

## Walton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the St. Johns Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton, on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### Present

**Cllr. B. M. Price** Vice Chairman  
**Cllr. Y. R. Shaikh**  
**Cllr. H. A. S. Hardie**  
**Cllr. D. M. Karalius**  
**Cllr. A. Jones**  
**Cllr. G. J. Greenshields**  
**Cllr. D. A. Meacock**

#### In Attendance

**Ray Hallam – Parish Clerk**  
**Borough Cllr. S. Harris**  
**PCSO Steve Parr**  
**Residents 1**

Cllr. B. M. Price, the Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7.15pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1 Apologies** - The Vice Chairman stated that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. R Hardie, Taylor and Bennett.
- 2 Minutes of the previous Annual Parish meeting** - The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016, distributed to all present, were reviewed. It was moved that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chairman.
- 3 Chairman's Report** – The Vice Chairman Councillor B. M. Price read from a prepared report, which had been provided by the Chairman Cllr. R. D. Bennett on his year in office as Chairman of the Parish Council

### **Chairman's Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

I would like to start by apologising for not attending tonight's meeting, but in order to get a holiday I have to go in school holidays.

This year it has been a pleasure welcoming our new Councillors, Karalius, Greenshields and Jones.

I welcome Councillor Greenshield's comments on some of our methods of operation and after external advice I hope we are up to expected standards.

Also, this year we have Borough Councillors Walker and Harris to help us bridge our gap to Warrington Borough Council for help and advice.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> March, we had our Civic Service at Walton, with our main guests the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress and our newly appointed Vicar. Apart from fluffing my reading in Church, I believe all went well and good food was enjoyed by all.

As I said in my Civic Service speech, it would be good to see more people at our meetings rather than hiding behind a computer device at home.

Parish Cllr R D Bennett, Chairman 2016-2017.

#### **4 Parish Matters**

Former parish councillor Eldridge had sent in an email, as he was unable to attend and wanted a few points to be considered.

He gave an update on of the progress of the wildlife zone in the Village Triangle and will be replacing the post supporting the plaque, for a better one. Snowdrops planted by local children failed to appear and indigenous perennials of which some were good, but some he had to replace. He said he would be happy to remove and safely burn the ugly wood pile.

Councillor Karalius said she could supply fresh logs and will make contact with him.

It was agreed that we should write to the volunteers who erected, decorated and removed the Christmas tree situated in the Triangle.

It was agreed that we would arrange for the height of the posts supporting the litter bins to be reduced. This could be a job for the handyman when appointed. But bins have proved to be successful.

He suggested that the phone box could be placed at the Edwardian garden at the entrance to Walton Gardens. Councillors Karalius and Meacock to meet with representative of Thorn Cross Prison, with one of the options being for them to carry out the refurb of the phone box.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending. The meeting closed at 7.30pm.