

Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Village Hall MONDAY, 9th January, 2023

Present: Councillors: - Armstrong (TAA) Hodgson (RH), Hogg (BH), Mark (TM), Matthews (SM), Mounsey (TMO), Shaw (GS), and Wilkinson (WW).

CLERK/RFO and 2 Members of the Public.

- 001/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies for absence received from Councillors, Armstrong and Hogg.
- 002/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** - The clerk had received no requests since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 003/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.
- 004/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – A member of the public in attendance asked that the Parish Council report the issue of a sinkhole appearing to the South of the Play Area on the Village Green. **RESOLVED** Clerk to contact Highways as soon as possible to report the problem.
- 005/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS** - Bank reconciliations were identical to previously provided as there were no transactions since the last meeting. There were no items of expenditure to approve. It was also **RESOLVED** that from the new Tax year the payments to the Clerk would be aligned to the bi-monthly Council meetings.
- 006/23 NEWSLETTER** – As previously determined the Council would like the Newsletter to be distributed by easter 2023 to include information regarding the Coronation and the Village Open event which whilst Open would be limited in nature to Parishioners.
- 007/23 CORRESPONDENCE and LITERATURE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK** – the Clerk informed Council that the newly appointed External Auditors would be – Moore of Peterborough.
The Clerk also reported the opportunity to ask the local grass cutting tenderer to quote for the work on the Play area and this was agreed. The Clerk also explained that there were funds that would be left over from the Play area commitments. There was discussion but no conclusion on using remaining funds to erect a picket fence as has happened at other local play areas.
The Clerk also highlighted the fact that cost of an election is still expected to be found from Parish funds. Because there was no clarity on the process for nominations for May 2023, the Clerk was asked to check with the electoral officer at Carlisle and report back to Councillors by email.
- 008/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)** –
Tuesday 14th March 2023 Walton Village Hall 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 16th May 2023 Walton Village Hall after the Annual Parish Meeting.