

**MINUTES of a VIRTUAL MEETING of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.00pm.**

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

**In Attendance:** Allen Dawes (new clerk) plus one member of the public.

**Action**

**095/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

Councillors Mark and Mounsey.

**REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

**096/20 RESOLVED** to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**097/20** Councillors were invited to record their interests:

**RESOLVED** to note that no declarations of interest were made.

**098/20 MINUTES -**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 WERE SUBMITTED**

**RESOLVED** to confirm as a true and accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The minutes would be signed by the Chairman at the next face to face meeting. **GS**

**099/20 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK**

**RESOLVED** to formally agree to appoint Allan Dawes as Clerk with immediate effect, following the resignation of Allison Riddell on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**100/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

**100/20.1 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.

**101/20 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING**

**RESOLVED** to note there were no applications to be considered.

**102/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**102/20.1 BANK RECONCILIATION TO 22.02.21**

This information was not available at the time of the meeting. Councillor Brocklebank circulated the balances by email following the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to receive and note the bank reconciliation and balance to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 of £5,106.46.

**102/20.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE**

None.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date.....

**103/20 PARISH PLAN**

Noted that this is being considered at present. Agreed that it should be explained in the plan, that any work done comes at a cost. **GS / TB**

**104/20 PLAY AREA**

Councillors went through the recent Play Area Report from the inspection on 10 November 2020. It was noted that the overall risk assessment was "10 Low Risk" and no individual piece had a higher risk score than 10. Using this document, the following was discussed:

- Page 6, Site General – the cable ties have now been removed.
- Page 6, bench – monitor, but it has recently been replaced.
- Page 7, Landscape feature – no remedy work required.
- Page 7, Picnic table – agreed that we had previously agreed to replace these, and work needs to now take place to make this happen. City and County Councillors had previously pledged finances to assist and the new Clerk would follow this up.
- Councillor Hogg said he would be prepared to also contribute financially, and he was thanked for his actions.
- Page 8, Activity trail – no remedy work required
- Page 8, Sweeping See-Saw – not currently in place as it is at Councillor Hogg's. Agreed to action and assess the safe surfacing.
- Page 9, Multi Play – Councillor Hogg has replaced the bolt covers. Monitor generally, but Councillor Hogg also has some paint which can help with the rough and worn areas.
- Page 9, Spring horse – no remedy work required.
- Page 10, Cradle seats – plastic caps have been replaced, and seats to be monitored.
- Page 10, Basket swing – Councillor Hogg has corrected the height. Councillor Hogg also explained that the shackles do not contain "split pins" so the report is incorrect. Agreed to monitor.
- Page 11, Flat swing – no remedy work required.
- Page 11, Football goal – Agreed to monitor, and new clerk will look into the appropriate fixings.

Councillors Hogg and Brocklebank to meet at the park and discuss on Saturday. **BH / TB**

**105/20 VILLAGE GREEN**

**105/20.1** Noted and resolved that the caravan has been removed from the Village Green. Thanks to Councillors Armstong and Shaw for their assistance with this.

**105/20.2** Discussed at length the position regarding Roman House and Blackridge Barn, and parking across the track, but on the side of the road. Discussed the pros and cons of Parish Council involvement and whether it was relevant to us. Agreed we could see the issues but as we did not have any specific written request from the parishioner, there is as yet, nothing on which the Council can decide to act or not.

**106/20 CALC**

To note the email correspondence forwarded by Councillor Brocklebank. Further information can be found on CALC's website, which is very helpful.

**107/20 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE CLERK**

Read and noted. Census date noted, and it was agreed not to submit any response to the consultation regarding local government, as there was a strong feeling that Parishioners could express their own views.

**108/20 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

- Points to be included on the agenda for the next meeting:
- Blackridge Barn – any news or developments regarding the drainage on the village green?

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date.....

- Grass cutting – agreed to monitor the standard.
- Drainage on the village green and problems near the south of the village.
- Moles on the village green – Councillor Armstrong to deal with.

**109/20** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next virtual meeting would be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm and called by electronic summons unless there were changes to the Covid-19 regulations permitting public gatherings.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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Signed (Chairman):.....

Date.....