

Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held in the Village Hall TUESDAY, 10th May, 2022

Present: Councillors: - Armstrong (TAA) Hodgson (RH), Hogg (BH), Matthews (SM), Mounsey (TMO) Shaw (GS).

In attendance: - Clerk/RFO (AD).

037/22 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – RESOLVED G Shaw duly elected.

038/22 RESOLVED That AD would provide document for GS to sign and Council would receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

039/22 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN – RESOLVED TA Armstrong duly elected. Vice Chairman.

040/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors TM and WW.

041/22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – None received

042/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

043/22 MINUTES

043/22.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2022 - the Chairman was to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2022.

044/22 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES – after much discussion regarding the lack of feedback and interaction between the Council and the Walton Village Hall Management Committee it was **RESOLVED** that GS would write (and telephone) to Emma Brocklebank (Chair of Walton Village Hall Management Committee) to discuss the nominations clause in the Deeds which determines that the Council should put forward 2 individuals onto the Committee.

045/22 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS were reviewed and adopted. standing orders and financial regulations. [Available on the Web-site]

046/22 CLERK / RFO REPORT – AD still to finalise paper relating to the benefits accrued to Parish Councils of employing a Qualified Clerk. Still considering options regarding Insurance arrangements. Also deferred the Training report to the next Council Meeting.

047/22 SUBSCRIPTIONS – RESOLVED To renew the Parish council's subscriptions for CALC and SLCC.

048/22 POLICY REVIEW – RESOLVED, all policies listed were reviewed and adopted for the coming year.

049/22 MEETING CALENDAR – RESOLVED agreed schedule of dates of future meetings.

050/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

051/22 REPORTS – No reports from City and County Councillors.

052/22 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS - No reports by representatives on Outside Bodies.

053/22 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS – No applications to be considered

054/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

054/22.1 INTERNAL AUDITOR – RESOLVED to re-appoint internal auditor Georgina Airey.

054/22.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE – RESOLVED expenditure on the schedule together with the inclusion of an Invoice from B Hogg for £750.00 (receipts still awaited) were approved and the Clerk instructed to make the payments.

055/22 S137 SPENDING – To note that there was no spending in the financial year to 31st March 2022 under s137.

056/22 EXTERNAL AUDITOR ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) 2021/2022 AND EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

056/22.1 RESOLVED To approve the Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31st March 2022.

056/22.2 RESOLVED To approve the Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2022

056/22.3 RESOLVED To authorise the Chairman to sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for year ending 31st March 2022.

056/22.4 RESOLVED To agree that Walton Parish Council can certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review and authorise the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Exemption to be submitted to the external auditor.

056/22.5 CHEQUE SIGNATORIES – TMo reminded of the need to present himself, with the Clerk/RFO to the Cumberland to be added to the list of signatures.

056/22.6 ASSETS – RESOLVED - that the assets register be approved and subject to the receipt of City Council Grant and subsequent works to the play area the schedule be updated.

056/22.7 LEGACY CHEQUE – RESOLVED to be placed in the Council Deposit account

057/22 COMMUNITY LED PLAN UPDATE – GS gave an update on the work and progress to date, noting that the next deadline was MIDSUMMER DAY which was for the return of completed surveys after which the Group would meet to ascertain the next steps in understanding the information gathered.

058/22 TRAINING – RESOLVED AD to bring options report to next meeting.

059/22 CORRESPONDENCE AND LITERATURE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK – after long discussion regarding the issue of Car Parking and after the Clerk/RFO had read out correspondence from CALC and a legal firm regarding the unlawfulness of even temporary arrangements to the Village Green, Council **RESOLVED** to put continuing pressure on the Highways Department to find a sensible solution to the issues of dangerous parking in the area around the Junction and in close proximity to the Play Area and Village Hall.

060/22 NEWSLETTER – RESOLVED next issue of Newsletter to be September.

061/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 12TH 2022 Walton Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.35