DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALTON PARISH COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 18th September 2015 7PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL LOUNGE

CHAIRMAN…………………………………………………………………………………………………………...DATE…………………………..

14.15.418 Present

14.15.419 Apologies
Cllr. B. Musgrave due to annual leave
Cllr. N. Johnson due to illness

14.15.420 To Confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meetings
1. The minutes of the parish council meeting of 14th August 2015 were RESOLVED [5/nil with 2 abstentions due to non attendance] to be an accurate record and were signed as such by the Chairman.
2. The minutes of the interim planning parish council meeting of 27th August 2015 were RESOLVED [3/nil with 4 abstentions due to non attendance] to be an accurate record and were signed as such by the Chairman.

14.15.421 Residents declarations of interest in speaking on agenda items
Two people requested to speak on applications made by the church warden.

14.15.422 Open forum for residents
No new items were raised for consideration

14.15.423 Councillors disclosure of any undeclared interests & notifications of dispensations granted.
None

14.15.424 District & County Councillors reports
None provided

14.15.425 Police Community Support officers Report
None provided

14.15.426 Funding requests for this financial year.
A copy of this years current progress against the budget set was provided for councillors in attendance.
1. 1st Walton Brownies Group – A new brownies group wants to set up- meeting in the village hall in order to remove the need of children to travel outside the village. A start up grant was being requested for basic equipment totalling £192.34. It was RESOLVED [7/nil] that a grant of £192.34 be made to the group to assist with setting up.

2. Wessex Youth Football Group – An emergency request had been received to purchase a new mower for the playing field as the old one has now completely failed.

It was RESOLVED [7/nil] that a grant of £1,290.00 be made for the purchase of a mower subject to the following conditions:

a. The equipment is to remain in Walton and the primary use is to be the mowing of the village hall playing fields

b. If the Wessex Youth Football Club folds in Walton the equipment will return to the ownership of the parish council
Precept Grant Applications received
Completed applications had been received from the following organisations & groups and copies of the forms were provided to all councillors:
Somerset motor project – general contribution
Walton under 5’s - £700.00
Church Warden re storage facility - £3,000.00
Church Warden re heating costs - £3,500.00
Church Warden re youth group party - £450.00
Church re churchyard upkeep - £800.00
Dorset & somerset Air Ambulance – general contribution
1st Walton Brownies - £338.44
1st Street Scout group – contribution toward £30,000.00
Walton Allotment Group - £500.00
St Margarets Hospice - £500.00
Mendip Community Transport – general contribution
3rd Street Brownies – 123.94
These will all be discussed at the October parish council meeting in order to discuss if a grant of any kind will be made.

COUNCILLOR J. HAYDON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

The Harry Skinner Fund
An application to the fund had been received from the Monthly Meet & Greet club for £200. After consideration it was RESOLVED [6/NIL] that a grant of £200.00 be made.

Planning
a. no planning decisions reported
b. no new applications had been received
c. no enforcement issues had been raised
d. “consultation” with regard to raising awareness of residents prior to MDC local plan consultation. – deferred to next meeting.
e. No general planning issues were raised.

Roads & Traffic through the village
A. Site meeting had occurred and the location for the Vehicle Activated device had been agreed as opposite to the sign for the police station.
B. Parish minor roads hedge cut back had been completed
C. It was noted that the tidy up of the footpath had been put on the contractors list

Defibrillator
Deferred to October meeting

Walton fun day report
The council were thanked by the Trust for their contribution and support. The event was enjoyed by all who attended and the weather improved throughout the afternoon. It was noted that the harvest show entries were down and the photography classes were commented on as needing adjustment.

Green areas
a. It was RESOLVED [6/NIL] that subject to agreement of the final figures the extra cutting proposal was agreed.
b. It was agreed to postpone consideration of further bulb planting until the impact of increased cuts could be seen.

Community benefit
This item was deferred

Local Legacy Fund
The Trust to be encouraged to apply
14.15.436 **Annual Meeting of the Parish**  
It was **RESOLVED [6/NIL] that** an events sub committee of Councillors Gagg, Johnson & Daniells be set up with the Clerk to attend all meetings.  
Date of first meeting to be arranged by the members.

14.15.437 **East Mead Field & Allotments**  
Good entries were made to the harvest show. AGM of group in 2 weeks time when awards will be presented.

14.15.438 **Monthly Financial Report**  
A financial report, that included a bank reconciliation, was provided to all councillors present and **RESOLVED [6/NIL]** to be an accurate record and was signed as such by councillor Crossman.

14.15.439 **Authorisation of expenses and agreement of cheques for payment of accounts**  
The following payments were **RESOLVED [6/NIL]** to be made by council with cheques to be signed after the meeting was closed.

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14.15.440 **Village Play Areas**  
Currently looking smart

14.15.441 **Annual staff appraisal**  
This to be carried out by the Chairman and Vice Chairman

14.15.442 **Upcoming Meetings**  
Next Parish Council Meeting 16th October 2015

The meeting then closed