2016.58. Present:
Cllrs Alan Marsh, Bob Musgrave, John Haydon, Simon Loader, Richard Crossman
- also present Five members of the public, H. Moore parish clerk

2016.59. Apologies for absence:
Cllr. C. Bishop for personal reasons
Cllr. N. Johnson for health reasons
Cllr. P. Daniells for health reasons
Cllr. L. Gagg for family reasons

2016.60. The minutes of the previous meeting 11th March 2016, that had been circulated, were RESOLVED [5/nil] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.

2016.61. Residents declarations of interest in speaking on agenda items
Mr. Collins & Mr. Webb Declared an interest in speaking on planning applications

2016.62. Open Forum for Residents -
no concerns raised

2016.63. Cllrs Disclosure of any undeclared interests and notification of dispensations granted -
None

2016.64. County Councillors & District Councillors Reports -
A written report from C & D Cllr. G. Noel was circulated

2016.65. The Police Community Support Officer’s Report -
Noted.

2016.66. Planning:
   a. To receive any planning decisions reported. -
      The retrospective application with regard to East Mead Farm
      [2012/0338 - RETROSPECTIVE permission for the erection of a building over
      existing concrete yard to create livestock shelter and feed store.] had been approved.

   b. To consider any applications received -
      2016/0291/OTA Walton Gateway -
      proposed residential development & associated works at 160 Main Street Walton
THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT THIS POINT IN ORDER TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO SPEAK ABOUT THE APPLICATION AND WAS THEN RE OPENED

- A public petition objecting to the planning application and requesting that the public house be retained was then submitted to council. It was noted by Council that a copy of the petition had been forwarded to Mendip planning.
- Concerns with regard to the loss of a village asset, with a much needed function facility and disabled access were noted by council.
- Concerns with regard to the viability of the business were noted.

Following discussion Walton Parish Council resolved [4/1] to recommend REFUSAL of this application as it would result in the loss of a valued and unique local asset.
However should the application be approved please could the following conditions be imposed:
1. The size of the dwellings to be in line with those shown as required in the independent housing needs assessment for Walton carried out last year.
2. The concerns of the council, with regard to the junction of Whitley Road and the Main road, to be alleviated by the widening of the junction through the removal of a portion of land at the corner of what is marked as plot three on drawing number S5299/100G - proposed site layout.
3. The dwellings to be designed to fit in with the older nearby properties in the parish.

2016/0247/HSE Conservatory extension to rea elevation
1 Broughton Close Walton
Following consideration of the plans it was RESOLVED [5/0] that this application be recommended for APPROVAL

c. To consider any General Planning Issues -
   A petition to give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions was brought to the attention of the council:
   https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110489

D. Solar Park Community benefit update -
A written report was provided to councillors of the work carried out to date and it was noted that the funds had now been received.

2016.67 Roads & Traffic through the village -
A.) Vehicle Activated Device - It was reported that the VAD had now been installed and was operational
B.) Road closure notification for Veal Lane

2016.68 East Mead Field & Allotments -
Society currently looking at grass mowers and running a promotion campaign.

2016.69 Financial Report -
a. Authorisation was requested to transfer £4,200.00 from the reserves to the current account in order to cover the cost of the vehicle activated device. Resolved [5/0] to approve
b. Notification that work had started on the end of year return.
C. The monthly financial report, which included a bank reconciliation to the latest bank statements, was *RESOLVED [5/nil]* to be an accurate record and was signed as such by Councillor R. Crossman.

**2016.70 Payments for authorisation**

The following expenses & agreement of cheques for payment of accounts were *RESOLVED [5/nil]* to be authorised:

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**2016.71 Village play areas**

Grass cut for the first time this year & area holding up well - not too muddy

**2016.72 Annual Meeting of the Parish May 20th 2016**

- School have agreed to the display on the day Walton was SOLD school will be shown and have asked if they can use the hall in the afternoon to display for parents who cannot make the evening event.
- John Hanrahan to be approached re showing of the village film

**2016.73 Village Hall Improvement update**

- The planning application is now ready to submit
- The parish council was requested to submit the planning application: Council *RESOLVED 5/nil* to submit the application.
- The Walton Trust requested that the details of the NEST pension scheme set up by the parish council be shared with the Walton Trust for consideration for their use. Council *RESOLVED 5/nil* to share the information as no personal information was included.

**2016.74 Future Project Proposals**

This discussion was deferred to the next meeting when it was hoped that more councillors would be in attendance.

**2016.75 Upcoming meetings &/or training**

Next meeting Friday 8th APRIL 2016

1 year anniversary of Meet & Greet - Wednesday 6th April 2.15 pm village hall lounge - all councillors invited to attend.

The meeting then closed.