

# Walton Parish Council

## Report on Matters Arising 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Highway Related Issues

See 'Issues Raised with WBC Report'. Updated requested 30/06/17.

### Boundary Commission Appeal

An email has been sent to Bryan Magan who is a senior officer at Democratic Services 24/04/17. Both Hatton and Stretton have been copied in.

25/04/17 – Bryan said he will discuss with colleagues and get back to us.

25/05/17 – Asked Bryan if there was any further news.

25/05/17 – No news until after the election.

30/06/17 – Followed up.

### HGV Signage and Holly Hedge Lane

I wrote to Jamie Fisher with regards to the none use of mandatory signs and received the following reply;

*Hi Ray*

*All of the regulatory signs that we can include at this location are already in place, be it at the junction or on the advanced directional signs to the south, this latest sign is in addition to those whilst we liaise with the DfT to have a sign that provides the most appropriate information that can be type approved for permanent use.*

*All of the regulatory signs that are correctly displayed (weight limit and hump back bridge) are the ones required / necessary for the police to enforce and to provide British and foreign drivers with sufficient information. If drivers chose to ignore these signs then there is nothing more the council can physically do. Any kerb build outs or physical features that manage HGVs also restrict agricultural vehicles so we are restricted in that delivery. Until such time as agricultural access is no longer required we can only provide signage unfortunately.*

*Kind Regards*

*Jamie Fisher*

*Principal Engineer*

*Traffic Management, Road Safety and Highway Adoptions*

*New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NH*

### Towpath.

Emails sent to Peter Parkinson at Peel and David Boyer of WBC 11-12/06/17

26/06/17 - Following response received from Jim Turton at WBC;

*Dear Mr Hallam,*

*Thank you for your email regarding the Bridgewater Canal towpath at Walton.*

*Although it is difficult to say whether the water is contributing significantly to the issues on the towpath, it would appear that some water is leaving the highway in certain locations.*

*To prevent this from happening, kerbs will be installed along the length of Walton Lea Road (on the canal side), existing gully pots will be cleaned and modified where necessary and the section of road will be resurfaced to improve condition and profile. The scheme is currently scheduled to start in September/October this year.*

*Once completed, these works will provide positive improvements which may encourage others to participate in a coordinated approach by initiating improvements or an upgrade to the towpath.*

*If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact me.*

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*Regards,*

*Jim*

*Jim Turton*

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**Stockton Heath Library**

Email sent to WBC Legal Dept. re. legality of a 5 year contribution arrangement 10/06/17

Email sent to BCSH advising of our stance on contribution to SHLWG 10/06/17.

**Stockton Heath Festival**

Emailed Stella Cragg regarding take up of complimentary tickets by Councillors R and A Hardie for the Mail Voice Choir event.

**Internal Audit**

16/06/17 – As recommended by the Internal Auditor I did write to Mark Cumberbatch the Monitoring Officer as to whether it was necessary to disclose Contracts for Services awarded to councillors on the Register of Member's Interests. I did point out to him that in fact this had been done. I did also ask whether it was still necessary to keep the WBC website up to date with these issues, in view of the fact that our website is fully up and running which incorporates this information.

Mark Cumberbatch's reply is detailed below:-

*Ray,*

*Thank you for your email. Please accept my apologies for the brief delay in replying. I will deal with the two issues you raise in turn.*

*Regarding the issue about whether the contract award should be included, I attach below a link to the government guidance. Ultimately it is a matter for the Councillor concerned to decide whether they should include the information in the form.*

**[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/240134/Openness\\_and\\_transparency\\_on\\_personal\\_interests.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/240134/Openness_and_transparency_on_personal_interests.pdf)**

*If I understand the situation correctly then my advice would be that the contract should be on the DPI form. I suggest that you direct the Cllr(s) concerned to the guidance so that they can review the matter.*

*In respect of a record of the DPI forms; you will see from the guidance that I have a duty to make sure that all DPI forms are made available for the public to view. We would normally do this via our website and it is important that those records are kept up to date. I will ask my colleagues in Democratic Services to liaise with you about making sure that we can sort that out.*

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*Please contact me again if we need to discuss further. I hope the above is helpful.*

*Kind regards,*

*Matt*

*Matthew Cumberbatch*

*Head of Legal & Democratic Services*

**Casual Work/Contract for Services**

A proposal was put before the January 2017 meeting, to accept the quotation dated 01/12/16, given by Councillor Ward for tree maintenance throughout the Parish (2 days labour for 1 man £280) and it was resolved to go ahead with this. This work never went ahead following the concerns raised by Councillor Greenshields and the subsequent investigation that followed.

**Ray Hallam – Clerk to the Council**