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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 8 MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT Councillors A Barnes (Chair), A Lloyd, P Byron, H Hearn, C Mousley, M Rafferty, Parish Clerk, Councillor's A Wheelton (SDDC), Councillor P Murray (DCC) and 3 members of the public

20/239 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

20/240 Variation of Order of Business (if any).

None.

20/241 Declaration of Members Interests.

None.

20/242 Public Speaking.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Wheelton for her updates to the Council, there were no questions for Councillor Wheelton.

Councillor Murray gave his report as follows:

- He reported the Council had already been updated on the Drakelow Park Development, the bridge work was well underway, and he had sent through all available updates from the County Council Officers.
- He was now part of a development project where they would be talking about reducing 40mph and 30mph zones down to 20mph zones within small villages around Derbyshire. Councillor Murray to report back when appropriate.
- Speeding had become a serious problem in South Derbyshire because of the amount of development South Derbyshire was seeing, this included excessive amounts of HGV's coming through small villages.

Comments had been received from residents in relation to speeding and HGVs over the weight limit coming through the village. Councillor Murray had taken this matter up with the County Council.

Councillor Wheelton gave her report as follows:

- The police were in the village opposite the Village Hall completing speed checks at about 2pm. Councillor Wheelton had suggested they go to Rosliston Road to complete speed checks there also.
- Councillor Wheelton asked Councillor Murray if it would be possible to obtain a copy of the Traffic Management Plan for the new bridge.
- As part of the work for the bridge three big trees had been felled and they were removing the hedgerows. All trees and hedgerows need to be removed by the end of March ready for a start date of April.
- Councillor Wheelton would be representing Netherseal and Overseal in relation to an appeal for a traveller site. The appeal was due to be held online on 16 February 2021.
- Councillor Wheelton was working with the Police in relation to fly tipping and puppy farming leads.

A member of the public reported that they had been speaking to Councillor Byron in relation to traffic calming measures.

A discussion took place in relation to the new bridge being operational and the treatment of the road, bollards or similar should be installed at the end of the road as there would be a significant risk of both fly tipping and traveller parking.

A discussion took place in relation to the land behind the Village Hall, which was owned by SDDC, and the potential use.

A resident asked if the Council had any intercounty relationship with being on the border with Staffordshire. The Chair advised that meetings had been held with SCC and BPC including attendance at BPC meeting.

A resident raised the issue with the path over the railway bridge and the fact that there was no intention to make it any wider. The issue had been raised by the Parish Council in correspondence sent to SDDC, DCC, SCC and BPC in relation to the new bridge.

It was agreed that Councillor Lloyd and the Clerk would go through the outstanding items list at the weekly catch-up meetings.

20/243 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman gave thanks as follows:

- PCSO McMillan for his 14 plus years' service and wished him all the best for his retirement.
- Councillor P Byron for sorting out the distribution of the grit for the pavements.
- Councillor C Mousley for moving the shed.
- Special thanks to Mary Horne for all her year service as a Councillor, Chairman, Vice Chairman, and volunteer on the Village Hall Committee.

Resolved: The Clerk to write a note of thanks to PCSO McMillan and to wish him well in his retirement.

Resolved: The Clerk to write a note of thanks to Mary Horne for all her years' service.

The Chairman asked Councillor M Rafferty to let the Clerk have his training dates.

20/244 To confirm the minutes of Walton on Trent Parish Council monthly meeting held on 08.02.21.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11.01.21 be approved as a true record.

20/245 Walton Village Hall

- Cosmic Occupational Licence

Resolved: Delegated Authority was given to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the Clerk to draft a license.

- Village Hall management

The bookings for the Village Hall going forward would be via the Clerk of the Parish Council and this would be included in the new job description.

- Kitchen units/ Flooring//Broadband/Hive/Electronic Booking system/Slabs/Grant application

Resolved: Councillor Hearn and the Clerk were given Delegated Authority to obtain quotes for new plans.

The Architect had attended the Village Hall to look at drawing up fresh plans. Councillor Hearn had also met with Peter Burges-Allen to complete an energy efficiency audit and this was currently being written up.

Resolved: The Clerk to obtain energy bills for pre Covid, a winter bill and a summer bill for Councillor Hearn.

It was reported that the Village Hall had applied to the Vulnerability Fund, which was for £1,000.00, this would go towards paying for the electronic keyless system if successful.

It was suggested that a pizza oven could be installed in the garden area at the Village Hall. This could be added to the design going forward.

Councillor Mousley agreed that he would sort the repairs to the Village Hall floor prior to the 6 May elections.

Electric going to the shed were discussed, this was in hand.

- Chairs on stage need moving/Filing cabinets moving.

The following was reported:

- The old chairs had now been removed from the stage to the other side of the shed.
- The paperwork under the stairs at the cottage had been sorted out and removed.
- The grey cabinet to be moved to the shed where the lawn mower is stored. Councillor Lloyd agreed to move the cabinet if somebody was willing to offer to help him.
- The post box had two keys, so the post box did not need to be changed.

A discussion took place in relation to how the village hall could be refurbished to make the best use of the flow of the building and work required in the Village Hall garden.

Resolved: The Clerk to add the Working Group for the garden to the April 2021 agenda for a date to be agreed.

A discussion took place about the hive control system, this was on the wish list for the main refurbishment project, but an internet connection would be required.

- Skip

This was no longer required as the old shed had been removed.

20/246 Clerks Report

- Consider having dedicated Councillor emails through 2Commune at a cost of £35 each plus VAT per year.

The Clerk explained that the recommendation was to have dedicated Councillor email addresses for the purposes of GDPR or Freedom of Information Requests.

Resolved: The Clerk to give Councilor Byron the login details for the website to investigate further.

20/247 Correspondence for Action

- DALC Subs £265.62 Enhanced training fee option £155

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to the standard subs of £265.62 excluding the training option.

20/248 Working Group reports/Monitoring list Councillor's specific areas of responsibility.

- a. Employees (AB/AL)

To be dealt with under confidential items at the end of the agenda

- b. Roads and pavements (MR/CM)

Both the Chair and Vice Chair had already looked at the spreadsheet tracker and made some changes. All Councillors were asked to look at the spreadsheet and add anything that they thought should be included.

- c. Footpaths (HH)

There was nothing to report.

d. Park (PB)

Councillor Byron reported tree cuttings by the fence along the park as you walk through the entrance on the righthand side. Holes had also appeared again under the swings.

Resolved: The Clerk to report both the hedge cuttings and holes under the swings to Yvonne Waring/Steve Sheppard at SDDC.

The Clerk asked if a tree report had been completed by SDDC.

Resolved: The Clerk to obtain a copy of the last tree report from Martin Buckley at SDDC for information.

It was reported that the dog bin on top of Rosliston Road by Leedham Croft was overflowing.

Resolved: The Clerk to report this to Alan Grist/Steve Sheppard at SDDC.

Councillor Raffety reported that he had been walking over the bridge to check the work, the bridge had been done to a good standard but there were still potholes going up to the nature reserve, and concrete posts and barriers that had not been completed. It was reported that they were only authorised to fix the posts over the culverts because of increased health and safety issues with the rising water. Councillor Lloyd said that he had a request from a Barton Parish Councillor to look at this, which he would chase up.

e. Open spaces (Non-Park) (MR/CM)

There was nothing to report.

f. Website and other Communications (PB)

There was nothing to report.

20/249 Planning matters for consideration

Planning Application DMPA/2020/1266, were comments filed to SDDC after the March Parish Council Meeting.

Resolved: The Clerk to check with the Planning Department at SDDC to see if the Parish Council's comments were filed.

Applications

- DMPA/2021/0252: Notification of planning application Demolition of existing conservatory and the erection of a single storey extension at 17 Main Street

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council had no objections to the above planning application.

- DMOT/2021/0089: The pruning of trees at 17 Main Street

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council had no objections to the above planning application.

- DMPA/2021/0047 The erection of extensions at 8 Orchard Close

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council had no objections to the above planning application.

20/250 Finance

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved to make the following payments.
Accounts for Payment**

Payee	Expenditure	£
Walton On Trent Cricket Club	Donation	200.00
J Harrison	Cleaning	60.00
South Derbyshire CVS	Payroll	966.42
TOTAL		1226.42

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council noted the following income.

Receipts

Cosmic rent February £485.00

20/251 Telephone box update

The telephone box was still with Grupo Antolin.

Resolved: Councillor Barnes agreed to follow this up.

20/252 Office 365 Renewal

Resolved: The Clerk to investigate what payment methods can be used to pay for the Microsoft 365 subscription.

20/253 Planning for the Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved: To hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 12 April 2021 commencing at 6.30pm via Zoom, to include the Chairman's Report and future Action Plan/Focus for the coming year.

20/254 April meeting date

Resolved: To keep the April Meeting date as 12 April 2021 commencing at 7pm.

20/255 Speedwatch

Resolved: The Clerk to look back over the emails and establish contact with Charlotte Moss Community Speed Watch Coordinator to try and resurrect Speedwatch.

20/256 Reports from Councillors that have attended any other meetings.

There was nothing to report.

20/257 Items for Information.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council noted the following information:

- The Latest News from South Derbyshire CVS
- DALC's February 2021 newsletter
- RSN Rural Funding Digest - February 2021 Edition
- Guidance on the Possible Return to In Person meetings
- Hardyal Dhindsa's Vulnerability Grant - Launch of Round 2 Deadline Friday 26th February 2021
- SDDC Updates
- Further to forum and a recent Parish Meeting I have a point of contact for Speed watch and links for reporting traffic issues, I have also emailed into the Police today encourage Seales activity with respect to traffic offences/speeding. If residents can email/report in on the links below it may encourage the Police into your villages. Charlotte Moss is the new Speed Watch Co-Ordinator for the force and has started doing some online training with groups so she can provide info on what is required and if they have some volunteers already, she can do some training with them. She may also have an idea of when it will get back up and running although I would imagine they are waiting for the Government statement next week before making any plans.
- Road Closure: Linton Road, Castle Gresley.
- DCC more community testing centres to open
- South Derbyshire Covid Information Connectors
- DCC New local health apps library
- Notes from meeting with MHCLG regarding playgrounds.
- Read the latest insights from Came & Company Local Council Insurance
- Lack of health care facilities provision in South Derbyshire from Councillor Wheelton
- SDDC Flood Liaison Meeting
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- DCC More community testing centres to open.
- Park Tracks Unfortunately this type of thing happens a lot in our parks and open spaces particularly over the winter. The only way that an offender can be caught is by getting images

of them performing the act and a registration number. However, a number of these motorbikes do not tend to have a registration number which makes it more difficult to identify them. That said I think our Safer South Derbyshire Team have signage that can be put up at entrances to site. I cannot remember the wording on the signage now, but it warns of fines. I have copied Chris Smith our Communities Manager into this email so he can respond regarding the signage.

- DIS 981 and Funding Bulletin
- DALC Notes from the forums on Wednesday.
- Think Digital When Contacting the Police
- Up to date contact details for SNT
- Let's get Derbyshire Village Halls to sign the online Domesday Book.
- How to Conquer Town & Parish Council Accounting & Stop Worrying - Training Webinar - 3 March 2021 - 10am - 11.30am
- Drakelow update 9.2.21 East staffs also brought this to my attention and we tried to retrieve the bags on 28th/29th January but only managed a couple as it was dangerous at the time. I informed East Staffs that we will go back to retrieve - and I will try and organise (if safe) for it to be done at the end of this week. - Someone will come down tomorrow and have a look. Just so you are aware we no longer have an in-house maintenance team on site and all such jobs we now must source externally - so please bear with us.
- East Midlands Freeport

20/258 Date of the next Meeting

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved the next meeting as follows:

- **12 April 2021 via Zoom 6.30pm Annual Parish Meeting**
- **12 April 2021 via Zoom 7.00pm monthly Parish Council Meeting**

20/259 To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude members of the Public.

Resolved: To exclude members of the public as above.

- Recruitment of a Clerk/RFO

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved the draft Job Description.

- Advertisement for a Clerk/RFO

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved the draft job Advertisement.

Resolved: The Clerk to advertise the Clerk/RFO vacancy on the Parish Council website and Facebook page, via Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) and via the Staffordshire Parish Council association (SPCA)

- Other staffing matters

There was nothing to report.

There being no other business to be transacted the meeting closed at 8.30pm