

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Walton Parish Council was held on Monday 9th July 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: John Evans, Alan T Armstrong, Alan F Armstrong, Robert Ridley Gordon Kyle, Simon Wood and Tom Brocklebank.

In Attendance: County Councillor Lawrence Fisher, City Councillor Syd Bowman, Stephen Brow, Janet Macrae, Joss Scouler, Rita Lowes, Fraser Winter, Tommy Mark, Tom Winter, Brian Hogg, Ian Bullough and Mel Warwick.

Apologies: Jonathan Fowler.

Action

410/12 Minutes Of Meeting Held Monday 14th May 2012

Resolved to authorise the Chair to sign as a correct record.

411/12 Declarations Of Interest

Councillor Evans declared an interest in all items relating to Walton Village Hall. Councillor Wood declared an interest in the Save Our Pub item.

412/12 Reports From Police/City/County Councillors

No police were present however the newsletter will be displayed on the notice board in due course.

CLERK

County Councillor Fisher reported that £1500 had been allocated from his allowance for the Reading Room project.

City Councillor Bowman reported news from the City Council including the potential purchase of a machine to clean the city centre.

413/12 Public Participation

Mr Bullough questioned plans for the village hall in a guarded enquiry over the reading room refurbishment. The Chair asked that village hall queries be taken up with the Village Hall Management Committee.

Mr Sell had attended in support of his planning application (422/12) and was willing to answer any parishioner queries regarding his plans for a bunk house and café. Concerns were raised that the café may prejudice the village hall based tea room and any future pub developments however Mr Sell explained he would be primarily looking at bed and breakfast/evening meal provision for walkers.

414/12 Code of Conduct

It was **resolved** that revised code of conduct as previously circulated be adopted with immediate effect.

415/12 Clerks Report

The following report had been previously circulated and was noted:

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Tree Inspection –Work remains on-going to appoint a responsible person to inspect the trees regularly.

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Police Ride-Along-Scheme – Councillor Ridley was nominated to attend for a police shift.

Gutters at Sandysikes – Councillor Armstrong dealt with the Highways in relation to the overflowing gutters at Sandysikes. Although he was informed that ditches are normally maintained by the adjacent riparian landowner on this occasion they were prepared to carry out works to clean out ditches and also carry out repair works to the inside corner of the junction which is being cut and overridden by large vehicles.

Play Area Inspection – the play area is now included in the Carlisle City Council inspection schedule. The annual inspection will be carried out in Oct/November.

Jubilee Mugs – Mugs were purchased without grant funding due to the retrospective clauses applied to seeking grants. They were distributed to all children aged 16 and under during the Jubilee week. A significant number of mugs were purchased by parishioners; monies for these will be banked imminently. Thanks were given to Councillor Armstrong for undertaking all the work with these.

General Power of Competence – the Clerk has undertaken the training for this and will shortly submit the portfolio entry. Implications for the Council can be considered when the module is passed successfully.

CLERK

Councillors Training – Councillor Brocklebank has undertaken the Essential Councillors Training as previously agreed. He reported this had been very informative, as was the Good Councillors booklet.

Play Area Insurance – the Play Area Group have kindly paid in advance the current years insurance and two forthcoming years. This money will be transferred into the play area account when the accounts audit is completed.

Fly-Tipping – an incident of fly-tipping of bricks was reported to the Chair by a parishioner. The bricks were removed by the parishioner and Chairman.

Website – It is noted that the website has been updated and modernised. Thanks are expressed to Ivan Whetton for all of his hard work in making these changes. The parish also now has facebook and twitter pages.

Defibrillator – Councillor Brocklebank has spoken to the BFA grants advisor who advised on the different types of defibrillators available. There are either Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) which are available all the time and in places with access to the general public e.g. sports centres, libraries, pubs etc.; or CPAD sites which is where they are secured in a locked cabinet with a key

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code and attached to a building. The latter would be best for Walton due to the lack of the suitable community place. The cost of these is circa £1500. The British Heart Foundation give 50% of funding for only the first type but cannot fund ones that are locked away as Walton would require. Other funding options are therefore being considered by Councillor Brocklebank.

416/12 Community Led Plan

Questionnaires had been received and responses collated and the Group were planning to meet to discuss the way forward. The prize draw was undertaken during the meeting and first prize went to Mr Johnson-Hetherington with second prize going to Mr & Mrs Armstrong (Townhead).

417/12 Reading Room Trust Deed

The Chair explained that many years ago when the Village Hall was passed to the Parish Council as Trustees the Reading Room had been omitted from the documentation. It was proposed that the Reading Room be transferred from the surviving trustees (Alan Armstrong and Robert Graham) to the Parish Council as Custodian Trustees (for management by the Village Hall Management Committee). All Councillors **resolved** to proceed with the necessary legal arrangements to allow for this transfer as soon as possible.

418/12 Audit

It was **noted** that the external audit had been successfully completed.

419/12 Village Hall

The Chair clarified that the current plan is to refurbish the reading room as a useable community facility, which would allow for the tea room to hire either the Reading Room or Village Hall. Regardless of the future use the Chair explained that it was essential to safeguard the Reading Room by this refurbishment to stabilise its structure and prevent further deterioration. Although the Chair agreed that the overall plan for the Hall does need review at some point in the longer term, the issue of the land in between being registered Village Green (owned by the Parish Council) would need considered first. He suggested that a sub-group could possibly begin looking at the 5 – 10 year project and research funding.

420/12 Save Our Pub

Notice had been received that an appeal against the enforcement action had been made. A further meeting was set for 20th July to consider the documents which had arrived after the publication of the agenda. The Chair offered to hold a separate public meeting to allow parishioners to explain to the Parish Council their views and what they would like the Council to do to support them. Possible dates will be circulated in due course.

421/12 Broadband

Councillor Brocklebank outlined current broadband developments and the plan to try and establish high-speed broadband in Cumbria. A full report will be provided for parishioners in the forthcoming newsletter.

422/12 12/0516 – Barn at Kingbank, Walton, CA8 2DH - Change Of Use And

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Extension Of Former Poultry Shed To Form Bunk House And Café

Discussions began around the concern that any new café may harm the existing tea room based facility, which provides local employment and ensures the Hall remains the hub of the Village. Concerns were also raised regarding the access arrangements and parking, both of which would mean that any vehicles using the facility would need to cross Village Green to do so and park on the access track. It was clarified that the properties in this area have easement rights of access but this should not extend to a commercial business.

After lengthy consideration it was **resolved** that the Parish Council must object to the application due to the fact that it remained illegal to drive over a Village Green and any business on this site would need vehicular access. This was passed by a majority vote of four councillors (with three abstentions). The Clerk will formulate a written response and circulate to councillors for approval before submitting.

CLERK

423/12 12/0476 – Walton Village Hall, Walton, CA8 2DJ – Change of Use to Village Hall/Tea Room.

Councillor Evans left the room for this item. After consideration it was **resolved** that no representation be made by the Parish Council in respect of this application.

424/12 1/12/9003 - Application to vary condition 11 of Planning Consent 1/97/9025 to exclude reference to Dalgleish Field at Bolton Fell Moss & Peat Works, Kernal Hill, Roweltown, Hethersgill, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA6 6JL.

Councillor Evans re-entered the room at this point. Noted that permission was granted.

425/12 Accounts to end May 2012

The accounting statement had been previously circulated and was noted.

426/12 Accounts Payable

The following receipts were noted:

- £30 Carlisle City Council (Councillors Advert)
- £80 Carlisle City Council (Recycling)
- £470.83 Play Area Group (3 years insurance)
- £625.49 Play Area Transfer (internal transfer)
- £94.74 Electricity North West (Wayleave)
- £2 Electricity North West (Wayleave)
- £100.10 Various (sale of mugs)
- £108 Play Area Group (inspection contribution)

Resolved: to authorise the following expenditure:

- £136.72 salary July 2012 (Sarah Kyle)
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- £100 Opening Doors Cumbria (CLP Questionnaire printing)
- £55.44 Opening Doors Cumbria (newsletter printing)
- £48 CALC (Councillors Training)

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- £10 CALC (GPC Training)
- £300 CGM (Grass cutting April)
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- £341.88 Gelt Gifts (Jubilee Mugs)
- £35 Information Commissioner (Data Protection)
- £480 BDO Stoy Hayward (Audit)
- £625.49 Play Area Transfer (internal transfer)
- £110 Tommy Mark (noticeboard painting)
- £14 Walton Village Hall (rental)

A further invoice for CGM for June grass cutting had also been received. It was agreed not to pay this until after the July bill was issued so it could be checked if amounts had been lowered due to the incomplete cutting due to the weather.

427/12 Council Matters and Agenda Items for Future Meetings

No items were raised.

428/12 Correspondence

The following were noted:

- Unfair Dismissal NALC Briefing
- ACT Gazette
- CALC Circular
- Police Newsletter
- West Cumbria:MRWS e-bulletin May 2012
- Irthington School Nursery Consultation
- Closure of Bridge at B1638, Mumpshall Bridge, nr. Gilsland

429/12 Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Walton Parish Council will take place on Friday 20th July at 7.30pm. Following this the next meeting will be Monday 10th September. Agenda items for this meeting should be submitted to the Clerk no later than Friday 31st August.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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