

Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Village Hall TUESDAY, 12th July, 2022

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

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING COUNCILLOR HOGG DECLARED THAT ANY DECISIONS TAKEN WOULD BE UNLAWFUL AS THE REQUISITE 3 CLEAR DAYS FOR AGENDAS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COUNCILLORS WAS NOT ADHERED TO.

IT WAS DETERMINED BY COUNCILLORS PRESENT THAT THE MEETING SHOULD CONTINUE BUT ANY DECISIONS TAKEN WOULD NEED TO BE RATIFIED AND ENDORSED AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

062/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – No apologies for absence.

063/22 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.

064/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

065/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 2022 were agreed as accurate and were to be signed at the next meeting.

066/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Informative presentation from Solar Farm Developer OPDENERGY with regard to the proposed development at Leaps Rigg.

The Developer was asked to provide the Clerk with details of the community funding made available to Parish/Town Councils in other areas where the developer has established Solar panel installations.

No reports were received from City or County Councillors.

066/22 PLANNING APPLICATION for White Hill Farm already responded

067/22 JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY – GS updated members on the success of the Afternoon Tea on the Sunday of the Jubilee Weekend and Council resolved to donate the remaining items left over, together with the purchased Tea/Coffee Pumps and mugs to Helen Armstrong for future use to the benefit of the Parish.

068/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

BANK RECONCILIATION TO 30.06.22 – provided by the Clerk.

EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE – That the Council approve the expenditure detailed.

INCOME – all anticipated income had been received except the Grant for the Play area covered at the item below.

069/22 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS – GS commented that during this financial year 2022/23, it appears that there is an unusual number of grant opportunities available to local communities and organisations. One reason is the expiry of the current local authorities. As in the past, the Council may well be approached to assist and

support grant funding applications.

070/22 PARISH PLAN – discussion of the survey outcome and next steps took place. GS outlined the fact that the Community Led Plan Group on which Parish councillors are present had already made some tentative plans to take some of the environment and sustainability issues forward and might be looking for Parish Council help in future particularly around Grant applications. Of particular note is the Community Day set for Sunday 21st August.

071/22 PLAY AREA – Play Area Grant application had been successful to the amount of £4200 which can be accessed after completion of a legal agreement between the Parish Council and Carlisle City Council. Clerk to provide contract to GS for signing.

072/22 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – appointments to be determined by Council and confirmed at the next meeting. GS to correspond with Emma Brocklebank (Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee) with regard to the dates of meetings etc.

073/22 WALTON GUIDEBOOK PROJECT – GS gave an update regarding the Project and asked for Council support.

074/22 CLERK /RFO REPORT – verbal update from the Clerk including request for Council to determine how the Legacy funds should be deployed. No agreement on this as yet.

RESOLVED that, as discussed previously the funds in conjunction with the new grant available i.e. £4,200 should be used to secure the goods and services necessary to restore the Play Area to its original state including the See Saw (Hip Hop)

RESOLVED The RFO to move the funds from the Play Area account with the Cumberland Building Society into the Deposit account and close the Play Area account.

Walton Village Green cutting dates were confirmed and Council,

RESOLVED to continue to pursue details on ownership of the Land adjacent to the entrance to the Village from Brampton and also after studying the Land Registry document relating to the Village Green the Clerk was asked to complete further investigations into land ownership of the area now utilised as the Play Area.

Parish Council determined that there was no need at this stage to consider setting up a regular Parish Council Surgery.

075/22 GRASS CUTTING 2023/2024 ONWARDS - Contract and Finance position was discussed in light of certain disquiet arising from the Parish Survey, Parishioners comments and Council members. The key point is that it is very likely that any future contract will be considerably more expensive. To maintain the current level of cutting would mean additional funding that could only be obtained through an increase in the Parish precept.

RESOLVED Clerk will add a Council Statement regarding the Contract and Finance position to the September Newsletter to seek Parishioners views. The Council will need to hold an additional meeting in October to ensure the tendering process is time-managed adequately.

076/22 CORRESPONDENCE and LITERATURE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

Update letter from external auditors confirming receipt of AGAR documents.

Highways response to Parking issue - ongoing
The Archaeological Practice – Walton Village Atlas to take place 15th July 2022.

077/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 13TH 2022 Walton Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.45

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

065/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 2022 – TO BE SIGNED BY GS

067/22 RESOLVED to donate the remaining items left over, together with the purchased Tea/Coffee Pumps and mugs to Helen Armstrong for the benefit of the Parish.

068/22 RESOLVED that the Council approve the expenditure detailed.

070/22 PARISH PLAN – COUNCIL TO RESOLVE what help to give the Groups.

071/22 PLAY AREA – Confirmation of Contract agreement with Carlisle City Council for Grant monies of £4,200 to be utilised by 31/3/2023.

073/22 WALTON GUIDEBOOK PROJECT – Confirmation of Council approval.

074/22 Confirmation of the resolutions.

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