.26 hrs.

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