Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Walton Parish Council of Friday 11th July 2014 That took place at 7.00pm in the Walton Village Hall Lounge

In attendance – PCSO T. Richards, H. Moore [Clerk]
As the elected Chairman was not present at this meeting Cllr. J. Hanrahan as elected vice chairman, Chaired the meeting.

14.15.080 Apologies
Cllr. A. Marsh due to annual leave
Cllr. C. Bishop due to a previous engagement

14.15.081 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings
1. The minutes of the parish council meeting of 13th June 2014 were amended to include the submitted apologies of Cllr. L. Gagg and were then Resolved [7/nil] to be an accurate record and they were then signed as such by the Chairman.
2. The minutes of the parish council meeting of 3rd July 2014 were Resolved [7/nil] to be an accurate record and they were then signed as such by the Chairman

14.15.082 Residents declarations of interest in speaking on agenda items
None

14.15.083 Open forum for residents
No items raised

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

14.15.085 County & District Councillors Reports – none received

14.15.086 PCSO report
- Damage to a kissing gate on the footpath leading off from the top of East Mead lane was being looked into.
- The farm at West End had reported having to chase people off of tractors and farm property.
- New police operating model – beat boundaries will be changing to facilitate a more flexible response. Street police station will be closing by 2017 with police relocating within the local area. There will also be a reduction in vehicle use with all staff encouraged to make use of public transport and being more visible out on foot in the local area.

Full details of the changes will be provided at a briefing on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 7pm at Glastonbury Town Hall – all councillors are encouraged to attend.
- No cold calling zone – sample signs were provided with the Clerk & PCSO to arrange a meeting to locate suitable sites for their location around the village. It was thought that fifteen of the large signs would be an appropriate quantity.

The Chairman requested that item ‘roads & traffic through the village’ was taken at this point [as it required in put from the PCSO] and no objections were raised.
Roads & Traffic through the village

It was reported that there had been a recent ‘shunt’ on Cockrod at the junction with Veal Lane and that this stretch of road was particularly hazardous due to the speed of vehicles approaching the junction and the limited visibility. It was requested that the PCSO approach Highways with the concerns of the parish council and request that ‘slow’ markers be put onto the road. The PCSO agreed to do this.

Planning

a. Notifications received:

2014/0934/NMA – Whitley Farm Solar Park – grant of non material amendment. It was Resolved [7/nil] that the Clerk check the current conditions for screening that are in place for this application as concerns were being raised by residents as to the highly visible nature of the installation. Item to be on the agenda for the August Parish Council Meeting.

2013/1831 – Purseys Garage Ltd. – approval of reserved matters.

b. Applications received for consideration:

2014/1251/HSE 126 Main Street – erection of first floor side extension. Following discussion and as this application was for works inside the existing footprint of the property, it was Resolved [7/nil] that the council recommend approval.

2014/1181/APP Land north of Butleigh Drove Pedwell – application for approval of details relating to conditions – for information only.

2014/1112/TPO St Michaels Court ! Creeches Lane – Ash Tree To reduce the canopy of the Ash Tree by 40% etc. – It was Resolved [7/nil] that this application be referred to the tree preservation officer for their decision.

2014/0964/HSE Asney Cottage Asney Road Walton – single storey extension to the East Elevation.

Cllr. Crossman declared a personal but non pecuniary interest in this matter due to being friends with the land owner.

It was noted that the application was for a small low key development that would not be highly visible and following discussion it was Resolved [7/nil] to recommend approval of this application.

c. Enforcement:

Mendip Enforcement had requested information for the annual gypsy & traveller count. It was noted that the 2 previously known locations were currently the only ones in the parish.[ Permitted site at Bramble Hill and the large site at Sam’s Yard]

d. Other planning Considerations:

i. Housing Needs Assessment – the invoice for the deposit for this survey had been received and the current schedule is for the questionnaire to go out this September.

ii. Ashcott Neighbourhood Plan – this had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was Resolved [7/nil] that no comments be submitted at this time.
iii. Housing & Economic land availability assessment – information was provided for all councillors. This item to be on the agenda of the August parish council meeting.

14.15.089 Walton No Cold Calling Zone

PCSO T Richards provided samples of signage and stickers. After discussion it was considered that quotes be obtained for 15 to 20 of the large signs and 500 of the window stickers [preferably in a bright yellow zone] Clerk and PCSO to agree date to tour village to list appropriate locations for exterior signs.

14.15.090 Land Purchase for allotments

- A site meeting had occurred Thursday between Rogers Agri and the Chairman re the location of the water trough and pipeline details.
- One quote had been obtained for grass protection matting for the car park area – further quotes were being sought.
- The lay-out of the car park are to provide safe access was still under consideration.

14.15.091 Proposal for Bus Stop at the Western end of the village.

The results of the consultation had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and are attached to these minutes as appendix one. It was noted that the response rate was just under 50%. [With two further surveys received after the closing date and not included in that figure]

i. Following discussion of the consultation responses it was Resolved [7/nil] that the parish council request that the bus stop be installed.

14.15.092 Additional cutting of green areas around the parish

The areas under discussion were:
- Meadow Lane junction with the A39
- Bramble Hill junction with the A39
- Green area at Broughton Close
- Mildred Road verge

It was considered that earlier cuts were required than currently done, and that more frequent cuts were required during the growing season.

i. It was Resolved [7/nil] that the Clerk obtain quotes for more frequent cuts – six weekly during the growing season

14.15.093 Chancellor’s Close Green Area

The letter from residents had been previously circulated to all councillors.

i. The council considered that it wanted to support the work done by volunteers. The cost of a brown ‘green waste collection’ bin to be looked into by the Clerk.

ii. The ownership / responsibility of maintenance of the garages in that area to be investigated by the Clerk.

14.15.094 Cycling in Walton

The email received from a regular cyclist through Walton had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

It was noted that considerable work had been done previously with Mendip on a ‘safer route through the village’ for pedestrians and cyclists. It was further noted that the
council were looking for a south side pedestrian/cycle link to be installed as part of a community benefit package from any future developments.

i. It was Resolved [7/nil] that the proposals in the email although desirable are not currently practical.

14.15.095 Asney Road Pavement Extension Project
A report was provided of current highways proposals and requirements.

i. It was Resolved [7/nil] that no further action be taken by the parish council at this time

ii. It was noted that further fence work to tidy up the boundary area is due to be completed by the Walton Trust.

14.15.096 Village Fun Day
A request for funding toward the village fund day was submitted by the Walton Trust, this was read out to those present.

Councillors Crossman and Haydon left the room at this point due to being members of the Walton Trust.

Following discussion of the community benefit of the event and its inclusive nature over a wide range of residents and acknowledgement of the manner in which it brings the village together

i. It was Resolved [5/nil] that a donation would be given toward the set up and entertainment costs.

ii. Following further discussion of previous years contributions and the current years budget, it was Resolved [5/nil] to give the sum of £800

Councillors Crossman and Haydon rejoined the meeting at this point

14.15.097 Council Banking Arrangements
After consideration of proposed changes to deposit accounts by National Westminster bank and recent issues with payments it was Resolved [7/nil] that the Clerk make enquiries into alternate banking arrangements.

14.15.098 To consider approval of the Monthly Financial Report.

i. A financial report as at 30th June 2014, that included a bank reconciliation, was circulated to all councillors present. It was Resolved [7/nil] by the council that this was an accurate record and it was then signed as such by Cllr. R. Crossman

ii. It was noted that Cllr. Marsh needed to make an expenses claim to the council for the £20 refund received from the bank

14.15.099 Authorisation of expenses and agreement of cheques for payment of accounts

It was Resolved [7/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 £ 1,942.37

14.15.100 Village Play Areas
Meadow Lane – contractors should be on site by the end of the week re springies.
Hempitts Rd. – Neighbours Interceptor tank has been cleaned and emptied. Man hole cover in play area to be replaced in the next few days which should resolved the issue and stop any future re occurrence.

14.15.101 Upcoming Meetings
Next parish council meeting Friday 8th August 2014 – 7pm village hall lounge
New Police Operating model meeting Wednesday 16th July Glastonbury town hall 7pm

The meeting then closed