2016.76  Present:
  Cllrs Alan Marsh, Bob Musgrave, Clive Bishop, John Haydon, Simon Loader, Philip Daniells, Lesdley Gagg
  - also present District & County Councillor Graham Noel & H. Moore parish clerk

2016.77.  Apologies for absence:
  Cllr. Richard Crossman for personal reasons
  Cllr. N. Johnson for family reasons

2016.78.  The minutes of the previous meeting 11th March 2016, that had been circulated, were RESOLVED [4/nil with three abstentions due to non attendance] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.

2016.79.  Residents declarations of interest in speaking on agenda items
  None

2016.80.  Open Forum for Residents -
  no concerns raised

2016.81.  Cllrs Disclosure of any undeclared interests and notification of dispensations granted -
  None

2016.82.  County Councillors & District Councillors Reports -
  C & D Cllr. G. Noel spoke on the following:
  - Council Tax increase - first one in six years
  - County partnering for cost savings in progress
  - Mayor may be required which could trigger a local referendum
  - Somerset levels and moors local action group

2016.83.  The Police Community Support Officer’s Report -
  Written report regarding:
  - Recent thefts from the church causing it to be locked
  - Walton community speed watch first speed check on 9th April
  - Cold calling issue from last month has gone away - residents reminded to telephone the police on 101 if cold callers turn up.
  - Traffic monitoring and high visibility checks of the village during late evenings are ongoing to deter criminals and reassure residents
  - Checks of Village hall, veal lane and Street Hill are also ongoing.
2016.84. **Planning:**

a. To receive any planning decisions reported. -
   Walton Gateway application 2016/0291/OTA is noted on the Mendip planning portal as refused
   1 Broughton Close application 2016/ 0247/HSE has been given approval

b. To consider any applications received -
   **2016/06291/FUL Whitley Camp Site**
   Erection of toilet & shower block to serve existing camp site field to the north west of Autumn Leaves, Whitley Lane Walton BA16 9RW.
   Following a thorough discussion of the application during which it was noted that the block is an essential requirement to the camping field, the council RESOLVED [7/nil] to recommend approval of this application.

c. To consider any General Planning Issues -
   A hard copy of the local plan update from the Mendip District Council website was provided to all councillors.

2016.85. **Roads & Traffic through the village** -

A.) Vehicle Activated Device - It was reported that the clerk is currently unable to download data from the device and is seeking advice from the manufacturer.
B.) Sunken manhole covers in front of Pursey’s Garage require repair - Clerk to report.
C.) Asney Road junction is again being regularly blocked by parked cars. Clerk requested to investigate who applies for double yellow lines to be extended [safety grounds] and advise the PCSO of the councils concerns.

2016.86. **East Mead Field & Allotments** -
- Grass keep fees received and banked.
- Allotments coming alive with the spring

2016.87 **Annual Return Annual Governance Statement 2015 - 16**
This was read out point by point to all present and no negative responses were required. It was therefore recorded as completed by Council, RESOLVED [7/nil] as approved and signed as such by the Chairman and Parish Clerk as Responsible financial Officer.
A copy of the governance statement is attached to these minutes as appendix one.

2016.88 **Projects going forward.**
Proposals were considered for the next financial year and onward [papers having been circulated with the March 2016 agenda]

a.] Following due consideration it was RESOLVED by Council [7/nil] to formally commence work on a neighbourhood plan for Walton.
B.] It was agreed that the first general parish consultation would take place at the Annual Parish Event [annual meeting of the parish] on May 20th 2016.
C.] It was noted that responses to volunteer litter picks had dropped off.
An article was requested for a future newsletter requesting residents to pick up any litter they notice [safely].
D. The Clerk was requested to investigate the possibility of financing a litter pick by a company or a ‘parish warden’ for litter picking in the village and general tidying.

2016.89. Community Benefit Funds
During discussion regarding the possible allocation of the funds received the following comments were noted:
- should not be spent all on one project
- possible contribution toward neighbourhood plan costs
- purchase of a further vehicle indicator device once speed indicator and vehicle indicator results can be considered

No formal decisions were made by council and it was requested that this item be placed on all monthly agendas until such time as all funds are allocated.

2016.90. Financial Report -

a. A financial report, which included a bank reconciliation to the end of the financial year, was RESOLVED [7/nil] to be an accurate record and was signed as such by Councillor J. Haydon

b. A financial report, which included a bank reconciliation to date, was RESOLVED [7/nil] to be an accurate record and was signed as such by Councillor J. Haydon

2016.91. To consider the authorisation of payments & agreement of cheques for payment of accounts.

a. It was RESOLVED [7/nil] that the monthly standing order for staff pay be authorised. [Gross pay less tax, NI & employee pension contribution]
A letter to the bank authorising the above [2016.91.a] was then signed

b. It was RESOLVED [7/nil] that the monthly standing order to the NEST pension scheme be authorised [employer & employee contributions] [ standing order mandate previously signed as authorised at pension scheme set up]

c. The following payments & agreement of cheques for payment of accounts totalling £ 7,272.67 were RESOLVED [7/nil] as authorised to be made:

| 100098 | Somerset Motor Project | Precept grant |
| 100099 | Walton Under 5’s pre school | Precept grant |
| 100100 | Walton Parochial Church Council | Precept grant |
| 100101 | Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance | Precept grant |
| 100102 | Walton Brownie Group | Precept grant |
| 100103 | Street 1st Scout group | Precept grant |
| 100104 | Walton Allotment Society | Precept grant |
| 100105 | Saint Margaret’s Hospice | Precept grant |
| 100106 | Mendip Community Transport | Precept grant |
| 100107 | Street 3rd Brownies | Precept grant |
| S.O. | H Moore | April 2016 staff costs |
| 100108 | HMRC | Tax & NI re above |
| S.O. | NEST Pension Scheme | April Employer & employee payment |
| 100109 | Walton Trust | Annual contribution |
A full schedule of payments is attached as appendix two.

D.) A letter to transfer the agreed budget from the deposit account to the current account was Resolved [7/nil] to be signed.

2016.92. Village play areas
It was reported that the Grass cutting is good and all equipment has been checked

2016.93. Annual Meeting of the Parish May 20th 2016
● Clerk to contact school to obtain a list of Children who will be attending in order to create the certificates.
● John Hanrahan to be approached re showing of the village film
● It was agreed that the refreshments would be Cheese and biscuits and nibbles with tea, coffee and soft drinks. [Clerk & Cllr. L. Gagg to liaise]

2016.94. Village Hall Improvement update
● The landowner is currently being approached
● Planning application is being drafted
● A presentation is being prepared for the annual meeting of the parish

2016.95. Upcoming meetings &/or training ~
Next meeting Friday May 13th 2016 [annual parish council meeting]
Annual Meeting of the Parish 20th May 2016
Preparing for audit training 3rd May at Somerton - Clerk to attend
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE END OF APRIL
Mendip Training on Tuesday 12th May - Chairman & Clerk to attend

The meeting then closed.