

MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 14.10.19 AT WALTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Councillors A Barnes (Chair), P Byron, H Hearn, A Lloyd, C Mousley, M Rafferty, C Talbot, Parish Clerk, 10 members of the public, Councillor A Wheelton (SDDC), Councillor A Brady (SDDC)

19/105 To receive apologies for absence.
Councillor P Murray (DCC)

19/106 Declaration of Members Interests
None

19/107 Public Speaking

A parishioner reported about an email they had sent to DCC regarding the recent traffic survey from 17 September. It did not represent a true picture of the traffic and further questions had been raised to DCC, in particular concerns were raised as to why DCC had not included traffic entering Station Lane over the Bailey Bridge as that was for "Staffordshire County Council to monitor when as soon as traffic enters the Bailey Bridge they would be entering a road maintained by DCC.

A number of parishioners raised their concerns regarding HGV's heading towards the bridge. It was agreed that the signs on the Staffordshire are clearly not adequate hence the amount of HGV's having to reverse along Walton Lane as they are unable to turn around close to the bridge with the resultant traffic chaos. It was noted that such incidents are increasing and happen a number of times each week.

A road closure notice had been seen in the local press for the B5016 Station Road, in Barton under Needwood in 2020 for works to the A38 bridge however the Parish Council had not been notified. It was noted that Councillor Wheelton had obtained further information from SCC who had been helpful and had forwarded this on to the Parish Council. Further details are awaited.

A parishioner raised concerns regarding overgrown vegetation on pavements and footpaths around the Parish. The Chair confirmed these should be reported direct to Derbyshire County Council.

Parishioners reported regular parking on pavements especially around the pub. It was noted that parking on pavements which completely blocked the route should be reported using the 101 number. In relation to the pub the parking had been such that passers-by including a resident on a mobility scooter had had to go into the road on occasion. The councillors also noted that there was a significant number of parking spaces at the rear of the pub and therefore on most occasions parking on the pavement should not be necessary.

Councillor A Wheelton mentioned the free tree scheme. The next Forum is on the 22 October at Netherseal. Councillor Wheelton had spoken to highways regarding the issue of Sat Navs and weight limits and hopes for some progress in this area. DCC are doing a grip test outside Barr Hall Barns further to a high number of accidents at this location in recent months.

Complaints had been received regarding puddles of cloudy water on the pavement by The Swan and a regular bad stench in the area. Representatives from The Swan confirmed an external contractor had used CCTV down the drains and everything appeared to be in order. A contractor will be sorting out some tarmac issues on their land. They do pressure wash the area regularly. They confirmed that someone had knocked over a waste oil drum and appropriate cleaning measures had been put into place urgently. Staff had been seen washing containers outside. The issue of staff cleaning outside was noted and will be stopped. The owners/manager confirmed they were very happy for people to approach them directly with any issues. The council noted that the Pub had been much improved under the current operators and thanked them for their attendance at the meeting.

19/108 To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.
Training and H&S of employees

19/109 Chairman's Announcements
No announcements

19/110 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council annual and monthly meeting held on 17.9.19

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17.9.19 be approved.

19/111 Bailey Bridge concerns

Further to the ongoing concerns raised in public speaking it was agreed to call a meeting with DCC, SCC, Councillors P Murray (DCC), A Wheelton (SDDC) and Barton Parish Council. It was also agreed to ask people to send any evidence to the Parish Clerk or via Facebook. It was agreed to write to SDDC CEO for an update on the new Walton Bypass.

19/112 Response back to Staffordshire County Council on the “adequate” signage comment/State of footpath on staffs side - including restitution after this week’s floods and vehicles using the footpath to avoid floodwaters/Traffic calming measures

Dealt with under 19/111

19/113 SDDC Fun day

Participation figures for the Big fun Friday over the summer were good and it was agreed to book again for next year.

19/114 Concerns at The Swan:-

- Impact of food waste from the outbuildings to the right of the pub being emptied straight onto the road - this has been flagged to the Environment Agency
- Drains - linked to the above given that the drains for the pub flow south along Main Street.
- Customers blocking pavements

Dealt with under public speaking. The Parish Council to thank the pub for attending.

19/115 Up-date on the phone box

Work to remove the telephone box ready for refurbishment has started and Councillors will complete the job in the coming weeks. Councillor Lloyd to obtain quotes for a power supply from the telephone box for Christmas lights.

19/116 Meeting dates 2020

It was resolved to accept the meeting dates that had been circulated.

19/117 Walton Village Hall

- Utility rates - It was agreed to change to Opus for the Gas and stay with British Gas for the Electricity.
- Mary Horne reported that the CIO is in progress and some further information is required.
- Cosmic had asked if they can use the balcony as an office and put up a partition wall and agreed to reinstate if they should leave. It was agreed to ask Cosmic for a letter of intent and check with SDDC on any requirements this may raise.
- The stage has been given away FOC. The shed needs replacing, someone had offered to purchase the old one. The Parish Council to confirm the requirements of a new shed following a H&S review.

19/118 Footpaths - Public Footpath No 32 Barton under Needwood

No further action.

19/119 Clerks Report

- Councillor Barnes to check what can be deleted on the action sheet.

19/120 Correspondence for action

None

19/121 Planning matters for decision

Applications

There were no objections to the following application:-

- DMPA/2019/1033 Change of use from mènege to tennis court with 2.5m high fencing on land at Boroughfields Farm, Coton Road, Walton On Trent

Approved

- 9/2019/0747 The erection of a single storey rear extension at Pennywort cottage Coton Road Walton On Trent
- 9/2019/0507 Boroughfields Farm Coton Road The erection of a two storey rear extension
- 9/2019/0487 39 Main Street The erection of a front porch extension

19/122 Working Group Reports

None

19/123 Reports from Councillors that have attended any other meetings.

Councillor Lloyd gave an update on Tucklesholme:-

- The lake is still discharging the remnants of the floodwaters back into the Trent via the ditch network at the top of the main lake, so the footpath mowing work will be next Weds. This will allow the vehicles to get the mowing kit close to the track.
- Staffordshire Wildlife Trust will have their roving volunteer taskforce repairing and working on the recently damaged footpaths this coming Weds.
- SWT have recently obtained two substantial grants (from the Aggregate Industries, and the Barton & Dunstall Key Trust to continue work on extending the circular track
- SWT have another grant application outstanding, which they hope to hear by the end of Oct, after which they will get the work contracted
- The Environment Agency have agreed SWT can lower water levels on the southern lake to how they were in early June.
- This will involve a permanent adjustable control structure where the water currently overtops back into the drain network at the north end of the main lake. SWT currently drawing up a spec for this.

Councillors Lloyd and Hearn had attended the Hanson Barton Quarry Local Liaison Meeting. They had agreed to look at the perimeter along Station Lane. There is a 10 year plan for the Trent Valley Way (which would link from Station Lane to the National Memorial Arboretum) including the building of a bridge.

Councillor Barnes agreed to attend the next Linton area meeting.

19/124 Finance

It was resolved to make the following payments:-

Payee	Expenditure	£
South Derbyshire CVS	Payroll September	625.96
RBL	Wreath	50.00
GJM Lawncare	Footpaths	150.00
Waterplus	VH Water	239.17
L Storey	Expenses	29.84
TOTAL		1094.97

It will resolved to close both the RBS accounts.

Receipts to 6.10.19

Cosmic Rent £780
Closing Balance Rent £100

Monthly accounts circulated

19/125 Correspondence for Information

- DALC Circulars 11
- News from Derbyshire County Council
- September Crime Report
- Temporary Road Closure: Rosliston Road, Walton-On-Trent / Rosliston 28.10-8.11
- SDDC Call for sites
- Update from DCC. With reference to your e-mail regarding the school bus service provided by the County Council to John Taylor High School. I have contacted officers from the school transport team and understand there have been a number of operational issues this term and all of these have been recorded and investigated. To help alleviate issues, Viking Coaches were given permission to sub-contract service 247 to De-Lux Travel for a few weeks. On Thursday, 26th September, the vehicle provided by De-Lux Travel did break down and a replacement was sent out which resulted in students arriving late at school. On the morning of Friday 27th September, a replacement bus was once again allocated and officers are aware of the complaint that there were not enough seats available. Viking Coaches remain responsible for the operation of the service during the period in was sub-contracted and have been asked to check the seating capacity of the vehicle provided and report back to the school transport team. I can assure you that the performance of Viking Coaches is being carefully monitored and officers are working to ensure that a consistent and safe service is provided. If you note any further concerns, these can be reported directly to the team and their e-mail address is schooltransport@derbyshire.gov.uk
- Staffordshire Wildlife Trust ref Public Footpath No 32 Barton under Needwood. Regarding the A38 barrier, I've had a response back from Staffs County Council Rights of Way team. They say that there currently is no right of way crossing the A38 from the end of Footpath 32 on the east side of the A38 across to the west side of the dual carriageway. So this explains why there are no signs or crossing points. The Rights of Way team suggest the Parish

Council contact Highways England about the possibility of putting in a crossing point at the A38. I think the only safe solution is a bridge, so I'll contact HE, but let me know if you decide to do the same.

- PCC Invitation to attend grants open evening in Ripley, Derbyshire
- Barton Quarry Community Liaison Meeting Monday 7th October 15:00
- Essential Employment Law for Town and Parish Councils - 16 October 2019 - 10am - 1pm - DALC Office, Cromford
- PRESS RELEASE - Area Forum meetings
- There was another accident at approximately 7pm 4.10.19 where a car left the carriageway outside the entrance to Barr Hall Barns ending up upside in the field opposite. The passengers apparently got into another car and drove off.
- SDDC Free Tree Scheme returns

19/126 Date of the next meeting

- Monday 11 November 2019 at Walton on Trent Village Hall 7.00pm

19/127 Resolution under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public.

Training and H&S of employees

Details of the H&S training were being finalised by Councillor Mousley