

Present:

Cllrs:- K Nixon, C Pearson, T Saunders, J Carlon (chair), G Newby, T Earnshaw, D Brooke

In attendance:

Mr P Walsh (Clerk), 0 members of public

Cllrs M Cummings, U Ali and PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police

26 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr S Baker & Cllr J Sutcliffe had previously given their apology for absence due to holidays and this was accepted. Cllr B Kaushiva was a no show again (2) and had not given any apology for absence. Cllr F Heptonstall (WMDC Ward 5) had previously given her apology for absence.

27 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 4th June 2024

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 4th June 2024 were **approved** as a correct record.

28 To receive declarations of interest – none

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

30 Public Forum - none

31 SAFE Scheme & Police matters - The latest report was reviewed noting that the specialist traffic PC had issued 8 speeding tickets in one tour of duty on 17.6.24. It was also noted that many Walton-based Facebook users had reported the PC's presence to alert to other road users.

32 Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update

Cllr Cummings shared information on the average speeds on School Lane (25.8mph), Shay Lane (23.9mph & 33.1mph), Common Lane (38.3mph), Greenside (33mph) noting that no action would follow.

Cllr Cummings advised that the following planning application would be considered by WMDC Planning Committee on 18.7.24...

23/00157/OUT - Land to East Of Nevile Drive, The Grove, Walton - Outline application for erection of 35 no. continuing care apartments. The Chair and Cllr Cummings confirmed that they would be attending and speaking.

Cllr Cummings advised that all recent incidents of local overhanging branches & trees causing a nuisance to pavement and road users had been reported to WMDC Highways and the landowners advised to trim back.

Cllr Cummings advised that WMDC is in the process of implementing a School Keep Clear – Traffic Regulation Order which will improve traffic safety outside schools throughout the district. These proposals will allow for correct enforcement by Civil Enforcement Officers using Automatic Number Plate Recognition means – improving safety and reducing the volume of stationery traffic within the 'safety critical areas' of a school.

33 Finance & Governance

The Clerk submitted details for May 2024 of accounts paid totalling £2,542.45 and income received of £1,955.07.

The account balances at the end of May 2024 were: -

Barclays current	£15,087.76
Barclays premium	£51,096.68
Nationwide savings	<u>£80,818.50</u>

Total £147,002.94

RESOLVED

Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority and income received in May 2024 were approved.

The current internal audit auditor, Internal Audit Yorkshire was re-appointed for 2024-25.

34 Planning Committee Working Party

APPLICATION NO 24/01016/FUL

2 HIGH MEADOWS, WALTON, WF2 6TN

CONSTRUCTION OF A BOUNDARY WALL/FENCE (RETROSPECTIVE)

RESOLVED

Parish Council to write to WMDC Planning to object to this application which is not in keeping with the open plan nature of High Meadows (and may breach local covenants) & presents a restricted sight line for traffic.

Planning applications for a single storey extension at 33 Thornhill Croft & TPO works at 18 The Balk were noted.

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

Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

Roofing contractors for both properties have carried out site inspections and a further quote is expected shortly.

The village hall will be closed w/c 5.8.24 presenting an opportunity to the WP for the cellars to be cleared.

Park & Jubilee Field

WP to arrange a site visit with Altofts Trees to review the TPO tree line along The Stables to consider if there are any opportunities to trim nuisance branches.

Team Cllr Earnshaw confirmed that the grass clearance on Jubilee Field will be carried out by the end of July.

An inspection of the Park playground area has been carried out by two WMDC inspectors and passed.

Parish environment

WMDC have confirmed verbally that a Xmas tree can be planted on the strip of land between Shay Lane and Cherry Tree Drive. Written confirmation detailing specifications awaited.

Floral displays

42/50 sponsors have paid to date. Final reminders have been sent & if still unpaid by 19.7.24, advertising plaques will be removed.

Communications

Drafts of the latest Newsletter were reviewed and content approved.

Tennis club refurbishment

Cllr Saunders to follow up a composite design from the students by the end of August and then progress to professional landscape design quotes.

Correspondence Received

Correspondence about netball markings for Walton Park was considered and the WP resolved to investigate and consider how this can be married with the need to change the current hoops to a versatile, user-friendly design.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.