

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on **Monday 8th May 2017** in The Reading Room, Walton at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs J Fowler (Chairman), S Wood, B Hogg, T Mounsey, A Armstrong, F Winter, T Brocklebank and T Mark

In Attendance: City Cllr S Bowman and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: None

Action**947/17 Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 13th March 2017**

Resolved that the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting be agreed and signed as a true record

948/17 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

949/17 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

950/17 Public Participation

City Cllr Bowman informed the meeting that:

950.1) Councillor Trish Vasey will take on the Mayoral role after serving a year as Deputy Mayor to former Mayor, Cllr Colin Stothard. The Mayor Making Ceremony will take place on Monday 15th May 2017 in the Carlisle City Council Chamber.

950.2) The availability of grant funding will commence soon and Cllr Bowman requested that details of possible projects be put forward to him.

950.3) Due to the forthcoming election, boundary areas will now be being reassessed over the next 5 years rather than 2 years as originally proposed.

951/17 Village Green and Common Land**951.1) Grass Cutting**

Noted that Colville's Grounds Maintenance have contacted the Council to explain why there has been a delay to recent cuts.

Agreed that a discussion would take place with Colville's regarding the possibility of more regular cuts which would take less time for the same annual cost. The original agreement needs to be checked for the currently agreed number of cuts and corresponding cost to enable this to happen.

CT

Signed (Chairman):.....

10th July 2017

951.2) Village Green Inspections

Noted that inspections are regularly taking place and have been recorded. The inspections have highlighted that there has been an issue with cattle coming onto the green and causing damage. Additional problems include drainage and water issues and rubbish being left.

An option was discussed to possibly roller the green at the right time of year to improve the surface for those who use it.

The issue of insurance companies was discussed but there is thought to be a possibility that if the problems consistently reoccur that the insurance companies will at some point stop paying out.

Agreed that the following action would be taken:

- Identify the liability of the Parish Council Insurance
- Contact the Highways authority to ask if they would allow a cattle grid.
- James Kyle will contact his Insurance company to report that the Parish Council are unhappy with the damage caused by the straying cattle.

951.3) Letter received from a Parishioner

Noted that a letter was received from a parishioner highlighting their concern over the state of the village green, the issues in which have been included in the discussion in item 951.2.

Agreed that a response from the Council will be sent.

JF / CT

951/4) Common Land Course

Noted that the course being held in the north of the county is now full. Agreed to circulate the details of the south course when available.

CT

951.5) Annual Inspection of the Play Area

Noted that an annual inspection has been received. The report doesn't appear to highlight any new points, which raised the question of whether the amount of inspections could be reduced from 4 to 2 per year to reduce costs.

Agreed to query the amount of inspections required by the insurance company and the County Council so that a decision can be made.

CT

951.6) Drainage on Village Green

Noted that the County Council have been to look at the situation following it being logged on the Highways online reporting system.

951.7) Progress Report on Tree Maintenance

Noted that the tree surgeon has been to assess the situation and the work will be completed by the end of the w/c 8th May. Volunteers have been requested to prune the bottom of the trees and to collect cut branches.

952/17 Planning Matters**952.1) 17/0238 - Change Of Use From Agricultural Field To Domestic Curtilage; Alterations/Widening Of Existing Vehicular Access (Received 03/04/17)**

Leafield, Walton, Brampton, CA8 2DH

Resolved that no representation will be made.

952.2) 17/0142 - Barn Conversion And Change Of Use To Bakery Business (Retrospective) (Received 24/04/17)

White Hill Farm, Walton, Brampton, CA8 2AZ

Noted that permission has been granted.

953/17 Outside Bodies

Walton Village Hall Management Committee –

- The hall was used for the election on Thursday 4th May.
- The family quiz raised £85 for the Village Hall and there are plans to hold another event in July.

Save our Pub –

- It was agreed that the Parish Council wish to take more action over this issue and the lack of response from Carlisle City Council's planning department. As noted in the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting, City Cllr Bowman has agreed to contact Barbara Percival regarding our letter. If a response is received before the next parish meeting then an additional meeting will be arranged in order to discuss this matter.

SB

954/17 Financial Matters

Noted that an insurance renewal has been received. A breakdown of allocation of cost to the Parish Council, Village Hall and Play Area is required before this can be processed.

CT

955/17 Defibrillator Training

Resolved that 'Heartstart' training for the defibrillator has been booked to take place on Wednesday 20th September in the Village Hall, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. A poster has been received from Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service who organise the training and this will be posted on: Walton Facebook Page, Village Noticeboards, Village Hall and the Reading Room. It will also be added to the next newsletter in August.

TB / JF / CT

956/17 Council Matters and Agenda Items for Future Meetings

None

957/17 Correspondence

None

958/17 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 10th July 2017 in the Village Hall, Walton at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm