Present

Apologies
Cllr. P. Daniells – previous commitment
Cllr. L. Gagg – Family commitments
District & County Cllr. G. Noel

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of the meeting of Friday 10th July were RESOLVED [7/nil] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.

Residents wanting to speak on agenda items
None

Open forum for residents
No issues raised

Cllrs. Disclosures of undeclared interests or dispensations granted
None declared

D&C Cllr. Noels report
None provided

PCSO Report
This was read out to those present and is attached as appendix one

Parish Defibrillator
It was reported that one defibrillator in an alarmed, locked & waterproof cabinet could cost in the region of £1,375.00.
The issues raised and discussed were: Location, Practicality, How to utilize / arrange access / key holders etc.
It was RESOLVED [7/nil] that further research was required. The Clerk was requested to contact St. Johns Ambulance with regard to their opinion and training options available/required and also contact other local parishes with regard to if/where installed and also if used.

Planning
1. Decisions reported: Yew Tree Farm 144 Main Street OUTLINE planning permission to demolish agricultural buildings and build 14 dwellings approved. [2014/1943/OTS]

2. Applications received: none as at date of agenda

3. Enforcement: None

4. General Planning issues: Mendip Local Plan Part 2 –To now show in more detail where development will go in towns and villages in Mendip. Road show will consider housing employment and community facility development. Visiting Walton on Friday 27th November, 2-8pm at the village hall. A draft “tool kit” or think about sheet was provided to all councillors as a starting point for drafting their own ideas as to how to inform the public. Cllrs. To bring their drafts and ideas to the September meeting. The Clerk was requested to enquire as to how much information re the proposed large development to the East of Walton would be included.
Roads and traffic through the village

1. **Permanent VADs** [vehicle activated devices] – Clerk meeting with officer from SCC on Friday 28th August for a site meeting.

2. **General road & traffic concerns** – Creeches Lane SID [speed indicator devices] report for July/August 2015 was provided to all councillors.

3. **Parish Notice Board** – The board at Brooks road had been knocked down by a vehicle however no police report available as driver/vehicle not identified. A quote for just under £400 had been obtained. It was **RESOLVED** [7/nil] not to claim on the insurance due to existing excess. It was **RESOLVED** [7/nil] to purchase a replacement from the company as quoted.

4. **Footpaths** – it was reported that further work had been requested of Mr C. Willcox to clear another footpath due to residents concerns about access.

5. **Parish Verge Cutting** - It was **RESOLVED** [7/nil] to authorise the decision for the parish cut of the minor road verges jointly to councillors R. Crossman and A. Marsh

**Green Areas**

Clerk & Chairman have attended a joint meeting with Mr. Stuart Finney of MDC & the contractors to discuss potential improvements to the village grass cutting along Main Street. The proposal is to increase the standard to “amenity” cutting for all grass cutting and to include the verge at the end of Bramble Hill within the cuts. A quotation for the cost of this is now expected from Mendip district council prior to the next council meeting.

**Walton Fun Day funding request.**

COUNCILLORS CROSSMAN AND HAYDON LEFT THE ROOM AT THIS POINT

Following considerable discussion it was **RESOLVED** [7/nil] to provide a grant of £900 toward the cost of the entertainment & non saleable consumables/certificates required.

COUNCILLORS CROSSMAN AND HAYDON REJOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

Council Chairman wished them and the Walton Trust good luck for the event and the weather.

**Parish Reserves policy**

The proposal circulated at the July meeting was **RESOLVED** [7/nil] to be appropriate for the council and adopted by council. Final copy to be signed at the September parish council meeting.

**Community Benefit**

It was noted that the funds had still not been received from JUWI Consideration of potential projects was therefore deferred.

**Walton in Bloom**

Mr. Allan Cavill judged the allotments and provided the Council with a plaque for an annual “allotments special award”. The Clerk had provided an award for the allotments second place.

1. **Results:**
   - **Best Overall Garden** = 14 Badgers Green  Second = 26 Hempitts Road Special mentions to 17 Fox Road & 27 Hempitts
   - **Best Containers** = 32 Hempitts Road  Second = 40 Main street Special mention to 146 main street
   - **Best Hanging Baskets** = Laune Cottage Main Street  Second = 32 Main Street
   - **Most unusual** = 1 Blackthorn Way  Second = 1 Badgers Green
   - **Allotments Cornucopia Award** = Plot 4  Second = Plot 15  Special Award – Plot 14 [no dig allotment]

2. It was **RESOLVED** [7/nil] to authorise the engraving of all the plaques for the event.
14.15.404 **Annual meeting of the parish**

This item was deferred to the September meeting.

14.15.405 **East Mead Field & Allotments**

- An enquiry had been received re pest control from the secretary of the allotment society. Clerk had taken advice from the national association of allotment & leisure gardeners and forwarded the advice received – that issues involving natural pests are the responsibility of the individual plot holder and not the landlord – to the allotment society.

- An official notification had been received that stated that there were problems with the standard of the pipes and taps installed. This had been forwarded to the allotment society as it was their added installation that was causing concern. A written report from an independent installer had been requested from the Walton Allotment Society by the council.

14.15.406 **Annual Precept Grant Application Procedure**

The draft schedule of dates was **RESOLVED**[7/nil] to be appropriate and would be advertised in the newsletter and circulated to all previous applicants.

14.15.407 **Dates of next years parish council meetings**

It was **RESOLVED** [6/nil] that the following would be agreed as the dates for the 2016 monthly parish council meetings.

- Fri 8th Jan 2016 / Fri 12th Feb 2016 / Fri 11th March 2016 / Fri 8th April 2016 / Fri 13th May 2016 / Fri 10th June 2016 / Fri 8th July 2016 / Fri 12th August 2016 / Fri 16th September 2016 / Fri 14th October 2016 / Fri 11th November 2016 / Fri 9th December 2016

These are all the second Friday of the month except for September when it is the third Friday due to Village Fun Day & harvest show.

14.15.408 **Monthly Financial report**

It was **RESOLVED** [6/0] that the monthly financial report as circulated was an accurate record and it was then signed as such by Cllr. R. Crossman.

14.15.409 **Authorisation of expenses and the agreement of cheques for the payment of accounts**

It was **RESOLVED** [6/nil] that the following payments are approved by council with the cheques to be signed at the end of the meeting.

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100044  H Moore      5 wks staff costs £ 758.43
100045  HMRC        Tax & NI re 5wks staff costs £ 133.68
100046  C.Willcox    footpath clearance £  74.75
100047  Giles Edwards Grass cutting £  122.00
100048  Walton Trust Room Hire £    10.50
100049  Grant Thornton External audit fee £  240.00
100050  R Cinicola   New benches installation £  222.00
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14.15.410 **Village Play Areas**

It was noted that that area was in a good condition and the benches enhanced the area. The independent annual inspection was booked for September.

14.15.411 **Benches**

The three benches purchased had all been installed and had received good comments.

14.15.412 **Upcoming meetings and/or training events**

Next meeting Friday 18th September 2015

Village Fun Day Saturday 12th September

SALC AGM Saturday 26th September – 9.30am

THE MEETING THEN CLOSED