

**MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 9.11.20 VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT** Councillors A Barnes (Chair), P Byron, H Hearn, A Lloyd, C Mousley, M Rafferty, Parish Clerk,

**20/157 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillor A Wheelton (SDDC)

**20/158 Declaration of Members Interests**

None

**20/159 Public Speaking**

A parishioner confirmed that the alleyway from Coton Road to Orchard Close reported at the last meeting had been cleared of leaves.

A parishioner reported an Increase in litter on the river bank including plastic poppies. They thought it could be from the National Memorial Arboretum and the evidence was being photographed.

**20/160 To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

None

**20/161 Chairman's Announcements**

Councillor Barnes thanked Councillor Byron for putting up the lamppost poppies.

**20/162 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council annual and monthly meeting held on 12.10.20**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12.10 .20 be approved.

**20/163 Walton Village Hall**

- Ramp update. Still waiting for supplies.
- Shed update. The shed has been installed. Padlocks and a quote for electrics have been requested. The under stairs metal cabinet can go in the shed for the Lengthsman once the mower has been removed. The filing cabinet on the stage can go under the stairs.
- Cosmic Occupational Licence. One quote had been received and further quotes are being requested. A service charge for Cosmic is being considered.
- Village Hall management. Clerk to obtain quotes for an online booking system and Broadband/Hive. Councillor Lloyd to investigate an access system.
- Kitchen units. No response from website/FB appeal.
- Questionnaire. Councillor Barnes and Hearn to update and circulate to parishioners.
- Village hall garden - The old shed had been removed but where this was needs clearing. It was agreed to ask the Lengthman.

**20/164 Clerks Report**

- Awaiting return of Cosmic licence (21.9/9.10.20 email request for concerns). Cosmic had been spoken to within the last week and are aware they need to send a response.
- Request sent to DCC ref process to change weight limit 27.10.20. Netherseal and Coton Parish Councils have been approached to see if they have similar issues.

**20/165 Correspondence for action**

- Parishioner broadband concerns. It was agreed to contact Digital Derbyshire and copy in Councillor Murray to see if there are any improvement plans or funding available.
- Slow Ways Project. Councillor Barnes and Lloyd had signed up for updates and will feedback with any proposals.

## 20/166 Working Group Reports

- a. Employees – Appraisal deferred due to Covid-19.
- b. Roads and pavements – Councillor Barnes thanked Councillors Rafferty and Mousley for their report that had been circulated. A couple of amendments are required. It was agreed to forward to DCC/Councillor Murray and A Wheelton once it has been updated.
- c. Footpaths – FP8 has not been re-instated following being ploughed. It was agreed to report to DCC. It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to cut back the ivy from the gate on FP3 opposite the village hall.
- d. Park (PB) – The surfacing under the swing has been repaired and basket swing has been repaired with duct tape. It was agreed to contact Councillor Wheelton to see if this was a permanent or temporary repair.
- e. Open spaces (Non Park) – No update
- f. Website and other Communications – No update

## 20/167 Planning matters for decision

### Approved

- Variation of condition 3 of permission ref. 9/2018/0463 (relating to the continued use of land for agriculture and dog exercising) on Land to the rear of 45 Bells End Road, Walton On Trent
- DMOT/2020/0838: Notification of planning application The pruning of trees at The Stables, Barr Hall Farm, Drakelow Road
- DMPA/2020/0766: The demolition of the front wall and the erection of a rear extension at 42 Main Street

## 20/168 Finance

It was resolved to make the following payments:-

Payee	Expenditure	£
South Derbyshire CVS	Payroll	524.29
DAPA Sheds	VH Shed	2300.00
Bloomin Gardens	Mowing 647344	84.00
L Storey	Expenses	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2933.29</b>

### Receipts

Yoga	VH Rent	10.00
Cosmic	VH Rent	485.00
Newman	VH Shed	200.00
VH Rent	VH Table tennis	60.00
VH Rent	VH Misc	5.00
VH Rent	VH Table tennis	45.00

Monthly accounts circulated

## 20/169 Bailey Bridge update following site meeting Zoom meeting

The Parish Clerk had attempted to organise a Zoom meeting which so far had not been possible The Clerk had been chasing for an update on o/s matters with DCC/SCC and Drakelow and will continue to progress this along with Councillors J Jessel (SCC) , P Murray (DCC). and Barton Parish Council.

## 20/170 Reports from Councillors that have attended any other meetings

Councillor Lloyd reported that Staffordshire Wildlife Trust are installing a viewing area. They have provided litter picking equipment to locals and asked for more people to help.

## **20/171 Correspondence for Information**

- October 2020 Crime Report
- South Derbyshire District Council press release: South Derbyshire to move to tier two COVID-19 restrictions
- Staffordshire County Council. Bridge update. In addition to my previous email, this section of road is on a monthly inspection and was last inspected on 08/10/20. No urgent jobs were raised but some potholes were raised as category 3 defects and a job raised to refresh road markings.
- PCC Hardyal Dhindsa's Vulnerability Fund
- Census 2021 - Information for Councillors
- Standards matter 2: public consultation and public sector surveys
- South Derbyshire Environmental Forum - Free Trees and some updates from around the National Forest
- Temporary Road Closure: Unnamed Road Between Lullington And Grangewood.
- Councillor Wheelton update on the play area. I am aware Covid, budgetary and staffing issues have delayed work/painting on play areas: The play audit inspection was done over two years ago so that probably explains the scoring then as against if an audit was undertaken at present. In relation to the various items 1) swings - a small hole rubber repair was made under the swings in August but a request for further repairs has been made to the Council's play inspector. 2) basket swing rope – request made to play inspector for repair. 3) seesaw – Play inspector has previously noted the tired nature but not any faults. As you will be aware part of the play audit action plan was to instigate a rolling programme of painting of play equipment.
- In relation to the trees our tree inspector has been asked to inspect the site and record necessary action on Ezytreev. Initial consideration of the photos suggests a straightforward crown lift to be undertaken within a month. Tree work reported as completed.
- Free Trees Press Release
- DCC Community News - 30 October 2020
- Derbyshire County Council Snow Warden Scheme 2020-21
- SDDC update. The burnt out car is an Environmental Health job my report to waste cleansing this morning has been forwarded to the relevant team. Operational services will sort the steps on Coton Road. Refuse are not currently collecting the textile sacks, this is still due to the pandemic, however the textile banks are now operational again. I am aware the recycling contractor cannot cope with the current increased tonnages from the pandemic which is causing delays and is reluctant to reintroduce textile collections, SDDC are hopeful that by the end of this week we will have made some arrangements to increase the resources on recycling collections and can then enter discussions about resume the textile service depending on pandemic restrictions. This is a tricky situation as it is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor whose contract comes to end next year and who does not wish to renew it – I have emailed an update previously with respect to this.
- Dear Councillor Wheelton –Unfortunately I can't give you really positive news. In our play audit the site scored well on both play quality and play value scoring 63.6% and 87.3% respectively. This is good news in general terms but means that it has not been a priority when identifying projects for spend within the recent capital bidding round or earlier in the small sum made available from the government for play sites. In short there is no capital currently available. However officers are looking into a play site painting programme and could look to include the Coton Road site in the first tranche of this if sufficient revenue funding is available within current budgets. Also if the Parish were keen to add new features then it's possible officers from within the Culture and Community team could assist with bid writing. May I suggest after your discussion tonight supplying me with photo evidence and asking me to try and get the equipment in the first painting tranche or similar on the bid, I have some green gym equipment (for fitness) used in bids in Swadlincote if it helps,
- South Derbyshire Safer Neighbourhood Team - Contact Info.
- South Derbyshire Local Green Spaces Plan
- Area Forum Discussion Meeting

## **20/172 Date of the next meeting**

- Monday 14 December 2020 via Zoom 7.00pm

## **20/173 Resolution under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public.**