

MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 8.6.20 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT Councillors A Barnes (Chair), P Byron, H Hearn, A Lloyd, C Mousley, M Rafferty, C Talbot, Parish Clerk, Councillor A Wheelton (SDDC)

20/061 To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor P Murray (DCC), Councillor A Brady (SDDC)

20/062 Declaration of Members Interests

None

20/063 Public Speaking

Councillor Wheelton had nothing new to report following her recent emailed update:-

1. SDDC removed the graffiti on the temporary barrier as per my email today to the clerk
2. I have asked the Police to deal with an anonymous residents request with respect to inconsiderate pavement parking within Walton which they promptly did.
3. Planning meetings to hopefully resume this month online, a test run this week, with further committees to follow.
4. As per government guidelines SDDC have issued the below with respect to parks/open spaces:

New social distancing guidelines now in place

New social distancing guidelines are now in place which mean we are now able to meet in a group of up to six people in public places. If you do meet someone, or a group of people in an open space, including in our parks, please remember to observe the social distancing rules at all times by remaining two metres or more from people outside your own household. Although our parks remain open, areas such as play areas, tennis courts and games areas will remain closed to prevent the spread of the disease. Park benches will not be sanitised as the Council is not in a position to do this before and after every use.

Councillor Barnes and the Parish Clerk had emailed Councillor P Murray asking him to attend the meeting regarding the concrete block issues. Councillor Murray had declined despite being informed he could telephone into the meeting rather than via video conference.

Concrete blocks had been placed by DCC on the waste land by Bailey Bridge. This was following a complaint made by a resident to Councillor Wheelton regarding ASB. Councillor Wheelton had sent the PC the following emails. I originally reported the public health issue to Highways hub, the County Councillor and Environmental Health, I have reported the issue below to the Highways hub on the public reporting website. I have had some success despite it being a County matter and they are going to block off access to motor vehicles as an interim measure whilst further investigations into the DCC H/ways adopted limits and maintenance responsibilities before any decision in relation to any permanent fence/barrier. A works number has been created do let me know when it happens - I would like to see that area gated off to stop the antisocial behaviour and assume that residents and the Parish Council are supportive of this.

The Parish Council had received a number of complaints regarding the placement of the concrete blocks. Councillors asked Councillor Wheelton what the process had been for DCC to arrive at this quick decision. Councillor Wheelton explained as per the above emails. It was confirmed that ASB should be reported to the Police.

20/064 To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

Staffing update

20/065 Chairman's Announcements

None

20/066 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council annual and monthly meeting held on 11.5.20

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11.5.20 be approved.

20/067 Land by the bridge blocked off by DCC

As a result of the concrete blocks, the Parish Council noted there have been numerous oversized vehicles which have been coming down Station Lane and have nowhere to turn and are having to reverse back causing chaos. In addition individuals and canoe clubs who have used the ground for access to the river are now parking on the road causing a blockage or spilling over to other parts of the village notably Riverside and using private lawns for blowing up boats and having a picnic. The Parish Council followed up with SDDC who reported that they only have on record 2 instances of ASB/flytipping in the last 2 years. It was agreed it does not seem a proportionate response to the one-off recent incident that the Parish Council were aware of recently reported via Councillor Wheelton. People could still use the area as a toilet if they so wish as you can walk onto this area of land. It was resolved to ask DCC to remove the concrete blocks by return.

It was also agreed to write to SDDC to investigate costs of putting a litter bin on the land to alleviate littering/dog fouling.

20/068 Grounds maintenance quotes village centre/village hall garden

It was agreed to contract Bloomin Gardens to mow the two areas in the village centre and the village hall garden on a fortnightly basis as a temporary measure.

20/069 Communication

Councillors were reminded of the communication policy. The Clerk is responsible for posting all website/FB news items.

20/070 Clerks Report

- Monitoring List – Clerk to follow up on o/s items. The “No parking private land” sign has disappeared on Drakelow land and people are using the area to park. It was agreed to contact Drakelow.
- Awaiting return of Cosmic licence
- Telephone Box update – The telephone box refurbishment is likely to be completed around July. Planning permission is not required to swap the telephone boxes. The Clerk to contact DCC to inform them of the proposal.

20/071 Correspondence for action

- Garden land to the rear of Walton Village Hall. It was agreed to respond to SDDC and confirm that the Parish Council would be interested in leasing the land depending on the cost.
- It was agreed to share the cost of the Zoom unlimited subscription with other Councils which is likely to be up to £3 per month until no longer required.

20/072 Planning matters for decision

Applications

There were no objections to the following applications:-

- DMPA/2020/0439 Demolition of existing garage and the erection of an extension with associated alterations at Twin Oaks, Coton Road
- DMPA/2020/0445 Repair, rebuild and re-use of existing outbuilding associated with main house to form plant room at Walton Hall Main Street

20/073 Working Group Reports

Walton Village Hall

- Ramp update. Councillor Mousley reported this is ready to action. The gated area still needs to be reviewed.
- Councillors agreed to make a flower bed of hardy perennials in the village hall garden. The Chairman of the village hall was happy with the proposal.

20/074 Reports from Councillors that have attended any other meetings.

Councillor Lloyd gave an update from the Staffordshire wildlife trust including that the flood damage had been repaired. Litter and dog fouling appears to have reduced.

20/075 Finance

It was resolved to make the following payments:-

Payee	Expenditure	£
South Derbyshire CVS	Payroll May	513.63
Walton Cricket Club	Donation	500.00
DALC	Training course	150.00
L Storey	Expenses	33.99
TOTAL		1197.62

Receipts

Cosmic rent May £485

20/076 Correspondence for Information

- Please provide figures for ASB/fly tipping etc reported at the location land registry DY402619. This is a patch of land next to Walton Bridge on the Walton side. Since the beginning of 2018 South Derbyshire District Council has dealt with two reports relating to this land.
- DCC R Hanbury. I can confirm that DCC (Highway Maintenance) have installed the blocks as a temporary measure to address reports the authority received regarding ASB from SDDC. I would state that the land is under the ownership of Derbyshire County Council, but it does not form part of the adopted publically maintainable highway and it is an important difference to note. We have installed these physical measures as an immediate response to address this problem. It is then the intention to review the matter in detail with a proposal moving forward to address the future use of this land. This may as part of this process result in the current provision being set back to allow a vehicle to negotiate turning around. I would add that we are currently addressing a significant number of issues around the Covid-19 situation and with regard to opening up town centres to allow social distancing to be maintained, therefore it may be some time before we are in a position to move forward with a permanent proposal for this piece of land.
- May 2020 Crime Report.
- Stronger South Derbyshire Fund Update
- April/May 2020 Newsletter - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
- Action Grants - Deadline 31st May
- DCC Community Newsletter - 18 May
- Members' briefing: Derbyshire County Council's Household Waste Recycling Centre to reopen
- SDDC Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy Review
- Climate Emergency - Derbyshire's next steps
- Members Community Leadership Scheme
- Updated Training Timetable 2020

20/077 Date of the next meeting

- Monday 13 July 2020 7.00 pm via Zoom

20/078 Resolution under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public.**Staffing update**

Clerk to contact the lengthsman for an update on shielding timescale.