Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Walton Parish Council of Friday 19th September 2014

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

In attendance – H. Moore [Clerk]

14.15.134 Apologies
Cllr. C. Bishop due to annual leave

14.15.135 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings
1. The minutes of the parish council meeting of 8th August 2014 were Resolved [5/nil] with 3 abstentions due to non attendance, to be an accurate record and they were then signed as such by the Chairman.
2. The minutes of the extra ordinary parish council meeting of 28th August 2014 were Resolved [5/nil] with 3 abstentions due to non attendance, to be an accurate record and they were then signed as such by the Chairman.

14.15.136 Residents declarations of interest in speaking on agenda items - none

14.15.137 Open forum for residents - No items raised

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

14.15.139 National Association of Local Councils [NALC]
Following on from the NALC legal briefing re the August 2014 amendment to the Public Bodies Act 1960 it was Resolved [8/nil] that standing order 1m which stated "Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council’s prior written consent" be suspended from this point.

14.15.140 County & District Councillors Reports – none received

14.15.141 PCSO report – none provided

14.15.142 Parish Precept Grants
It was noted that applications had been received from:
1. Holy Trinity Church [£900]
2. Somerset Motor Project [no amount specified]
3. Mendip Community Transport [no amount specified]
4. Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance [no amount specified]
5. Somerset Wildlife Trust [£100]
6. Walton Allotment Society [£240]
7. Walton Under 5’s [£800]

It was also noted that Saint Margaret’s Hospice & Walton Netball Club had also stated their intention to apply but that completed application forms had yet to be received by the Council. [St Margaret’s Hospice had advised that they intended to apply for £1,000.]
Copies of the applications were provided to all councillors with further information to circulate.
14.15.143 Planning

a. Notifications received:
   - 2014/1251/HSE – 126 Main Street – Refused
   - 2014/1112/TPO – St Michael’s Court – Approved with conditions
   - 2014/0914/FUL – Factory Site Long Lane – Approved with conditions
   - 2014/0695/HSE - The Paddock Main Street – Approved with conditions
   - 14/00040/REF – 84 Main Street – APPEAL against refusal – decision referred to inspector.

b. Applications received: none

c. Enforcement – contacted council re road side signage & referred onto relevant groups.

d. Other planning Considerations:
   i. Housing Needs Assessment – Initial draft has been discussed and taken back to Community Council for Somerset [CCS]. Second & third drafts now received and a meeting to be arranged with Cllrs. Marsh & Hall to consider which draft to proceed with.
   ii. Solar Farm Screening conditions – following discussion it was agreed to put this item onto the March Agenda providing six months for growth of screening planting/growth to occur and then review conditions imposed on the planning application.
   iii. Solar Park Community benefit – the Chairman of the Parish Council still to try and arrange a meeting with the Chairman of the Walton Trust and a local representative.

14.15.144 Walton ‘no cold calling’ zone

The large external signs have been collected and the stickers are now awaiting collection. The Clerk & PCSO will be putting up signage around the village later this month. It is hoped that the stickers will be distributed with the newsletter due to go out in November.

14.15.145 Parish Allotments and East Mead Field

i. It was reported the agreement with the Walton Allotment Society [WAS] had been signed at the village fun day and that a launch event would be discussed at the October Parish Council meeting.

ii. It was Resolved [8/nil] that the council formally thank the Clerk for all the work put in to the project.

14.15.146 Roads & Traffic through the village

i. It was Resolved [8/nil] that a letter to be written to the Old Parsonage requesting that they cut back the growth overhanging their wall at South Street as it is blocking visibility for pedestrians trying to cross the road.

ii. Traffic is jumping the traffic lights when exiting West End on an apparently regular basis.

iii. Traffic turning into West End from Walton – the sensor requires some adjustment as it is changing the lights on the slightest gap – causing frustration and traffic to be very close.
iv. It was reported that the issue of HGV’s using Bradley Stream Road had been discussed with the company responsible and would hopefully now cease.

v. It was reported that man holes covers on Main Street need checking as some are again becoming increasingly noisy. Clerk to advise Highways.

vi. It was reported that car racing appears to be occurring along Main Street in the early hours of the morning. Clerk to Advise PCSO

vii. Road Closures – The pending closure of Berhill was noted.

14.15.147

Council Banking arrangements

Following due consideration it was **Resolved [8/nil]** that Walton Parish Council transfer their bank accounts to Barclays Bank.

The bank account signatories to be Councillors Marsh, Haydon, Hanrahan & Musgrave. The Clerk to be a signatory authorised to view accounts but not authorised to withdraw funds.

14.15.148

To consider approval of the Monthly Financial Report.

A financial report as at 31st August 2014, that included a bank reconciliation, had been circulated to all councillors. It was **Resolved [8/nil]** by the council that this was an accurate record and it was then signed as such by Cllr. R. Crossman.

14.15.149

Authorisation of expenses and agreement of cheques for payment of accounts

It was **Resolved [8/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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Cheques for Payment 19th September 2014
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**Chairman:..................................................Date:..................**

### 14.15.150 Village Play Areas
Meadow Lane – Annual Independent inspection carried out – report to be circulated to all councillors prior to consideration at the next meeting.

Hempitts road area – still awaiting scheduled works to be undertaken.

### 14.15.151 Village Fun Day
It was reported that this was a very good event with more people than ever attending and staying longer. To date good feedback had been received locally and the evening band went down well. It was noted that Tessa Munt MP had attended and been hosted by Cllr. Marsh. The Parish council were thanked for their contribution by the Chairman of the Trust.

### 14.15.152 Annual staff appraisal
Chair & vice Chair to arrange a date for this with the Clerk.

### 14.15.153 Upcoming Meetings
Next parish council meeting Friday 17th October 2014 – 7pm village hall lounge
SALC all area meeting 27th September Eddington Village Hall 1.45pm

The meeting then closed.