

**Present:**

Councillors: K Nixon, C Pearson, T Saunders, G Newby, D Brooke, J Sutcliffe, B Kaushiva, J Carlon (Chair)

**In attendance:**

0 members of public

Ward Cllr U Ali. Apologies from F Heptinstall & M Cummings and PC C Steel (West Yorkshire Police)

**55 To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs S Baker & C Pearson submitted apologies for absence. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons for absence.

**56 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

**RESOLVED** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 were **approved** as a correct record.

**57 To receive declarations of interest** – Cllr Nixon declared an interest in the £250 grant application from Friends of Waterton's Wall. This was noted.

**58 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda** - none

**59 Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update**

Cllr Ali gave a verbal report of outstanding matters. A written report was requested.

- In respect of the now approved outline application to build continuing care properties off Nevile Drive, the council agreed to maintain a watching brief
- Request for a mirror and stop sign Shay Lane/Greenside. WMDC Highways say there are no traffic issues and no injuries reported in the last five years. Request for stop sign declined. However, lining and markings at this location are to be renewed. WMDC will not authorise the use of mirrors on the highway
- In respect of the purchase of a Smiley SID, Cllr Nixon will liaise with Notton Parish Council to explore their experience and provide any best practice. Cllr Brooke will follow up with the parish councils which had offered guidance earlier in the year
- Cllr Ali was asked to organise with WMDC Highways, effective signage at the Doncaster Road end of Oakenshaw Lane for the low bridge and weight restrictions to overcome the frequent traffic violations. The maximum speed limit for Oakenshaw Lane is expected to be reduced to 30mph by 31.3.25.
- It was **RESOLVED** not to progress the public footpath across Brook Farm with WMDC

**60 Public Forum** - none

**61 SAFE Scheme & Police matters** - The latest report was reviewed.

Last month, the Council had asked for future SAFE reports to present all reported crimes, not just Priority 1 crimes. This has been refused on the grounds of confidentiality. As an alternative, a crime source website address was provided. You can enter any postcode and it will show the crime types by area, although it won't give specifics.

<https://www.police.uk/>

**62 Finance & Governance**

The Clerk had submitted details for August 2024 of accounts paid totalling £2,245.99 and income received of £2,846.30. The account balances at the end of August 2024 were: -

Barclays current	£14,839.21
Barclays premium	£51,222.38

Nationwide savings	<u>£81,687.35</u>
Total	<u>£147,748.94</u>

#### **RESOLVED**

- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority and income received in August 2024 were approved. A summary of payments follows at the end of the minutes.
- To pay the external auditor PKF Littlejohn their fee of £378 for the review of the AGAR.
- To approve & pay the grant application of £250 from Friends of Waterton's Wall.
- To order and pay for a wreath for the war memorial total cost £60 including donation (section 137)

#### **63 Planning Committee Working Party**

Two applications with TPOs were considered without comment.

**To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties (WP) & any correspondence received**

#### **64 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage**

##### **RESOLVED**

- To instruct Taylor Roofing to proceed with the repairs to Coronation Cottage and the Village Hall as per their quote.
- To proceed with the specialist cleaning of the village hall chair seats.
- Two further quotes will be sourced for the full redecoration of Coronation Cottage.

#### **65 Park & Jubilee Field**

##### **RESOLVED**

- To engage an arboriculturist to assess the condition of all trees within Walton Parish Council's jurisdiction and follow up on recommendations with WMDC for those with TPOs.
- To obtain a further quote for two dual netball/basketball hoops and for line marking up the courts
- The annual fee for use of the park football pitches by WUJFC for the 24/25 season was agreed at £500 to include a £50 contribution towards electricity use at the ex-tennis club pavilion
- The two signs attached to the railings at the entrance to Walton Park are to be removed - clerk to write to the parties involved

#### **66 Parish environment**

##### **RESOLVED**

- Two further quotes to strip & paint the distressed benches are required.
- The request to dress the war memorial with knitted poppies was approved.

#### **67 Floral displays**

##### **RESOLVED**

- An order is to be placed for 49 Xmas trees at £61+VAT each with First Impressions.
- Paul Hamby to be asked to fasten down the remaining planters to hinder their theft

#### **68 Communications** – input was requested for the next edition

#### **69 Tennis Club Refurbishment** – Cllr Saunders reported that an invitation to tender specification is ready to submit to prospective landscape architects and that he is waiting for feedback from Simon Kershaw about what timescales would be considered reasonable.

#### **70 Correspondence Received** – see above, request for knitted poppies at war memorial

#### **71 Staffing Committee** – **RESOLVED** To pay an additional salary increment to the clerk for exemplary performance in the first 12 months in the role, effective 1.4.24.

**The meeting ended at 9.40pm**

