

Minutes of Extra – Ordinary WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Village Hall TUESDAY, 7th February, 2023

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

CLERK/RFO and 2 Members of the Public.

009/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence received from Councillor Mark.

010/23 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.

011/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

012/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

A member of the public in attendance asked that the Parish Council update the issue of the sinkhole appearing to the South of the Play Area on the Village Green. The Clerk reported that this had been brought to the attention of Cumbria County Council by both Councillor Hodgson and himself verbally and by virtue of submission on the Highways Repair Hotline. **RESOLVED** Clerk to contact Highways as soon as possible to chase up the request about a solution to the problem.

A member of the public asked the Council regarding the future provision of Electric Charging in the village. **RESOLVED** This issue to be placed on the Agenda for the first meeting of the 2023 Elected Council in June 2023.

A member of the public enquired about the situation regarding training in the use of the Defibrillator. After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk would investigate who are the owners and therefore responsible for the Defibrillator, spares and maintenance and bring the information to the next Council meeting.

013/23 It was **RESOLVED** to:

(a) Allow the celebration of the Coronation on the Village Green over the weekend of 6th/7th May and the erection of the Village Hall marquee. Unanimous.

(b) Arrange for the grass cutting to take place w/c 1st May i.e. in advance of the erection of the marquee. **RESOLVED** Clerk to contact the grass cutting contractor to arrange.

Coronation - Fruit Tree Planting after much debate and discussion it was **RESOLVED** to allow the planting of 10 fruit trees within the confines of the Village Green, close to the road between Friars Garth and Holly Garth. Majority decision

Coronation - Parish Council Financial contribution was **RESOLVED** unanimously to be £500 with the Proper Officer to arrange for the requisite paperwork to be forthcoming from the recipient organisation.

Village Hall - Replacement Windows issue was **RESOLVED** not to offer any financial contribution unless this was asked for at which point the Council will reconsider.

014/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14th March 2023 Walton Village Hall 7.00 p.m.