

Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held TUESDAY, 9th July, 2024

Present: Councillors: - Armstrong, Hodgson, Hogg, Shaw, Weaver and Wilkinson.

In attendance: - Clerk, Cllr Mallinson (Unitary Authority Member), and 1 Member of the Public

047/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. Matthews,

048/24 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.

049/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – RESOLVED No declarations by elected members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

050/24 MINUTES

050/24.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH MAY 2024 – RESOLVED
To authorise the Chairman sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2024.

051/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – the Member of the Public (MOP) asked the following questions and received the annotated responses.

Question 1 Who decides what items go into the parish meeting notes?

Response – The minutes of the Council Meeting are the responsibility of the Clerk and are published in Draft form on the Website and are ratified by Council at the subsequent meeting.

Question 2 Where does the Profit from the Village Hall go?

Response – This was a question that should be directed to the Village hall Management Committee whose details are held on the Parish Website.

Question 3 Does the parish council have any plans to open up the footpaths and restore all the missing foot path signs?

Response – Much of the signage in and around the Parish is not in the ownership of the Parish Council Footpath or otherwise, it would be inappropriate to consider this matter until a clear picture of who owns what in terms of all signs at a future date.

Question 4 What is the £10,000 earmarked legacy for?

Response – The Parish Council has determined at a previous meeting that those funds should primarily be used to assist in the preparation and potential start-up project costs for items under consideration for funding via any Community Improvement Grant available as a result of the Leaps Rigg Solar Farm development.

UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT – No report from Cllr Mallinson other than contributions to items elsewhere on the Agenda

REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) Cllrs Hogg and Hodgson reported attendance at the last meeting of the VHMC (Agenda and Draft unaudited accounts attached) and Cllr Hodgson tendered his resignation from the representation.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree representatives on the Walton Village Hall Management Committee as Cllrs Weaver and Hogg. The Clerk would ensure that Cllr. Weaver received the Agenda and Accounts.

052/24 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS – none to consider

053/24 FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk circulated Bank Reconciliations and Budget v Actual reports to council members for discussion to the end of June 2024.

No issues

Payments Authorised as follows:

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| Green Team – Grass cutting | £1,080.00 |
| Clerk – Wages and Expenses | £ 303.73 |
| HMRC – Income tax | £ 45.80 |

054/24 POLICY REVIEW –

RESOLVED To defer to the next meeting the review and/or adopt the following core policies

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

PUBLICATION SCHEME/FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

MEDIA AND PRESS POLICY

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

FRAUD/CORRUPTION DETECTION & PREVENTION POLICY

FILMING POLICY

055/24 LEAPS RIGG SOLAR FARM – the Clerk reported that no written notifications had been received regarding ideas for Community Improvements in the Parish. A long debate then followed about what the next steps should be and it was finally **RESOLVED** to distribute a flyer to parishioners of the four (4) items that the Council members declared were most beneficial to the Parish. These were items from the article previously written and placed in the last edition of the Magazine.

056/24 CORRESPONDENCE AND LITERATURE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK –

- 1 Bus Shelter – after discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk to contact correspondent with a note to say that the item was seen as a significant asset and that any changes at this stage would be premature
- 2 Quote for work on the base of the Trees – council members **RESOLVED** to decline the quote and undertake the works themselves.

- 3 Signage for Parking ad Reading Rooms – Clerk had procured the signage and Cllr Wilkinson **RESOLVED** to place on lamp-post near Reading Rooms.

AT THIS POINT THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND CLLR. MALLINSON WERE ASKED TO LEAVE THE MEETING WHILST THE ITEM RELATING TO CO-OPTION WAS CONSIDERED

057/24 CO-OPTION – RESOLVED after a secret ballot Richard Reynolds was Co-opted to serve as a Councillor until the next election – scheduled for 2027. Clerk to inform candidates formally.

058/24 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – Council members were reminded to submit items for the next meeting and note that any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk in writing.

059/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s) – held in Walton Village Hall at 7.30pm. 10th September 2024

060/24 CLOSE OF MEETING 21.00