

# Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL Annual meeting held TUESDAY, 11th July, 2023

Present: Councillors: - Armstrong, Hodgson, Hogg, Matthews, Shaw and Weaver.

In attendance: - Clerk, 1 member of the public (EB)

**023/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – RESOLVED** no apologies for absence were received.

**024/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – RESOLVED** No requests were received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

**025/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – RESOLVED** No declarations by elected members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

## **026/23 MINUTES**

**026/23.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH MAY 2023 – RESOLVED** To authorise the Chairman sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2023.

## **027/23 MATTERS ARISING**

**027/23.1** A draft donations policy was circulated for members to consider and forward suggested alterations to the Clerk prior to ratification at the next council meeting.

**027/23.2** The Clerk update members on the issue of revising the Cheque signatories which is still ongoing.

**027/23.3** Cllr Hogg reported that he had cleared the undergrowth from around the Notice Board at Nickie Hill and that the Board was functioning correctly.

**027/23.4** Council approved an element of cost for the Clerk to undertake ILCA – CILCA training (proportions to be brought to Council in line with work Clerk does for other parishes) Link for Councilor training with CALC is [www.calc.org.uk](http://www.calc.org.uk)

**027/23.5** After a long discussion on the outcome of information gathering regarding the Play Area safety, the Clerk was instructed to procure some signage. This to be in the form of parental responsibility disclaimer notices, no parking in this area, and dogs must be on leads.

**027/23.6** Given the history of tension between the owner of the hedge in which the finger post sign is placed, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would contact the Unitary Authority to determine who is the owner of the post and land on which it is placed and how the Parish Council can protect its heritage by repairing and retaining for future use.

**027/23.7** **RESOLVED** the Clerk would commence the process of Co-option with the Unitary Authority by placing Notices in the Notice Boards.

## **028/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

EB gave an update on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee regarding proposed building works and expressed thanks to Council members who helped with the recent Parish event on the Village Green. No report from Unitary Authority representative.

**029/23 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – A brief discussion to place with regard to Leaps Rigg solar farm which was no going through the planning stage and the clerk was directed to add a view from the council regarding traffic management of the project.  
The item will be a semi-permanent feature on the agenda until such time as the site is commissioning.

**030/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS** - Expenditure on the schedule was approved, Budget v Actual reports were distributed together with an up-to-date Bank Reconciliation.

**031/23 CORRESPONDENCE AND LITERATURE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK** – Council had a short debate about Affordable Housing in Rural Areas and determined that the subject would be best left until after the next General Election.  
The clerk was asked to inform Walton and Less Hill School that the issue of Road Safety outside the school should be dealt with by the Unitary Authority but that the Clerk could assist in signposting the school to the Highways website.  
A further update with regard to the Defibrillator will be placed on the next Agenda.

**032/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – September 19th 2023 Village Hall, Walton, 7.30pm

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**