

MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 10.8.20 VIA ZOOM

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

20/101 To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor C Mousley, Councillor A Brady (SDDC)

20/102 Declaration of Members Interests

None

20/103 Public Speaking

It was confirmed that there had been an article on Derbyshire Live about the replacement bridge stating that £7.6 million had been earmarked towards the work.. No further details were known.

Councillor Wheelton had emailed through all updates.

Grass Cutting

Despite the lockdown the SDDC team is currently on cut seven this year of the 16 cuts required to complete the programmed grass cutting across the District. This is excellent progress despite the challenges earlier in the year.

Park maintenance

I thought you would appreciate seeing some photos of the excellent work being undertaken by our park keepers at both Maurice Lea and Eureka Parks in Swadlincote to retain Green Flag Status. There are also some photos of the hanging baskets on Civic Way.

Taxi Testing

Taxi testing recommenced at the depot a few weeks ago and the lockdown backlog is cleared and SDDC are now up to date with all tests.

PACE Interviews

Since the Community Safety Enforcement Officers have been able to resume full investigation of fly tipping incidents, 18 legal notices have been issued to suspected offenders, seven interviews under caution have been completed and five fixed penalty notices have been issued. Many investigations are still progressing and so it is expected that a number of further legal actions will follow.

Flood Grants

There has been some confusion this week regarding the County Council sending out letters to residents about the availability of flood grants. SDDC are clarifying the County's position on what support is available locally to flood affected residents. I will report on this when the information is available.

Planning

A Government White paper consultation on 'planning for the future' was published on Sunday.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>

It covers issues of more streamlined planning decisions, less onerous Local Plan process and standard method of calculating housing need.

A parishioner raised concerns about items overhanging the pavement on a field along Main Street. Councillor Wheelton offered to follow up.

It was reported that people are having to step into the road to avoid vegetation on Main Street heading out of the village going towards Catton that Cllr Lloyd had reported.

Concerns were raised regarding the use of jet skis in the river. Legislation regarding use in the river was unknown.

A parishioner had reported that part of a wall and fence between behind their property on Main Street had fallen down. The parishioners had been advised to follow up with SDDC as the owner of the land. Councillor Wheelton offered to follow this up.

20/104 To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

Staffing update

20/105 Chairman's Announcements

None

20/106 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council annual and monthly meeting held on 13.7.20

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13.7.20 be approved.

20/107 Footpaths quote

FP2 has been cut back but the debris left. Clerk to report. It was agreed that Blooming Gardens should be asked to undertake a one-off cut as per their quote.

20/108 Weight for flagpole

Enquiries were ongoing with the Church regarding the official ownership and management of the flagpole. It was agreed to purchase a new weight for the flag and re-charge to the Church if necessary.

20/109 Walton Village Hall

- Village Hall Lease – There was a 5 year break clause that would need to be triggered before the next meeting. It was agreed not to trigger the break clause. The village hall working group to consider the long term future of the Village Hall in conjunction with Cosmic/SDDC.
- Re-opening of village hall plan. It was agreed to use the Acre documents.
- Ramp update – No further update
- Shed update – Due to wood shortages the installation of the shed has been delayed until the end of month
- Asbestos Survey – It was resolved to accept the quote for £400.
- Village hall access. It was agreed to change the code on a regular basis as there had been unauthorised access and the key had gone missing
- Cosmic Occupational Licence Ongoing liaison with Cosmic. Awaiting on site visit with property consultant.
- Village Hall management. The working group were no longer active apart from the Chairman who had agreed to remain until 31.3.20. It was agreed the Parish Council would manage the village hall with nominated Councillors as a working group. Councillor Barnes to sound out interest for Parish Councillor vacancies/village hall working group
- A quote for replacement slabs in the village hall garden had been received. It was agreed to try and obtain further quotes.

20/110 Clerks Report

- Monitoring List – Updated and reviewed
- Awaiting return of Cosmic licence
- Request to install bin on DCC land sent 15.7.20
- Resignation of Carol Talbot received. Clerk to email necessary notices to Cllr Barnes for publication in accordance with requirements

20/111 Correspondence for action

- None

20/112 Planning matters for decision

Applications

There were no objections to the following applications:-

- Felling of a Silver Birch and crown reduction of a further Silver Birch at 27 Main Street
- DMPA/2020/0436: Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian land Land to the rear of Walton Hall SK2117 5882, Coton Road

Approved

- DMPA/2020/0525 Walton Hall Main Street Listed Building Consent to repair, rebuild and re-use of existing outbuilding associated with main house to form plant room
- DMPA/2020/0445 Repair, rebuild and re-use of existing outbuilding associated with main house to form plant room at Walton Hall Main Street

20/113 Working Group Reports

None

20/114 Reports from Councillors that have attended any other meetings.

Update from Staffordshire Wild Life Trust.

- We're hoping to have the reserve open by the end of next week. We are installing some more permanent signage on the height barrier and booking in with the contractor to give it a service and switch it back on again!
- The current footpath works are complete now. The track up the west side and across to the Trent by the northern lake has been finished.
- Fencing works are now complete.
- In Sept we will be installing a small viewing platform on the area between the two lakes. This will link into the new track and have a wheelchair / tramper -friendly ramp.
- Later on this year we will also be installing a Sand Martin nesting area on the peninsula on the northern lake.
- Work on the 'Forest Schools' area will commence in Autumn.
- Aggregate Industries (the former quarry) need to replace the fencing up the boundary between our land and the Derby Fishing Club lake. I will be chasing them to do this now the bird breeding season is over.

20/115 Finance

Receipts

Cosmic rent July £485

It was resolved to make the following payments:-

Payee	Expenditure	£
South Derbyshire CVS	Payroll July	513.63
Bloomin Gardens	Mowing	84.00
M Horne	Cleaning consumables VH	35.20
M Horne	Window Cleaning VH	25.00
Waterplus	Water VH	493.61
David Bowley	Boiler Service VH	110.00
L Storey	Expenses	25.00
TOTAL		1286.44

20/116 Correspondence for Information

- Community News 7/16/31 July 2020
- July 2020 Crime Report
- Temporary Road Closure: Main Street, Walton-on-Trent
- Virtual meeting with your Police and Crime Commissioner in South Derbyshire
- DALC Training
- DET Funding Scheme

20/117 Date of the next meeting

- Monday 14 September 2020 via Zoom 7.00pm

20/118 Resolution under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public.

Staffing update

The lengthsman had started back to work 1 August 2020.