

# Walton Parish Council

## Report on Matters Arising 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Highway Related Issues

See 'Issues Raised with WBC Report'.

### Parish Warden

There have been two further expressions of interest and job specs have been sent out. Neither have followed up their initial interest.

### Two Acre

21/04/18 Letters sent to Prof. Broomhead (CEO WBC) and Andy Farrall (Deputy CEO WBC & Exec Director Economic Regeneration, Growth and Environment). 24/04/18 Prof. Broomhead's Assistant Jen Hurst confirmed reply will be dealt with by Andy Farrall.

Nothing yet from Andy Farrall.

### Neighbourhood Planning

The files I have are too large for the server so I am still working on being able to email them across.

### Christmas Tree Junction Whitefield/Hill Cliffe Rd Electricity Supply

Request for estimate 10/02/18 – Councillor Contact forwarded the following email to Stuart Grundy.

*Good afternoon Stuart,*

*Can you please take a look at the request below regarding a power supply? Can you please contact Ray Hallam to discuss further?*

*Regards,*

*Linda*

*Corporate Services*

13/03/18 – Emailed Stuart requesting an update. 25/04/18 further update requested.

26/04/18 Stuart Grundy's reply copied below;

*Good afternoon Ray,*

*Regarding the proposed Christmas tree on the triangle at the junction of Whitefield Road and Hill Cliffe Road.*

*Unfortunately, it would not be possible to plant a tree in front of the bench as this would be situated within the junction visibility splay to the right, for vehicles exiting Hill Cliffe Road from the south. The visibility splay must meet a 43m view to the right at a distance of 2.4m back from the give way line.*

*If the tree were to be planted behind or where the bench is situated and not encroach the carriageway then it may possible depending on the size of the tree.*

*There are several things that need to be considered should you wish to proceed, in addition to the installation of a supply point,*

- *As the tree installation is on the Highway you would also require a permit and a licence to plant.*
- *You will need to apply for an MPAN number so that you can pay for the electricity used (details can be provided)*
- *Who will be providing/installing the tree and safety fence*
- *Who will be providing the lights (must be low voltage)*

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- *Who will be installing / testing and removing the lighting? If you are using a contractor they must be approved by the authority.*

*Please give me a call if you need any further information or assistance.*

**Kind Regards**

**Stuart Grundy**

**Street Lighting Engineer**

**Economic Regeneration, Growth & Environment**

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20/05/18 Requested a costing from Stuart Grundy on electricity supply for tree.

**Local Plan PDO – Joint Working Group**

18/05/18 Clerk requested copy of JWG minutes.

No response as yet.

**Broadband Speed**

20/05/18 Advised Mr Potter that his postcode was not included in the Connecting Cheshire's build and that Cllr. Davies was pursuing a contact at BT Openreach.

**Walton Estate Liaison Group**

25/04/18 Email drafted by Cllr Hardie sent to David Boyer.

No reply to this email.

**Walton Towpath**

I followed up my emails of the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 with a further email on the 20<sup>th</sup> May and received the following response on the 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Hi Ray**

***Thank you for the email. Since we last spoke I have had the opportunity to meet with Terry O'Neil (Leader) and he is supportive of our ambition to upgrade the towpaths in Warrington.***

***Presently we do not have any works programmed but we are investigating funding opportunities and will continue to work with Warrington to help secure it.***

**Regards**

**Peter**

Councillor Harris also sent the following email to John Thorpe on the 18<sup>th</sup> May;

**Hi John**

***I refer to the email below and wonder if you can point me in the right direction with the Bridgewater Canal Trust to get something going on this? With your extensive knowledge I thought you would be the best person to contact as to the best way to go about developing this idea. Personally, I think this would be a positive move for residents and would fall in line with***

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*WBC's transport policy to encourage more cyclists, not to mention the health benefits that would ensue.*

*I look forward to hearing from you.*

*Cllr Sharon Harris*

*Borough Councillor for Appleton, Hatton, Stretton and Higher Walton*

John Thorpe then followed up with an email to Peter Parkinson;

*Hello Peter,*

*A local resident has contacted local ward councillors and parish councils in the area over the condition of the Bridgewater Canal towpath. They state as follows:- the very poor state of the towpath between Stockton Heath and Walton, in particular the stretch of canal between the Red Lane and London Road Bridges. Unfortunately, the large holes have led to the towpath becoming virtually unusable for a significant period of the year, other than to the most hardy of dog walkers - certainly for a period greater than 6 months of the year.*

*They also go on to support improvement to the towpath to provide for cycling. As you are aware Warrington BC will be attending the Bridgewater Trust meetings in future including elected member attendance and opportunities for such upgrades will I'm sure be discussed. However, I would be obliged if you could look into the reported condition of the towpath in Stockton Heath and Walton and take whatever action is necessary to ensure year round use is possible.*

*regards*

*John Thorp*

*Public Rights of Way Lead Officer*

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Peter's response;

*Hello John*

*Thank you for the email. I will inspect the areas that you have highlighted with the Canal Engineer and agree a strategy.*

*As you know it is our ultimate aspiration to upgrade the entire 39 mile length of the Bridgewater Canal towpath to Bridgewater Way specification.*

*Our recent discussions with Warrington have been very productive and I believe we have a shared goal, to upgrade the towpath, which we will progress at the future Bridgewater Canal Trust meetings.*

*Regards*

*Peter*

**Standing Order No. 30b**

Email sent to Councillors Harris and Davies, advising that within 6 months of them signing their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, they must advise the Clerk that they have read and understand the Standing Orders.

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### **War Memorial**

Councillor Greenshields advised that the product used on his daughter's wall (as mentioned in last month's minutes) was 'Parex Render Systems'.

18/05/18 Cllr Davies asked to pursue the possibilities of a grant for refurbishment.

20/05/18 Clerk sent out to all councillors, documents available on the War Memorial Trust's website relating to contractors.

### **Litter/bin bags on A56**

18/05/18 Email sent to Kevin McCreadie asking whether the bin bags with litter inside dumped behind the hedge on A56 had been collected.

### **Trees being damaged during mowing (playground and Street Trees)**

18/05/18 Email sent to Miles Rickard asking if he would raise this issue with their contractors.

### **Ray Hallam – Clerk to the Council**