

**WALTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017** in The Reading Room, Walton at 7.30pm.

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

**In Attendance:** City Cllr S Bowman, and 3 members of the public.

**Apologies:** County Cllr J Mallinson

**Action**

**975/17 Minutes of Previous Meetings Held**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be agreed and signed as a true record.

**976/17 Requests for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensations were received.

**977/17 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

**978/17 Public Participation**

**978.1)** City Cllr Bowman informed the meeting that:

RAF Spadeadam is being granted Freedom of the City.

The Boundary Commission are looking at reducing the number of councillors and holding elections every 4 years rather than annually.

It is intended that a charge of £30 per annum will be charged for the collection of green waste in the future. This charge is in addition to existing council tax charges.

**978.2)** Correspondence regarding the progress with the pub was read out to all. The matter has now been relisted for the end of October.

**978.3)** A member of the public raised the issue of wandering cattle off the moss onto other people's land. They expressed their concern for possible TB and F&M cross contamination and the increased risk of accidents on the road. It was agreed that cattle grids would be a good way to control the stock. The County Council would need to grant permission for these. Natural England have already been approached regarding funding with no success. There is a suggestion that those who have access to using the moss pay a percentage of the cost.

**Agreed** that a proposal for how many grids are required and where they should be situated should be put together.

Signed (Chairman):.....

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**Agreed** that a letter will be sent to the Highways Department asking whether they will accept liability for an accident that occurs on the road due to the fact that the cattle are not contained by a cattle grid. The question of why other places with common land appear to have these installed yet Walton doesn't will also be asked. Cllr Bowman suggested contacting Cllr Mallinson to ask who is the most appropriate person at the Highways Department to contact.

CT

**979/17 Village Pub**

**Agreed** that the Council will be contacted by phone to request a formal response to our letters.

CT

**980/17 Village Green and Common Land**

**980.1) Village Green Inspections**

**Noted** that the recent inspection reports have been completed.

**980.2) Repair of the green by rolling it**

**Noted** that the green is considered to be too wet now for this to be an option until next spring.

**980.3) Progress Report on Tree Maintenance**

**Noted** that Talkin Trees have completed the work and issued their invoice. Some of the smaller trees still need pruning in the lower branches.

**Agreed** that this will be completed by the councillors on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Cllrs

**980.4) Play Area Operational Inspection Report**

**Noted** All items were deemed to be low risk.

**Agreed** that the goal posts will be pegged down on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Noted** that some of the ground matting needs to be repaired with cable ties.

**Agreed** to confirm with the insurers how many inspections are required per annum and to reduce with The Play Inspection Company if the contract agreement allows.

Cllrs

CT

**980.5) Email received regarding straying livestock**

**Noted** that this item was covered by earlier discussions.

**980.6) Drainage Issues**

**Noted** that a drain has collapsed in the village which will be reported online by Cllr Fowler.

JF

**981/17 Planning Matters**

None received.

**982/17 Outside Bodies**

**Walton Village Hall Management Committee –**

- **Noted** that their thanks were passed on for all the help with the Music on the Green event held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017. £250 was raised for the village hall. The next main event will be held before Christmas.

Signed (Chairman):.....

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**Save our Pub –**

- This issue has been covered in other discussions during the meeting.

**983/17 Financial Matters****983.1) Bank Account Access**

**Noted** that online bank access has now been granted.

**983.2) Accounts Reconciliation**

**Noted** that following the online access to the bank accounts, the accounts have been reconciled to the year end 2016-17 and to date for 2017-18.

**983.3) Annual Return**

**Resolved** that the finance figures have been added to the annual audit return document. Following it being checked by an independent person it will be submitted.

CT / JF

**984/17 Other Matters****984.1) Heartstart Training**

**Noted** that 11 people have booked on to the course being held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**984.2) Letter received regarding Road Signage**

**Resolved** that a reply will be sent to the parishioner acknowledging that the points made were agreed to be valid but explaining that the Parish Council are unable to erect signs.

CT

**984.3) Repair required to the Village Clock**

**Noted** that the clock is now repaired and the person who undertakes the winding will be informed of this.

CT

**984.4) Household Emergency Planning Leaflets**

**Resolved** that they will be distributed alongside the next newsletter.

Cllrs

**984.5) Letter received regarding Foot Paths & Stiles**

**Resolved** that the email will be forwarded to "Countryside Access" and the person will be informed of this.

CT

**985/17 Council Matters and Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

**Noted** that Contractors appear to be driving too fast through the village.

**986/17 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in The Reading Room, Walton at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed (Chairman):.....

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