

MINUTES of a VIRTUAL MEETING of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs G. Shaw (Chairman), A. Armstrong, B Hogg, D. Lockhart, T. Mark, T. Mounsey and S. Wood.

In Attendance: Clerk

Action

052/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note apologies for absence were received and agreed from:-

Councillor Brocklebank.
County Councillor Mallinson.
City Councillors Shepherd and Tarbitt.

053/20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

054/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were invited to record their interests:-

RESOLVED to note that no declarations of interest were made.

055/20 MINUTES -

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2020 WERE SUBMITTED

RESOLVED to confirm as a true and accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2020. The minutes would be signed by the Chairman at the next face to face meeting. **GS**

056/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

056/20.1 TRAFFIC CONCERNS

RESOLVED to note that an email received from a visitor to the play area raising concerns at speeding vehicles would be an item on the next agenda.

056/20.1 CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

RESOLVED to note that there were no City or County Councillors in attendance and no written reports had been submitted.

057/20 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

RESOLVED to note there were no applications to be considered.

058/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

058/20.1 BANK RECONCILIATION TO 26.10.20

There was submitted a report by the Clerk on the reconciliation of the Council's financial records with its bank account statements.

RESOLVED to receive and note the bank reconciliation and balance to 26th October 2020 of £13,937.36.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date.....

058/20.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

There was submitted a report by the Clerk detailing expenditure to approve.

RESOLVED to authorise the following expenditure for payment:-

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Cheque number
£222.00	J. Calvert	Grass cutting	000093
£51.59	I. Whetton (one.com)	Website	000094
	Above items ratified	Item below approved	
£222.00	J. Calvert	Grass cutting	000095

058/20.3 PRECEPT 221/2022

A draft budget statement was submitted to the meeting in order that members could agree the precept for the financial year 2021/22.

RESOLVED unanimously after discussion, (proposed by Councillor Lockhart and seconded by Councillor Shaw) that the precept for 2021/22 would be increased by 3% to £7,725.00. The Clerk would inform the City Council.

Clerk

058/20.4 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2020/2022

Consideration was given to the report submitted by the Clerk regarding the recent pay award agreed at the National Joint Council for Local Government Services for the financial year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

RESOLVED to note the award and agree the implementation of the Clerk's salary from 1st April 2020 at £10.44 per hour.

059/20 SLCC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk reported on the recent virtual SLCC National Conference and the webinars attended.

060/20 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**060/20.1 CARAVAN ON VILLAGE GREEN**

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Lockhart reported that the caravan on the village green would be moved in due course.

061/20 PLAY AREA

Councillor Hogg reported that the seesaw equipment had been removed as the safety surfacing was not fit for purpose. Missing caps on the swings had been replaced, the blue pod seat had been raised but the roundabout needed to be looked at again. All areas of safety surfacing needed to be looked at.

RESOLVED to note that work to the play area was ongoing.

062/20 COMMUNITY ASSET

RESOLVED to note the email received from Councillor Tarbitt that there was nothing to add at the moment. The matter would be on the next agenda as members have tried on numerous occasions to find out more information but nothing has been received.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date.....

063/20 MEMORIAL BENCHES

The Clerk submitted a draft memorial bench policy, requested at the July meeting and deferred from the September meeting.

RESOLVED that a memorial bench policy was not required and that applications would be considered as they were received. The current applicant would be informed that a bench would have to be made from recycled material, siting and ongoing maintenance was the responsibility of the applicant and that a plaque design and bench location was required to be submitted for approval. **Clerk**

064/20 GRASS CUTTING

Members reviewed the grass cutting contract.

RESOLVED that the contract would be for 1 year and that all contractors would meet with a councillor so that there were no misunderstandings as to which areas of the village green were included.

065/20 DOGS

The Clerk had circulated information on Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO), dogs on leads and dog fouling to members prior to the meeting.

A member reported on the numerous complaints received about dog fouling and dogs off leads on the village green, which was discussed at length. Members suggested that signage was required and matters should be carried out properly.

RESOLVED that the play area would be designated as a PSPO. The Clerk would contact the City Council for further advice. **Clerk**

066/20 CALC

The following correspondence from CALC was received and noted:-

066/20.1 NALC RESPONSE TO PLANNING CONSULTATION

066/20.2 CPCA AGM DRAFT MINUTES

066/20.3 LED STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

066/20.4 COVID-19 UPDATE

066/20.5 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

066/20.6 UPDATE RE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

066/20.7 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

066/20.8 STANDARD MATTER 2: PUBLIC CONSULTATION & PUBLIC SECTOR SURVEYS

067/20 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence had been received:-

067/20.1 HOW TO SAVE A LIFE – Email from North West Ambulance Service.

067/20.2 FORESTRY INVESTMENT ZONE UPDATE– Email from Implementation Officer.

067/20.3 WORKING TOGETHER SERVICE CARLISLE DISTRICT – Email from Service Officer.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date.....

068/20 LITERATURE AVAILABLE FROM CLERK –

RESOLVED to note the following literature was available from the Clerk:-

068/20.1 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS – 9th October 2020.

069/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next virtual meeting would be held on Tuesday 5th January 2020 at 7.00pm and called by electronic summons unless there were changes to the Covid-19 regulations permitting public gatherings.

070/20 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 - To consider resolving, in terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, (contract terms) it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.

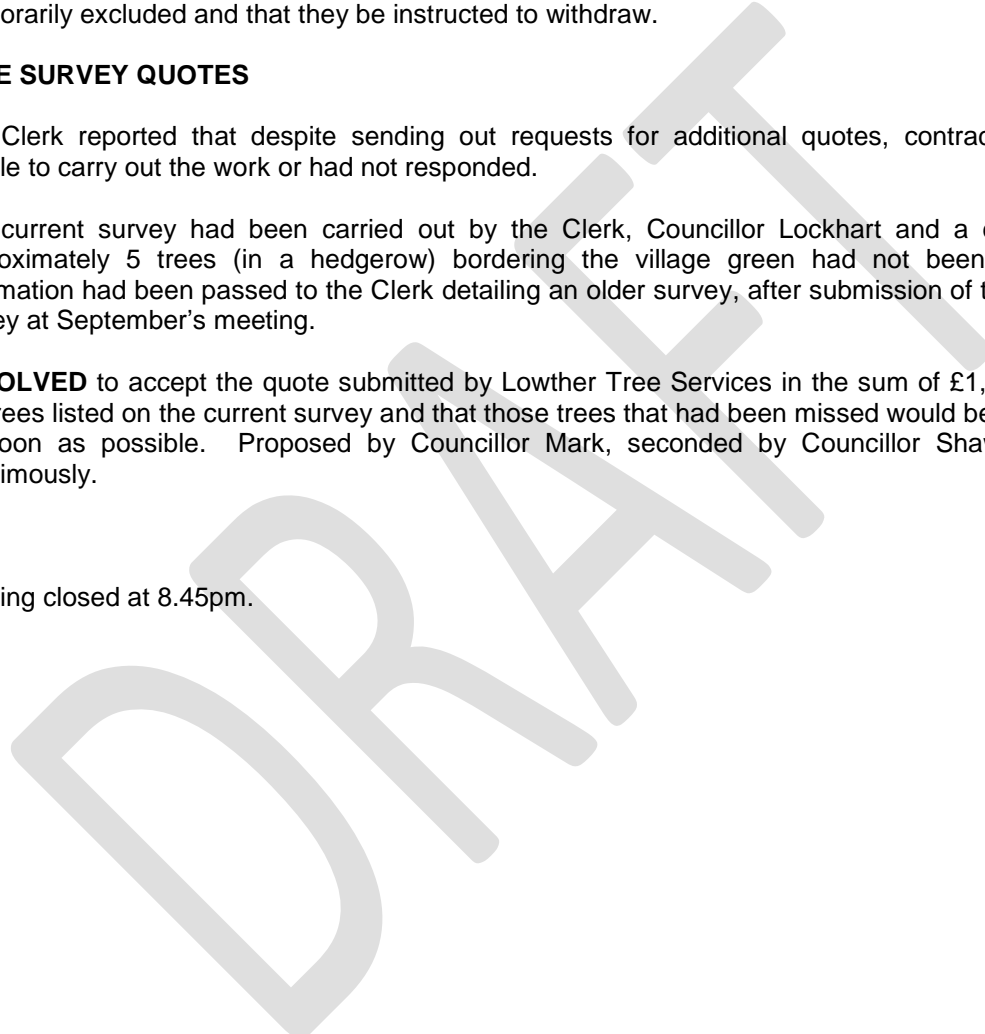
071/20 TREE SURVEY QUOTES

The Clerk reported that despite sending out requests for additional quotes, contractors were unable to carry out the work or had not responded.

The current survey had been carried out by the Clerk, Councillor Lockhart and a contractor. Approximately 5 trees (in a hedgerow) bordering the village green had not been included. Information had been passed to the Clerk detailing an older survey, after submission of the current survey at September’s meeting.

RESOLVED to accept the quote submitted by Lowther Tree Services in the sum of £1,500.00 for the trees listed on the current survey and that those trees that had been missed would be surveyed as soon as possible. Proposed by Councillor Mark, seconded by Councillor Shaw, agreed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.



Signed (Chairman):.....

Date.....