Minutes of Walton Parish Council of Friday 14th June 2013
That took place at 7.28pm in the Walton Village Hall Lounge

Prior to the opening of the meeting there was a short presentation [commencing at 7pm] by British Solar Renewables with regard to a potential solar farm on land at Whitley Road ~ this was followed by a general question and answer session between all present

13.14.054 Present
Cllr. A. Marsh [Chairman], Cllr. J. Hanrahan, Cllr. J. Haydon, Cllr. B. Pletts, Cllr. B. Musgrave,
Cllr. L. Gagg

13.14.055 In Attendance
5 members of the public, representatives of British Solar Renewable
District & County Cllr. G. Noel
H Moore [clerk]

13.14.056 To Accept Apologies for Absence
Cllr. C. Bishop due to previous commitments
Cllr. R. Crossman due to family commitments
Cllr. M. King as in Devon

13.14.057 To confirm the minutes of previous meetings.
The minutes of the annual parish council meeting of 10th May 2013 were Resolved [5/nil with 1 abstention due to non attendance] to be an accurate record and they were then signed as such by the Chairman.

13.14.058 Residents declarations of interest in speaking on agenda items
None declared

13.14.059 Open Forum for Residents
No issues were raised

13.14.060 Councillor’s Disclosure of any undeclared interests and dispensations granted
None disclosed

13.14.061 To receive the County Councillors and District Councillors Reports
Cllr. G. Noel provided an update with regard to:
• Current highways issues within the parish
• Workshop re somerset minerals plan schedules for 19th june in the village hall
• Building works at Mendip District Council chambers
• Current position on the Local Development Framework.
The chairman thanked him for the information provided and requested that the protected route of the Walton By Pass continue to be considered and observed.

13.14.062 To receive the PCSO report
None provided.

13.14.063 The Legacy of Mr. H. Skinner
a.) Land purchase for allotments
(i) Report on progress ~ It was noted that the report on the overage clause had been received and circulated to all councillors for their information and consideration
1. It was Resolved [5/nil] that the overage clause was acceptable.

(ii) Public Works Loan Board ~ It was noted that the funds had been received into the deposit account

(iii) Contractors ~ It was noted that revised quotations had been received from both contractors.
13.14.064 Roads and traffic through the village

a.) Parking Concerns
1. It was noted that the issue raised with regard to parking in Meadow Lane was awaiting feedback from Cllr. R. Crossman.
2. The issue of parking problems in Asney road that had been raised by a member of the public was discussed. It was noted that general parking issues were now the remit of Mendip District Council

b.) Verge Cutting
1. It was noted that the cut of the minor roads had not yet occurred.
2. It was noted that problems with regard to the visibility splays at Bramble Hill / Cockrod had been reported to Mendip Highways.
3. It was requested that the brambles and greenery encroaching out onto the pavement at the bottom of Brooks road be reported to the land owner for cutting back.

c.) Pot holes
1. It was reported that the large pot hole outside numbers 7&8 Mildred road had been repaired.
2. It was reported that Whitley Road was now scheduled to be closed for resurfacing from the 29th July.

d.) Roads & traffic in general
1. The response received from Mendip Highways with regard to the possible installation of “horses” warning triangles signs in the Bramble Hill and Whitley Road areas was noted with no further action to be taken at this time.
2. Meadow Lane Wild flower Trial: It was reported that the trial area at the Purseys garage end of the verge had been mown by Mendip Council when they cut the verge. This had been reported to and acknowledged by Mendip Highways who were making enquiries.
3. 18ft Rhyne: It was noted that the condition of the bridge over this rhyne had been reported to Somerset Bridges Department and the bridge and road were now closed pending repair.
4. Litter Bin at Walton Windmill Car Park: The question had been raised as to whether a bin could be installed at this area. As it was thought by those present that one was already located there the Chairman and vice Chairman will visit and clarify.

13.14.065 Planning

a.) To receive any planning decisions reported
i.) 2012/3088 62 Main Street – extension to north elevation to provide additional accommodation to main house - Approved.

b.) To consider any applications received
i.) 2013/1034 5 Teign Court Main Street Walton
   It was Resolved [6-nil] that the parish council recommend approval of this application.
ii.) 2013/1072 Bramble Hill House Bramble Hill
    It was Resolved [6-nil] that the parish council recommend approval of this application.
iii.) 2013/0955 Street Business Park – Access infrastructure etc. & alterations to Gravenchon Way BA16 0HS
    It was Resolved [5-1] that the parish council recommend approval of this application with the request that the traffic lights that had previously created a pedestrian crossing outside the skate park be re installed.

No other planning consultations had been received for consideration
c.) **To consider a report on enforcement**
Nothing to report

d.) **Any other planning issues** –
It was reported that the Chairman & Clerk had attended the recent rural housing seminar where housing needs surveys had been discussed.
1. It was *Resolved [6-nil]* that a housing need survey be carried out for the parish with the Clerk to make initial enquiries to Mendip District Council.


1. A financial report as at 31st May 2013, that included the bank reconciliation, had been circulated to all councillors. The bank statements for that period were provided to those present. It was *Resolved [6-nil]* by the council that this was an accurate record and it was then signed as such by Cllr. J. Haydon.

### 13.14.067 To consider the authorisation of Expenses & the agreement of cheques for payment of accounts

It was *Resolved [6-nil]* that the following payments are approved by the council and the cheques were then signed.

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

£ 1,183.00

### 13.14.068 Village Play Areas
It was reported that the Meadow Lane play area is currently looking nice.

### 13.14.069 Visual History Project
It was noted that the letter offering that the council become custodians of the village film had been delivered and it was hoped a response would be received in the near future.
13.14.070 Parish Precept Grants
The report with regard to grant policy and standardised grant application forms [previously circulated to all councillors] was discussed.
1. It was Resolved [6/nil] that Walton Parish Council adopt the grant policy and application form as attached in appendix one.

The central government revision of the formal principles of public life was noted.
1. It was Resolved [6/nil] that the Walton Parish Council Code of Conduct be amended to take the revised principles into account [appendix two]

The Chairman raised the issue that the annual village meeting should be arranged for a separate date to that of the annual parish council meeting in order to encourage greater attendance and participation by residents.
It was requested that ideas be brought forward to the next parish council meeting where this issue will be discussed again.

13.14.073 Peter Lacey - Permanent Memorial
A request had been received from the Somerset Association of Local Councils for contributions toward a permanent memorial for Peter Lacey. There was a discussion with regard to the manner in which the work of Mr. Lacey was considered to not only have assisted individual members of the Council and the Clerk but had also been of benefit to the parish community as a whole.
1. It was Resolved [6/nil] that, using the general power of competence, a contribution to the Peter Lacey memorial fund of the sum of £25.00 [twenty five pounds] be made by Walton Parish Council

Cheque number 1338 was then raised for the sum of £25.00 [twenty five pounds] and signed.

13.14.074 Village Telephone Notice board
It was noted that this was being well used.
It was reported that a repair was required to one of the smaller “glass” panels which was hanging loose

13.14.075 Upcoming Meetings
• Next parish council meeting – Friday 12th July 2013 7pm in the village hall lounge
• Minerals Consultation – Wednesday 19th June 2013 2pm Walton Village Hall
• Somerset Association of Local Councils - East Area Meeting - Monday 15th July 7pm in the lounge at the Douglas Yates Court, Church Street, Coleford BA3 5PD

THE MEETING THEN CLOSED