

**MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 10.6.19 AT WALTON VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT** Councillors A Barnes (Chair), P Byron, H Hearn, A Lloyd, C Mousley, C Talbot, Parish Clerk, 5 members of the public, Councillor A Wheelton (SDDC), Councillor A Brady (SDDC)

**19/34 To receive apologies for absence.**  
None

**19/35 Declaration of Members Interests**  
None

**19/36 Public Speaking**

Councillor A Wheelton gave the following update:-

- Councillor Dan Pegg has updated me on Rosliston Surgery, it is now closed put up for sale by the partners with the CCG and NHS agreeing. However, no formal consultation, figures seem incorrect, so the possibility of a judicial review is being looked at, for updates look at SOS Rosliston Medical Center Facebook Page.
- I have referred the clerks report of a safety light outside Walton school 31/5 to a County colleague who is dealing with it. Needs to go back to manufacturer.
- Please ensure all antisocial behaviour, flytipping and crimes are reported to 101 or SDDC, gain a reference, it is only possible for SDDC and the Police to help if it is reported. We now have two full time rural crime officers based at Swadlincote linked to Matlock where eventually there will be a team of 10, this will increase the Police presence in the area and really make a difference in the rural parts of South Derbyshire.
- Walton Bridge Update

**Walton Bridge 01/06/2019 Amy Wheelton Synopsis after meetings with relevant parties.**

- The following planning have been granted for the new bridge, with one million pounds spent on groundworks already.
- In 2012, 2239 homes and industry was another planning application with the 100<sup>th</sup> home not allowed to be occupied until the bridge was built.
- 2016, towards the end of the building of the 100<sup>th</sup> home the County council advised after the Drakelow Park Group provided documentation that a further 300 homes (in total 400) could be built without impacting local highway infrastructure therefore a new permission was issued reflecting this.
- No new industrial areas have been built since the planning was granted
- The above is self- policing if the bridge is not built then no more than 400 homes can be occupied under the current permission at Drakelow Park.
- Getting the bridge built is the number one priority on the SDDC agenda as it is an important part of their local plan housebuilding target to 2028.
- Money is released under Section 106 to alleviate the impact on local infrastructure such as education and highways. The first 100 houses at Drakelow released £350,000 to Derbyshire education and £214,900 to Highways (including travel planning) Derbyshire and Staffordshire.
- Currently the section 106 agreement envisages an average of about 25% of the Drakelow Housing is down as affordable housing which covers council housing, housing for social rent, and shared ownership.
- So far the only land which has been sold by Drakelow Parks is for 196 houses not the full 400.
- One of the main issues is the cost of the bridge which makes viability for any developer more challenging.
- Heather Wheeler, in her role as the local MP for South Derbyshire, has told me that Homes England have been brought in (which is a Non departmental Public Body) to try and assist all parties which are currently working towards trying to unlock the remainder of the site and get the bridge delivered.
- My personal view is there is no individual at fault. The inclusion of Homes England/the government to help unlock the site should be positive but in the mean-time more should be done at County level and working with Staffordshire with the existing overloaded Bayley bridge and traffic particularly lorries cutting through Walton to alleviate some of the frustrations of local residents.

**Action**

- I have asked SDDC to find out for me whether the £214,000 106 Highways funding has been collected and if so where it has been or will be spent.
- I met the managing director of Drakelow Parks Richard Kay, who has agreed to help me encourage Staffordshire and Derbyshire Highways (who sit on the Drakelow Parks meetings) to look at traffic measures such as Bollards/height restriction by the quarry Barton side, height restriction by the bridge Walton side, traffic-calming, speed limits within Walton.

- Head of Planning SDDC will keep me informed of the Drakelow Parks development.
- Councillor Martyn Ford Leader of the Council is arranging a meeting for me at Matlock County Council with Cabinet members for Highways and Trading Standards
- I will be in touch with Trading Standards and Highways at County to find the current situation with Walton and the Bayley Bridge with respect to matters such as risk assessments, Trading Standards surveys etc.

The Parish Council asked if Councillor Wheelton could follow up on the traffic survey that DCC agreed to undertake.

**19/37 To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

Clerks expenses

**19/38 Chairman's Announcements**

None

**19/39 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council annual and monthly meeting held on 8.5.19**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8.5.19 be approved.

**19/40 Co-Option of Councillors**

There were two applicants for the Parish Councillor vacancies. It was resolved to co-opt Carl Mousley and Phil Byron.

**19/41 Appointment of Internal Auditor**

It was resolved to appoint S Lorking at a cost of £75.

**19/42 Bearded Theory Festival Donation**

33 Sunday day tickets had been sold for £890. The Bearded Theory Festival had agreed to donate the proceeds to the Parish Council. A suggestion to use the donation to move and renovate the telephone box was proposed. It was agreed to ask the lengthsmen to take the glass out. It was agreed to investigate grants.

**19/43 Bearded Theory Festival traffic congestion**

A number of complaints regarding festival traffic coming through the village had been received. The following email had been received from the parking organisers. "I think we can only apologise, as below, and suggest that a residents only closure is installed in future as a fail-safe, our teams were instructed to send all traffic back towards the A513. However, I can only assume one of the teams on CV Field 2 allowed some traffic to turn right towards Walton on Trent. In future stopping traffic leaving via Walton on Trent is an easy fix with a road closure and cost would be minimal as the application can be made on the same application as the 30mph and clearway. We do need to look at the exit as nearly all traffic was still onsite at 0900hrs on Monday morning and the site wasn't clear until 1330hrs and the road wasn't clear until between 1400hrs and 1430hrs. We gave the maximum green time on the lights but we need to look at how this can be improved assuming it is normal for everyone to stay Sun day night and not start leaving until approx. 9am.". Councillors noted that there had been significant improvements in the traffic situation on the key day for arrivals to the festival and the problems on the exit day may have been a combination of Bearded Theory and Bushcraft festivals ending on the same date. In the light of suggestions from the organisers regarding closure of road on exit date, the Councillors had no objections to the proposals for future festivals.

**19/44 Annual review of Policies & Procedures**

It was resolved to accept the policies & procedures that had been circulated and add to the website.

**19/45 Banking – Review of current banking arrangements/online banking proposal/signatory updates**

It was resolved to change the banking to Lloyds with Councillors Barnes, Lloyd, Hearn and the Parish Clerk as signatories and organise online access.

**19/46 Concurrent functions claim**

The concurrent claim for 2018/2019 had been reviewed and was signed by Councillor Barnes and the Parish Clerk.

**19/47 Approve Annual Governance Statement**

Councillors approved the Annual Governance Statement which had been circulated and this was signed.

**19/48 Approve Accounting Statement**

The Accounts for the year ending 2018/2019 had been circulated and the Accounting Statements were approved by Councillors and signed.

**19/49 Meeting date – September**

It was resolved to amend the September meeting to 17 September 7.30 pm.

**19/50 Clerks Report**

Nothing to report

**19/51 Correspondence for action**

Walton School Defib training. Councillors were interested and it was agreed to ask the School for the date.

**19/52 Planning matters for decision**

No objections were made on the following applications:-

Reference	Location	Postcode	Proposal
9/2019/0544	WALTON HALL WALTON HALL COTTAGE AND GARDEN COTTAGE MAIN STREET WALTON ON TRENT SWADLINCOTE DERBYSHIRE	DE12 8LZ	CERIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CHANGE OF USE OF THREE DWELLINGS TO TWO DWELLINGS AT
9/2019/0502	ASHTREE FARM (AKA OLD BARN FARM) ROSLISTON ROAD WALTON ON TRENT SWADLINCOTE DERBYSHIRE	DE12 8LR	THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING STORAGE BUILDING AND THE ERECTION OF A NEW ANCILLARY STORAGE BUILDING

**19/53 Committee Reports**

Village Hall – The following update had been received:-

- No meeting since the last PC meeting.
- Still awaiting one quote for replacement of rear door and windows of the cottage and the door from the passage to the rear yard. It looks as if UPVC will be the choice - mainly for price but also better security and low maintenance. The adjacent properties are all UPVC.
- SDDC will be paying for the larger of the two windows (approx. £260) as agreed prior to lease being signed, which leaves approx £1,600 plus VAT for the other window and two doors.
- The gents toilets have been painted (invoice for payment). The floor is to be painted this week which will mean another small invoice next month. This was held up due to a leak above the urinals which was repaired on Friday (invoice for payment).
- Leaflets distributed asking for help in any way for the VH. Some response received.
- Next VH Committee meeting on Wednesday 19th June 2019.

**19/54 Reports from Councillors that have attended any other meetings.**

Councillor Barnes gave the following report from the opening of Tuckleholme nature reserve which was also attended by Cllr J Jessel from East Staffs Borough Council, the Chair and Cllr Starkey of Barton under Needwood Parish Council and Jeff Simms from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Councillor Barnes also met with representative from Drakelow Developments who have subsequently removed the overhanging branch on Station Road and installed new signage and bollards to prevent individuals with trail bikes using the footpath along the River Trent. Jeff Simms had stated that when funds allow the path around the nature reserve will be extended to form a circular route. Litter bins were suggested for the area. The Wildlife Trust and other bodies are looking at promoting industrial history and access within the district as part of the Transforming the Trent Valley project which has been awarded £5 million of Lottery funding. It was agreed to ask Hansons for an update regarding their quarrying activities/attend a meeting on a mutually convenient date. It was agreed to ask Councillor J Jessel for an update on what is being done between Walton & Barton.with regards to the signage for the bridge.

**19/55 Finance**

It was resolved to make the following payments:-

	Payee	Expenditure	£
1740	K Maughan	Expenses	18.00
1741	SDSVS	Wages	547.95
1742	DALC	Subscriptions	250.37
1743	Zurich	Insurance	763.26
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1579.58</b>

**19/56 Correspondence for Information**

- Police May 2019 Crime Report
- Fault Report 4151745
- Call for Executive Members for DALC for period - 2019-2023

**19/57 Date of the next meeting**

Monday 8 July 2019 at Walton on Trent Village Hall 7.00pm

**19/58 Resolution under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public.**

Clerks Expenses - Councillor Barnes to obtain further information from DALC.