

## WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Walton Parish Council was held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** John Evans, Alan T Armstrong, Alan F Armstrong and Simon Wood.

**In Attendance:** Ian Bullough, Robin Graham, Pam Cronin, Isobel Newing, Mel Warwick, Jill Smith, John Smith, Beryl Glendinning, Geoff Bell, Kathleen Bell, Brian Davidson, Maureen Norman, Mora Mark, Craig Ross, Anne Fisher, Margaret Winter, Fraser Winter, Ian Hogg, John Robinson, Tom Winter, Tommy Mark, Michael Armstrong, Ivan Whetton, Jackie Davies, MJ Harris, Betty Spiers, Austen Davies, Linda Wilson, Clive Wilson and Rodney Hodgson.

**Apologies:** Jonathan Fowler, Tom Brocklebank, Gordon Kyle, Robert Ridley and County Councillor Lawrence Fisher.

**Action**

**430/12 Minutes Of Meeting Held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

**Resolved** to authorise the Chair to sign as a correct record.

**431/12 Declarations Of Interest**

Councillor Wood declared an interest in agenda item 434/12.

**432/12 Public Participation**

The Chair issued a statement regarding the purpose of the meeting, namely that the Parish Council had been asked by the Planning Inspectorate to comment on the appeal that had been made by Mr Davies against the enforcement action the City Council were taking against him. He explained that the Parish Council response to the appeal would be discussed in private due to being asked to keep the content confidential but public opinions would be received first.

A lengthy discussion followed and topics included:

- The length of time the building has been closed as a pub.
- Concerns that parishioners were not being informed by the Parish Council as to the content of the enforcement. Mr Davies responded to this point and explained that there were three points to the action:
  1. That two chiller units had been placed in the garden area without consent
  2. That planning permission had not been applied for a change of use from public house to food processing unit
  3. That a self-contained residence had been formed which was prohibited if the pub was not open

In summary it meant that the appeal had nothing to do with the closure of the building as a pub and nothing to do with it re-opening as a pub.

- Discussions were held regarding the nature of the food processing and whether the business commenced before the public house closed and

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whether this was relevant.

- A query was raised as to whether the status of being a pub would be lost if it was closed for a certain number of years – this is to be investigated.
- Mr Davies was asked whether he would sell the pub as an ongoing business for a price determined by an independent valuation of the building and the business. Mr Davies rejected this suggestion but confirmed he would be receptive to market value/realistic offers.
- It was suggested and agreed by majority vote of the public that the Parish Council should work to prevent a meat processing business being run from the pub.
- It was suggested and agreed by majority vote of the public that the Parish Council support the City Council in their enforcement action and that their end goal would be to have a public house open in the village.
- Concerns were raised over the state of the car park. The Chair explained that this had been looked at by the City Council but could be raised again with them and Mr Davies.
- Various other points included the history of how the public house/B&B business had come to close; whether the fireplace was still in the building and the hostility that was felt by the current owners by some locals.
- It was pointed out that the property and business was owned by Mr Davies and no one could tell him how to run his business.

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#### 433/12 Social Committee Use of Village Green

The Council **resolved** that the Social Committee's use of the Village Green for a rounders match and social event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August be approved

#### 434/12 Centurion Inn Enforcement Appeal

It was firstly **resolved** that the press and public be excluded for this part of the meeting. Councillor Wood also left.

Discussions were held regarding the three points of the enforcement and appeal, taking into account public views. It was **resolved** to support the City Council in their enforcement and write to the Planning Inspectorate in view of this.

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#### 435/12 Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Walton Parish Council will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Agenda items for this meeting should be submitted to the Clerk no later than Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

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