

Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Village Hall TUESDAY, 8th March, 2022

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

In attendance: - Clerk/RFO (AD).

018/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- Councillor Mounsey (TMo) Sick

019/22 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.

020/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – RESOLVED No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

021/22 MINUTES

021/22.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2022 – RESOLVED To authorise the Chair sign, as a correct record, the amended minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2022.

022/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

023/22 REPORTS – No reports were received from City and County Councillors

024/22 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS None

025/22 CO-OPTION – after due consideration Steve Mathews was co-opted to the Council AD to e-mail and confirm meeting with Steve to discuss official documentation required.

026/22 PARISH CLERK UPDATE – No report as all updates were contained within the Agenda.

AD to bring to next meeting options paper and details of the benefits accrued to Parish Councils of employing a qualified Clerk.

027/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS -

026/22/1 Bank Balances and Bank Reconciliations were reported by AD.

026/22/2 Council approved all the expenditure as below -

71	Carlisle City Council	Play Area Report	£61.80
72	Cumbria Payroll Service	Payroll Service	£16.80
73	A Dawes	Clerks Wages	£407.33
74	HMRC	Tax Payment	£111.80
75	A Dawes	Expenses	£78.69

028/22 No unforeseen matters not requiring a decision were brought to Council.

029/22 DOG FOULING – Councillors discussed an email from Parishioners raising concerns about Dog Fouling.

There appear to be some areas where dog fouling is particularly bad. Councillors discussed options over “name and shame” and photographic evidence but decided that it was not yet appropriate to go down this route but that clarity on the legal position should be sought.

RESOLVED AD to get in touch with the DOG WARDEN service to see if a visit may deter owners. Also to investigate improved signage for the Village.

030/22 PLAY AREA –AD informed Council of the opportunity to avail itself of grant funding up to £5000 from Carlisle City Council.

RESOLVED AD to make Grant application to the maximum available for general repairs and replacement of the current equipment where needed, (hip hop) and general site and if possible, additional play area equipment as previously discussed. Council agreed to use the money remaining in the Play Area fund in addition to any new grant secured.

031/22 INSURANCE TENDER - AD reported that the Tender for its Insurances process was underway.

032/22 QUEENS JUBILEE – after lengthy discussion Council

RESOLVED to hold an event of the afternoon of Sunday the 5th June 2022 to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, this event would probably take the form of a judging a Cake Baking contest to the winning recipe in the national Competition currently in the latter stages, followed by an Afternoon Tea. Running alongside would be a Fancy dress Competition for Children (and any Adults so inclined).

All children (up to 18 years of age) will be given a Jubilee coin to commemorate the event, and an agreed Budget was set aside of £300 to purchase Jubilee coins and arrangements for the event, and a marquee will be erected for the day.

AD to investigate the possibility of a tree planting ceremony to take place co-temporaneous with Walton and Lees Hill Primary School during the afternoon.

Leaflet to go to all households explaining the event and arrangements for 5th June with a probable start of 3pm

A further discussion will be held at the Brewery on Friday 18th March 7pm to finalise arrangements and , communications. Councillors to actively seek others to help with arrangements and the event.

033/22 TRAINING – the report was deferred until the next meeting which will be in the new financial year.

034/22 CORRESPONDENCE – Discussion took place regarding the email request about Signpost restoration after a lengthy debate it was **RESOLVED** that AD would speak to DG (who initiated the request) and direct him in the first instance to the Highways Department.

Councillors discussed a range of concerns about “illegal” and “dangerous” parking in the Village and the apparent risks on some occasions.

RESOLVED AD to pursue options regarding signage and cones and summer time parking or other such methods as were legal. As this was considered urgent, Councillors would make decisions on actions to take before the end of March by email dialogue if necessary.

035/22 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – NOTED items for the next meeting should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 4th May 2022.

036/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10th May 2022, Village Hall, Walton, after the Conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.