Minutes of the Meeting of Walton Parish Council of Friday 14th February 2014

That took place at 7.00pm in the Walton Village Hall Lounge


DUE TO THE NON ATTENDANCE OF CLLR. MARSH – CLLR. HANRAHAN WAS CHAIRMAN OF THIS MEETING


13.14.249 Apologies Cllr. A. Marsh due to lambing

13.14.250 Residents declarations of interest in speaking on agenda items None

13.14.251 Open forum for residents No items raised

13.14.252 Councillors Disclosure of any undeclared interests and notification of dispensations granted None declared

13.14.253 To confirm minutes of previous meetings

1. The minutes of the parish council meeting of 10th January 2014 were Resolved by those present to be an accurate record and they were then signed as such by the Chairman.

2. The minutes of the parish council meeting of 29th January 2014 were first amended to show Cllr. John Hanrahan in attendance and not Cllr. John Haydon and were then Resolved by those present to be an accurate record and they were then signed as such by the Chairman.

13.14.254 County & District Councillors reports

District & County Councillor G. Noel had submitted his apologies for the meeting but had advised that the Small Improvement Scheme proposal submitted for Whitley Road has progressed to being subject to a feasibility study and results are pending.


PCSO T Richards had submitted his apologies for the meeting but had requested that the following report be read out to those present:

No reported crime in Walton to report since before Christmas, which is a good thing.

- Coffee Morning/ Beat Surgery held at parish church every Thursday from 10:30am till 11:30am, if any local residents wish to come along and talk to me regarding any policing issues, they are more than welcome to turn up.
- White Volvo car parked by church which had expired tax has been dealt with by myself and the vehicle has now been moved.
- The offender who carried out the graffiti in and around Walton will be clearing this up as soon as possible and when the weather improves. This will be supervised by police.

Speed Enforcement van continues to carry out speed checks in the area, if any local residents are interested in joining Community Speedwatch, please let me know and we can train residents up on the speed gun and show some deterrent in the village.
13.14.256  Walton 'no cold calling 'zone
This item was deferred until the next meeting which it was hoped the PCSO would be able to attend.

- The Litter pick had been fixed for the morning of Saturday 22nd February with the assembly point being the village hall lounge.
- Some flyers had been prepared and handed out by the resident who had proposed this litter pick.
- Risk assessment & Health & safety advice sheets to be printed out by the Clerk.
- Equipment to be collected and brought to assembly point by Cllr. Bishop.
- Assembly point to be staffed by Cllr. Gagg.
- It was Resolved [8/nil] that expenditure up to £14 be authorised to be spent on refreshments for volunteers. [to be purchased if possible from Walton Church pancake morning occurring that morning at village hall]

13.14.258  Land Purchase for allotments
1. It was noted that the documents had now been signed and returned to the solicitor.
2. It was noted that a cheque had been raised as authorised at the previous meeting and purchase funds were now held by the parish council’s solicitors.
3. A report re the income and expenditure to date for the project was circulated to those present and is attached as appendix one.

13.14.259  Roads and Traffic through the village
1. Due to the large number of issues raised to Highways department since the last meeting a written report was circulated to those present and is attached as appendix two. 
   Re Item 10 on the report it was noted that County Hall are now liaising with Clarks Facilities Management team who are responsible for the maintenance of the sign concerned.
2. It was reported that the road at the junction of Veal Lane and Cockrod had dropped and needed remedial works. The Clerk was requested to report this.

a) To receive any planning decisions reported - none
b) To consider any applications received - none
c) To consider a report on enforcement – none
d) To consider any general planning issues:
   1. Walton Housing Need Assessment – to consider undertaking. This item was deferred to the next parish council meeting.
   2. Local Development Framework – the review of this by the independent inspector is being monitored.
   3. Somerset Minerals plan – an update report had been circulated to all present and it was noted that it would be available for public view at Walton village hall on Tuesday 11th March 12 noon to 7pm
4. Somerset Levels & Moors – an update report had been provided to all councillors for information.


1. A financial report as at 31st January 2014, that included a bank reconciliation, was circulated to all councillors present. The bank statements for that period were also provided to those present. It was *Resolved [B/nil]* by the council that this was an accurate record and it was then signed as such by Cllr. R. Crossman.

2. A briefing from the National Association of Local Councils re future potential changes to financial regulations was circulated to those present.

3. **13.14.262 Authorisation of expenses and the agreement of cheques for the payment of accounts**

   1. It was *Resolved [B/nil]* that the following payments are approved by the council with the cheques to be signed at the end of the meeting.

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   **TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

   £ 847.15

2. It was noted that an invoice had been received from the council’s land agent but was being held pending completion of the sale in case further work was required.

**13.14.263 Youth Engagement**

Cllr. Gagg gave a report on the Ignite project and the possibility of seed funding for youth engagement projects. Considerable discussion ensued. It was *Resolved [B/nil]* that an article would be placed into the next newsletter to test the interest of 11 to 19 years in a parish project. Laminated posters would also be put up in the village play area.


This item was deferred until the next parish council meeting.
13.14.265 Village Play areas
- It was reported that the Meadow Lane play area was very wet but not currently flooded.
- It was reported that hazardous trees in the Hempitts road play area had been reported to Mendip District Council by a resident and had been removed.

13.14.266 Upcoming Meetings and Training
1. Next Parish Council Meeting Friday 14th March 7pm in the village Hall lounge
2. Litter Pick – 10am Saturday 22nd February – assemble at Village hall lounge
3. Meeting with EDF re Hinckley Point – Glastonbury town hall 7pm March 12th
4. New Councillor Training WOOLAVINGTON village hall either:
   2pm to 5pm on 6th March OR
   7pm to 9pm on 18th March
   Please advise Clerk as soon as possible which [if any] you wish to attend in order that places may be booked.
5. Annual Parish [village] meeting Friday 16th May 2014

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