PRESENT
Also present Mrs. H. Moore - Clerk to the council.

APOLOGIES
PCSO

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
1 amendment to include the word “potential” was made.
The minutes of the meeting of Friday 10th July 2015 were Resolved [9/0] to be a correct copy and were then signed as such by the Chairman

Residents declarations of interest in speaking on agenda items
None

Open forum for residents
No issues were raised

Councillors disclosure of any undeclared interests & notification of any dispensations granted
None

To receive the County & District Councillors report
None

To receive the Police Community Support officers Report
- Electric Fence damaged near to Quarry Batch Farm - please report any information to 101
- Resident had mentioned the possibility of a Defibrillator being considered in the village, possibly located in the old phone box at South Street - Council Agreed to place this item onto the agenda of the August Parish Council Meeting.
- Inappropriate speed along South Street has been mentioned. - Council noted this report
- Speed van & Bike continue to make checks in Walton
- If anyone is interested in joining a community speedwatch team please contact Timothy Richards our PCSO - there is a notice in the telephone box.

General Power of Competence
Walton Parish Council confirms that the number of members of the council currently declared to be elected is greater than two-thirds of the total members of the parish council [currently eight elected out of a total of nine members]
Walton parish council confirms that the Parish Clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration and relevant training in the exercise of the general power provided in accordance with the national training strategy for parish councils.
Walton Parish Council therefore Resolves [9/nil] that it meets the conditions required to be an eligible council for the purposes of section 8(2) of the localism act 2011 and so has a General Power of Competence in accordance with section 1 of that Act
REFER APPENDIX ONE

Planning
1. To receive any planning decisions reported - none
2. To consider any applications received - none
3. To consider any report on enforcement
   a. Annual gypsy & traveller count as at 17th July - currently noted as the authorised park at Hatch-a-Kie Bramble Hill and the unlawful encampment at Sam’s yard. Clerk to do a visual check for any other vehicles etc. on the day.
   b. Fly tipping report Chancellors Road area. - Reported via the MDC website and followed up with a telephone report. - Chairman to check if this has been removed
4. To Consider any general planning issues
   To consider the development and effectiveness of hedge & tree screening of Whitley Solar Park Clerk was requested to locate the original conditions that were placed on the planning permission granted for this application. Item to be placed onto the agenda of the August Parish Council Meeting.

Roads & Traffic through the village
1. Permanent VAD’s in village [vehicle activated device] It was reported that the contractor and Somerset County Council had been advised of Councils request to now proceed and were in liaison re installation.
2. Potholes - Clerk to do visual check of worst pot holes and report.
3. Pavements at Quarry Batch, & South Street to Chancellors Close were reported as obstructed by vegetation - C Willcox to be requested to clear these areas.

Green Areas
1. Clerk advised has been in contact with MDC operational assets as requested and discussed taking over the grass cutting for areas that are their responsibility along with the ones they cut on behalf of highways. Feed back awaited from higher management.
2. Further brown sacks requested by the volunteer who keeps the small green area near Chancellors Road car park tidy.
RESOLVED [9/0] that sacks be purchased.
14.15.376 **Dog Concerns**
Reported as requested and signage requested for the area. Awaiting call back from warden.

14.15.377 **Proposal for a Parish Financial Reserves Policy.**
Paperwork provided to all councillors was outlined by Clerk as a starting point for the discussion of a proposal for the adoption of a formal reserves policy as part of the proper financial risk management of the council. It was requested that this item be placed onto the agenda of the August parish council meeting.

14.15.378 **Community Benefit**
1. Solar panels have now been installed onto the roof of the village hall - a 4kw system.
2. Council needs to consider appropriate proposals for the use of any other funding due to be received as community benefit. The potential of the Hall development as a possible project to assist was raised along with possible use for a range of smaller project. No decision was made.

14.15.379 **Local Legacy Fund**
It was agreed that the Walton Trust should make an application. Council to consider if it had a current project needing support.

14.15.380 **Annual Meeting of the Parish**
It was noted that the numbers were down on last year. It was agreed that a flyer should be sent around next year as a personal invitation to all residents. It had been suggested that more time was needed to allow those present to view the exhibitors. The potential of a free but ticketed event was discussed. The creation of an events sub committee was raised. Item to be placed onto the agenda of the August parish council meeting.

14.15.381 **East Mead Field & Allotments**
1. Potential fence problem - Chairman had approached leasee who will correct any damage.
2. Cornucopia Award for Allotments as part of Walton in Bloom - Award donated by the parish Clerk who was thanked by Council. The first year will be judged by Mr. Allex Fornal from the National Allotment Society on the Afternoon of Thursday 6th August. PLOTS NUMBERED 16 & 22 BELONG TO PARISH COUNCILLORS AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPETITION.

14.15.382 **Review of Internal Audit**
The annual review of the internal auditor was carried out by those present and it was RESOLVED [9/0] that council considered the current system of internal audit was sufficiently effective.

14.15.383 **Review of Internal Controls**
The annual review of internal controls was carried out by those present and with one amendment it was RESOLVED [9/0] that the controls currently in place are effective.

14.15.384 **To receive & consider the monthly financial report**
1. It was noted that the annual return had been approved by the external auditor with no amendments.
2. It was noted that all the national westminster bank accounts were now closed however the transfers were not carried out as requested, instead a single cheque was issued which has now been paid into the Bar clays bank first reserve account.
3. It was therefore RESOLVED [9/0] that a letter be signed to request a transfer of six thousand pounds from the first reserve account to the barclays current account in order to complete the transaction that national westminster were previously requested to carry out.
4. It was RESOLVED [9/0] that the monthly financial report as circulated was an accurate record and it was then signed as such by Cllr. Richard Crossman.

14.15.385 **To Consider authorization of expenses & agreement of cheques for payment of accounts.**
It was RESOLVED [9/0] that the following payments be approved by Council with the cheques to be signed at the end of the meeting:

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**
£960.33
14.15.386 **Village Play Areas**

- Grass cutting happening to a very good standard at present.
- Hedge to be cut back by grass cutting contractor.
- It was noted that the same contractor was requesting a copy of the quote that he had submitted for the telephone box refurbishment / painting.
- It was requested that Cllr. J. Haydon obtain a quote for the cost of the installation of the two new play area benches and the bench by the church. It was RESOLVED [9/0] That the decision on accepting this quote was delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Councillor Haydon and the Chairman in order to get the benches installed as soon as possible.

14.15.387 **upcoming meetings &/or training**

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2015

THE MEETING THEN CLOSED.