DRAFT Walton Parish Council Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FRIDAY 13th November 2015 7PM
IN THE WALTON VILLAGE HALL LOUNGE.

Clerk: Mrs. H. Moore

14.15.465 To accept apologies for absence Cllr. Richard Crossman to arrive late

14.15.466 To consider the minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting of 16th October 2015 were RESOLVED [8/nil] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman Cllr. Alan Marsh.

14.15.467 Residents declarations of interest in speaking on agenda items None

14.15.468 Open forum for residents No issues raised

14.15.469 Councilors disclosure of any undeclared interests or dispensations granted None

14.15.470 County & District Councilor’s reports None received

14.15.471 PCSO Report None received

14.15.472 Precept Grant Applications To consider amounts to be paid to the applications brought forward to this meeting.

CLLR. L. GAGG LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

a. Somerset Motor Project – It was RESOLVED [7/nil] to make a precept grant of £200.00 [proposed BM seconded JH]

CLLR. L. GAGG REJOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

b. Walton under 5’s pre school - It was RESOLVED [8/nil] to make a precept grant of £700.00 [proposed BM seconded SL]
c. Parochial Church Council re Churchyard grass cutting - It was RESOLVED [8/nil] to make a precept grant of £600.00 [proposed BM seconded CB]
d. Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance - It was RESOLVED [8/nil] to make a precept grant of £500.00 [proposed JH seconded SL]
e. Walton Brownie Group - It was RESOLVED [8/nil] to make a precept grant of £350.00 [proposed CB seconded JH]
f. Street first scout group - It was RESOLVED [8/nil] to make a precept grant of £200.00 [proposed BM seconded LG] It was also RESOLVED [8/nil] that this grant was subject to the proviso that the funds be spent in the financial year that they are awarded or returned to the parish council – this to safeguard the funds should the project not proceed. [proposed CB seconded LG]
g. Walton Allotment Society - 

CLLRS. SIMON LOADER & PHILIP DANIELLS LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

It was RESOLVED [6/nil] to make a precept grant of £250.00 [proposed BM seconded CB]

CLLRS. SIMON LOADER & PHILIP DANIELLS RE JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

h. St. Margaret’s Hospice - It was RESOLVED [8/nil] to make a precept grant of £400.00 [proposed BM seconded PD]
i. Mendip Community Transport - It was RESOLVED [8/nil] to make a precept grant of £50.00 [proposed BM seconded JH]
j. Street 3rd Brownies –

Approved. Chairman.......................................................................................................................... Date ............ 
CLLR. ALAN MARSH [CHAIRMAN] LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT AND CLLR. BOB MUSGRAVE TOOK OVER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING.

It was RESOLVED [7/nil] to make a precept grant of £125.00 [proposed SL seconded LG]

CLLR. ALAN MARSH REJOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT AND RE TOOK HIS SEAT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING.

Planning

a. Decisions reported 137 Main Str. Approved
b. Applications received none at date of agenda
c. Enforcement no issues raised
d. General planning issues Councillors were reminded of the Mendip Consultation due to take place in the village hall on Friday 27th November between 2pm & 8pm

COUNCILLOR RICHARD CROSSMAN JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

Roads and traffic through the village

a. Parking at the war memorial – It was noted that vehicles regularly parked at this location could currently create reduced visibility for pedestrians and other road users at this location while remaining in compliance with the current road markings. It was RESOLVED [9/nil] that the clerk be asked to contact Highways and request a review of the existing road markings with a view to making the area safer for all users of this busy area.

b. Pot holes – council was advised that potholes at Butleigh Drove, Veal Lane & Sharpam Drove had all been reported for repair. It was requested that the road surface at the junction of South Street with Main Street also be reported.

c. It was noted that the footpath in the Chancellor road area had at last been cut back and residents reported that it can now take prams.

d. It was noted that any planning permission for developments using minor roads around the parish [especially those using HGV’s] should be required to include a clause stating that roads should be maintained to a good standard.

Defibrillator

Information from the British Heart foundation was provided to all councillors. Following a considerable and varied discussion it was RESOLVED [9/nil] to apply for one defibrillator for inside the village hall. If the application should prove to be unsuccessful council would consider purchase of a defibrillator at that time.

Community Benefit

It was noted that a final few non material planning amendments for the Redlands Farm solar park had been approved by Mendip district council. The Clerk had been in contact with Mr. Alex Fornal who was still progressing the project, and the Ashcott parish Clerk for information exchange.

Annual meeting of the parish

a. To time in with the distribution of the village newsletter the dates of the 5th or 20th May 2016 were proposed. It was RESOLVED [9/nil] that the Clerk book the whole hall for one of these dates.

b. The events sub committee of Councillors Lesley Gagg, Naomi Johnson and Philip Daniells to individually consider new concepts and ideas prior to a formal meeting to be scheduled for early January.

East Mead Field & Allotments

It was reported that gravel had now been spread over the car park entrance in order to reduce any difficulty of access over the winter period.
14.15.479 **Monthly Financial report** The monthly financial report, that included a bank reconciliation to bank statements as at 3rd November, was provided to all councilors and RESOLVED [9/nil] to be an accurate record. It was then signed as such by Councillor Richard Crossman.

14.15.480 **Authorization of Expenses and cheques for payment of accounts** It was RESOLVED [9/nil] that the following be authorized for payment:

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**Total expenditure** £ 1,489.31

THE MEETING CLOSED AT THIS POINT TO ENABLE CHEQUES TO BE SIGNED AND THEN REOPENED.

It was noted that Councillor John Haydon could now contact the contractor with regard to the installation of the notice board at Brooks Road between the bus stop and the footpath [facing footpath].

14.15.481 **Village play areas** It was reported that the trim trail suppliers needed to be contacted re bolt tightening of some elements of the trail. It was also reported that the minor works outlined in the independent inspection report would be scheduled to take place over the winter months. Councillor John Haydon to liaise with usual contractor re the timing of these required works.

14.15.482 **Telephone Box Notice Board** This was reported as still being well used by both residents and slugs. Action may be required to deter slugs. The repainting of the box is still awaited.

14.15.483 **Staff Pension Scheme** It was noted that as agreed at the last meeting a basic NEST scheme had been set up with a start date arranged for the next financial year. The contribution scales and other details now need agreement.
a. It was RESOLVED [9/nil] that a pensions working group be set up consisting of Councillors Richard Crossman, Naomi Johnson and Alan Marsh.
b. It was RESOLVED [9/nil] that the pensions working group meet in the near future to discuss pension recommendations to make to full council for consideration.

14.15.484  **Budget 2016/2017**  It was RESOLVED [9/nil] that a budget working group consisting of Councillors Richard Crossman and Alan Marsh meet in the near future to discuss proposals.

14.15.485  **Upcoming meetings &/or training**

- Mendip consultation at Walton Village Hall Friday 27th November between 2pm and 8pm.
- Next parish council meeting is Friday December 11th 2015 at 7pm in the village hall lounge.