

**WALTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Walton Parish Council was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** John Evans, Alan T Armstrong, Alan F Armstrong, Robert Ridley, Jonathan Fowler and Tom Brocklebank.

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Lawrence Fisher, City Councillor Syd Bowman, Fraser Winter, Brian Hogg, and Brian Davidson.

**Apologies:** Gordon Kyle and Simon Wood.

**Action**

**436/12 Minutes Of Meeting Held Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012**  
**Resolved** to authorise the Chair to sign as a correct record.

**437/12 Declarations Of Interest**  
Councillor Evans declared an interest in all items relating to Walton Village Hall.

**438/12 Reports From Police/City/County Councillors**  
No police were present however the newsletter will be displayed on the notice board in due course. **CLERK**

County Councillor Fisher reported that the application from the Village Hall Committee was currently being considered (after being reduced from £2000 to £1500 by the Officer) and was expected to be approved this week. He also reported that due to changes in the County Council boundaries, Walton would be moving into the Houghton and Irthington District and so Councillor John Mallinson would be taking over. The Chair thanked Councillor Fisher for all of his work for the parish to date.

City Councillor Bowman reported news from the City Council including the purchase of further cleaning equipment for the City centre. He also offered support to the Reading Room project – details of costs are to be forwarded to him. **CLERK**

**439/12 Public Participation**  
Mr Hogg enquired as to whether more regular grass cutting on the village green is necessary due to its poor condition. Discussions were held regarding the frequency of the cutting (once every two weeks where possible) and the recent inclement weather conditions. It was agreed that the Green appeared to be cut better when Mr Colville himself was undertaking the work and a request for him to improve the quality of his employee's work is to be made. Discussions were also held as to whether drains adjacent to Orchard House may be sinking as the level of the ground was visibly lower. **CLERK**

Mr Winter raised concerns as to whether any action could be taken against suspected speeding vehicles in the village. The Chair explained that the police findings had previously not indicated any speeding problem however they could be asked again to monitor speeds and take any necessary action. Discussions **CLERK**

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were held regarding the Speedwatch scheme that operates in Brampton however the preliminary CLP findings had shown that very few parishioners were interested in helping run this scheme in Walton.

**440/12 Clerks Report**

The following report had been previously circulated and was noted:

**Tree Inspection** –Work remains on-going to appoint a responsible person to inspect the trees regularly.

**JE**

**Community Led Plan** – No further progress has been made with analysing results. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

**Defibrillator** – Councillor Brocklebank is continuing to research grant funding for a community defibrillator.

**TB**

**441/12 Reading Room Trust Deed**

Documentation had been received from Burnetts solicitors in regards to the transfer of the reading room from the existing individual trustees to the Parish Council. After consideration it was **resolved** that:

- a) Agree entry into the conveyance and nomination of the Chair and Vice-Chair to execute the deed on behalf of the Parish Council
- b) Authority to register the conveyance at the Land Registry.

**442/12 Standards Committee**

Information regarding the above had been previously circulated however no councillors wished to be nominated to the above Carlisle City Council committee.

**443/12 Village Hall**

There was no information to report.

**444/12 Save Our Pub**

Councillor Wood was absent from the meeting therefore no update was provided. Councillor Evans did report that he had been informed that there were no plans to open as a public house in the imminent future.

**445/12 Broadband**

Councillor Brocklebank reported that there was only one company still in the running to provide faster broadband to the county. He explained the County Council had undertaken lots of work to ensure that rural areas are supported however speeds vary depending on a lot of factors including time of day, provider and individual computers. Further information is available on the Connecting Cumbria website.

**446/12 Social Committee**

Councillor Wood was absent from the meeting therefore no update was provided

**447/12 Jubilee Tree**

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A plaque has been erected adjacent to the Jubilee tree thanking the Parish Council for its provision. Mrs Clover has provided this and a note of thanks is to be sent to her for her work in this matter.

CLERK

**448/12 Grass Cutting**

This matter had been fully covered under public participation. As a separate matter it was explained that the land that is being maintained but still under County Council ownership is still in the process of being transferred. Discussions were held regarding whether the Parish Council should be chasing them for transfer of the land or charging them for the maintenance in the meantime.

CLERK

**449/12 12/0516 – Barn at Kingbank, Walton, CA8 2DH - Change Of Use And Extension Of Former Poultry Shed To Form Bunk House And Café**

It was noted that permission had been granted. Disappointment was expressed that Carlisle City Council had chosen to ignore the Parish Council's objection to driving over the Village Green and the matter would now become a civil one between the property and the Parish Council. Consideration was therefore to be given as to whether a solicitor would be needed and will further discussion.

**450/12 12/0476 – Walton Village Hall, Walton, CA8 2DJ – Change of Use to Village Hall/Tea Room.**

It was noted that permission had been granted with limitations on the opening hours.

**451/12 12/0656 – Guards Hill, Walton, CA8 2EB - Erection Of Single Storey Extension To Provide 2no. Bedrooms Together With Replacement Of Flat Roof With Pitched Roof**

**Resolved** that no representation be made on the above application.

**452/12 Centurion Inn Enforcement Action Appeal**

No response had been made to the appeal or enforcement action to date. The Chair had spoken with the land owner regarding the plot of land formerly known as the car park.

**453/12 Accounts to end August 2012**

The accounting statement was circulated and noted. It was noted that the precept will be to set at the next parish council meeting and the Chair asked that all Councillors read the relevant reports prior to this meeting.

**454/12 Accounts Payable**

The following receipts were noted:

- £30 Adam Pate (Advert)
- £10 Gillian Whiteford (Advert)
- £710 City council (Concurrent services grant)

**Resolved:** to authorise the following expenditure:

- £136.72 Sarah Kyle September 2012 (salary)
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- £150.38 Sarah Kyle (reimbursements)
- £300.00 CGM (Grass cutting June)
- £150.00 CGM (Grass cutting July)
- £300.00 CGM (Grass cutting August)
- £18.00 Irthing Joinery (noticeboard repairs)

#### 455/12 Council Matters and Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Bench - Councillor Ridley reported that a garden bench in good condition had been offered to the Parish – the CLP team were to consult their results to find out locations that seating had been requested in.
- Notice board - The new noticeboard is due for imminent delivery for siting in the Nickies Hill area.
- Grants - Funding from Councillor Fisher may be available and consideration for eligible projects is to be given.
- Brampton and Beyond - Contact is to be made with this group as concerns were expressed that information is not being widely circulated to parishes being represented by them.

CLERK

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#### 456/12 Correspondence

The following were noted:

- CPCA Joint Minutes 18 June 2012
- Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
- Use of rebated fuel for Gritting Rural Areas Consultation (5 October deadline)
- Payments by Town and Paris Councils Consultation (now closed)
- Safeguarding Public Money Documents
- Dispensation Request Documentation (CALC)
- Code of Conduct Dispensations Advice (CALC)
- Cumbria Local Healthwatch Consultation (now closed)
- Brampton & Beyond AGM Notice and Trustee nomination forms
- Commentary on Final MWRS Report (CALC)
- CALC Letter to Leaders RE: MWRS
- Local Government Boundary Commission Final Recommendations
- Local News and Views (Cumbria County Council)
- Election of Police and Crime Commissioner Notification

#### 457/12 Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Walton Parish Council will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Agenda items for this meeting should be submitted to the Clerk no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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