

# Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Village Hall TUESDAY, 9th November, 2021

Present: Councillors: - Hodgson (RH), Hogg (BH), Mark (TMa), Mounsey (TMo), Shaw (GS), Wilkinson (WW) and Wood (SW).

In attendance: - Clerk/RFO (AD). 1 member of the public (AK)

**062/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- None**

**063/21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – RESOLVED** No requests were received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

**064/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – RESOLVED** No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

**065/21 MINUTES**

**065/21.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021 – RESOLVED** To authorise the Chair sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2021.

**066/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AK** passed to Council a number of documents in support of her impassioned request for help in what appears to be an environmental issue regarding activity on what is considered to be Common Land.

After full consideration of the issues Council noted that legally it acts as custodian for the Village Green (boundaries recognised by Commons Registration Department of Cumbria County Council) but has no known legal jurisdiction beyond that. AK was recommended to seek information on ownership and/or custodianship of the land in question and the Clerk advised on where that might be held. If, on receipt of further information, AK asks the Parish Council for support in any actions she decides to take, then the Parish Council would consider its position at that stage.

**067/21 REPORTS –** No reports were received from City and County Councillors

**068/21 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS** None

**069/21 PARISH CLERK UPDATE –** Report presented and attached to the minutes

**069/21.1 RESOLVED** - Training progress noted

**070/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Bank reconciliations and Expenditure schedule were presented and are attached to the minutes. **RESOLVED –** Expenditure detailed in the Agenda was approved.

**071/21 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

None

**072/21 BUDGET PLAN 2022/2023**

**RESOLVED** Budget Plan for 2022/2023 was agreed

**073/21 PLAY AREA –** Council determined to repair and replace and re-instate to areas. **RESOLVED** Clerk is authorised to finalise costings and operator. After consideration, Councillors **RESOLVED** to remove the Hip hop on the grounds that it is uneconomic to repair and maintain and the continuing concern over damage to the ground if it were put back in place. Matters arising – GS to pursue additional funding to keep the Hip-Hop. Council noted the opportunity to add to the Play Area should funding allow at some future point. **RESOLVED** Clerk to investigate and to report back on Notice Boards for the Play Area that would cover disclaimers and user responsibilities.

- 074/21 PARISH PLAN** – Discussion centred around council representation on the “Group” established at the request of Councillors at a previous meeting to take forward the next iteration of the Parish Plan. Councillors were keen to maintain the concept of a Questionnaire (as used before). GS and RH to be the Council representatives and assist in the development.
- 075/21 DRAINS** – Update from Clerk on emergency works and management visit from United Utilities Report received and will be distributed after the meeting. **RESOLVED** Clerk to contact Cumbria County Council - Highways regarding issue in front of Walton Cottage.
- 076/21 CORRESPONDENCE AND LITERATURE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK** – Noted that the Clerk would continue to distribute (by e-mail ) relevant correspondence
- 077/21 NEWSLETTER - RESOLVED** - Clerk to organise a “New Year”/ Winter edition of the Newsletter along the same lines as the previous considering a move to A5 size and continuing to utilise the facility provided by Walton & Lees Hill Primary School in the printing.
- 078/21 CAR PARKING IN VILLAGE** – This was an opportunity for Councillors to reflect on the many representations and comments received regarding road safety and car parking in the village. The focus of the discussion was the issue of road safety around the Play Area and the adjacent road. There are also related issues about vehicles left overnight or for longer periods during the summer. It was reported that Police are aware of the issue in Walton and many other local villages but can do little. The Clerk reported on the legal difficulties around establishing permanent car parking using Village Green. It was noted that effectively “temporary” car parking has been established to one side of the Reading Room during the summer period.
- RESOLVED** Clerk to contact Highways regarding the road parking in front of the Village Hall and actions/restrictions that they could undertake in light of the clear safety risk.
- 080/21 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – NOTED** items for the next meeting should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 4th January 2022.
- 081/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Village Hall, Walton, 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40