**2018.01** **PRESENT:**

* **Councillors**

N. Johnson [Madam Chairman] C. Bishop, J. Ponsillo, B. Musgrave,

R. Crossman, S. Loader, [SIX]

* **Parish Clerk.** H. Moore

**2018.02 APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. A. Marsh due to farm business - lambing

Cllr. P. Daniells due to health.

* These apologies were accepted by Council

**2018.03 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of Friday 8th December 2017 which had been circulated to all councillors, were ***RESOLVED [5/nil + 1 abstention due to non attendance]*** to be an accurate record and were signed as such by Madam Chairman.

**2018.04 CLLRS. DISCLOSURES OF UNDECLARED INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None

**2018.05 RESIDENT REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**None**

**2018.06 OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS**

No issues were raised

**2018.07 District & County Councillors report**

None was provided

**2018.08 PCSO Report.**

The written report provided was read out to those in attendance

**2018.09 FINANCES**

1. A financial report, which included a bank reconciliation as at 3rd December 2017 to the bank statements received, was **RESOLVED [6/nil]** to be an accurate record and was signed as such by Councillor R. Crossman **[see appendix one]**

2. It was **RESOLVED [6/nil]** that the standing orders and cheques outlined on the attached payment schedule **[appendix two]** be approved for payment. Only one account signatory was in attendance and therefore the Clerk was authorised to approach a second signatory prior to the next meeting.

3. The Precept for the 2018 2019 financial year was **RESOLVED [6/nil] to be set as £29,000.00 [twenty nine thousand pounds exactly]**

**2018.10 FOOTPATHS & CYCLEWAYS**

A. The Royal Oak footpath

Following receipt of a formal valuation of the strip of land linking footpath to pavement it was **RESOLVED [6/NIL] THAT the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the purchase as previously agreed by council.**

B. Main Street closure – information was circulated to those present

**2018.11 PLANNING**

**A. DECISIONS REPORTED:**

None

**B.** **APPLICATIONS received for consideration as at date of agenda:**

**2017/3290/HSE** – proposed alterations & single storey extension – 21 South Street **Following discussion it was RESOLVED [6/nil] that** Walton Parish Council recommends APPROVAL of this application

**2017/3190/**HSE - single storey side extension to dwelling and partial replacement of boundary fence with wall and new fence – Badgers Green road. **Following discussion it was RESOLVED [6/nil] that** Walton Parish Council recommends APPROVAL of this application

**C. GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES:**

1. Mendip District Council – Local Plan Part Two: sites and policies

The following initial concerns were discussed:

* Future growth areas to the East of Walton – lack of acknowledgement throughout that the development is in Walton. This needs to be included within the Walton section and fully outlined. This is due to the size and potential impact of the proposed development on Walton.

It is of less relevance that the large development is to ‘meet the housing needs’ of a neighbouring village and of greater relevance to consider the impact and required infrastructure of the parish / village that it is actually being allocated within.

* Sustainable Employment – The Street Business park is used to justify potential housing need in the area. It should be noted that the existing business park is actually a Walton & Street ***RETAIL*** park. What was originally conceived as small industrial units creating numerous jobs has transformed into a ***RETAIL*** park, consequently creating fewer employment opportunities. It should also be noted that the majority of the expanded RETAIL park outlined, is ***actually located within WALTON.***
* The issue of housing density and the density appropriate for a RURAL site is important as is meeting affordable housing goals and being inline with the recent Walton Housing Needs Survey.
* Walton should maintain its own identity separate from neighbouring parishes. Housing within Walton should always be strongly and clearly stated as being within Walton and be built to reflect the style density and design of existing housing within Walton.
* Walton Parish Council would welcome, and like to request, a face to face meeting with Mendip District Council re the Local Plan part two,
* The Clerk was requested to draft a formal response to Mendip District Council regarding Local Plan part Two and circulate such a draft prior to submission.

2. Planning enforcement – The Clerk was requested to enquire as to what action had been taken regarding a local breach of planning permission.

**2018.12 Future Planning**

Madam Chairman deferred to after the closure of the parish council meeting in order to facilitate a more informal discussion.

**2018.13 UP COMING MEETINGS &/OR TRAINING**

* Next Parish Council Meeting – Friday 9th February 2018
* Parish Forum – Thursday 18th January 2018 at 6pm MDC council offices, the council chamber.
* Development management training – Thursday 15th March 2018 6.30pm Glastonbury Town Hall

***THE MEETING THEN CLOSED***