



Walton Parish Council

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Members of the public are cordially invited to attend and councillors are summoned to the Parish Council Meeting of Walton Parish Council to be held at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Higher Walton on Thursday 5 December 2024 at 7:00pm.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare disposable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests which they have on any item on the agenda no later when the item is reached. Declarations are a personal matter for each member to decide and the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the councillor.
3. **Matters to be considered with the exclusion of the press and public**
[using Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s. 2]
To consider if any items on the agenda should be considered in closed session because of the nature of the information to be disclosed, whether pertaining to an individual, a contract or legal advice.
4. **Public Participation**
In accordance with Standing Orders, members of the public and any visitors in attendance may address the meeting.
 - 4.1 Presentation from Cllr Peter Lewenz, South East Warrington Urban Extension proposal (10 minutes allocated including Q&A)
 - 4.2 PCSO Report
 - 4.3 Members of the Public
 - 4.4 Borough Councillors
5. **Approval of the Minutes**
The minutes are circulated with the agenda and will be taken as read.
The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 3 October 2024 to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair (**enclosed**)
6. **Complaints Policy**
Proposal to adopt the Complaints Policy (**enclosed**)
7. **Interim Clerk**
To note the end of the Interim Clerk's Contract effective 10.11.24.
To note 'thank you' email sent ...
8. **Ongoing Organisational Procedures**
 - 8.1 To note that emails have been transferred to the Chair and the Deputy Chair until such time as a new clerk is appointed.

8.2 To note that all Walton Parish equipment has been collected from the Interim Clerk by the Chair.

8.3 To note ongoing arrangements to ensure proper governance until such time as a permanent Clerk is recruited ie. Cllrs Harris and Hewitt – monitoring and responding to emails as appropriate; preparing the agenda and meeting documents;
Cllr Hazeldine - IT related issues and support to ensure that all data on the current laptop is backed up before purchasing a new laptop;
Cllr Allison- Banking, Preparation of Financial report for meetings, cheques (liaison with Ray)
Preparation of Financial report.

Committees and Advisory Groups to work as previously.

9. Finances

9.1 To note the following receipts:

Rethinking South Warrington Group (now disbanded).	£53.59
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9.2 To approve the following payments:

Parochial Church Council Walton, Cheshire	Community Hall Hire April to Oct 6 months @ £45	270.00
Noticeboard Company.		1865.04
Just Face Painting Lo Ki Leung.		120.00
Yanthia Balloon Modeller (Noelia)		120.00
Anita Williams (Lights.)		195.52
David Hazeldine (Flood Lights/Tripods).		165.54
Hayley Beardall (Snack Shack Catering).		100.00 donation *
Father Christmas (Tony Gandy).		100.00 donation*

10. Banking

10.1 To note that the NatWest Bank is preparing a new cheque book.

10.2 To discuss and agree opening a new bank account and set up online banking as soon as possible.

11. Budget and Precept

To note email dated 28.22.24 to Stuart Swift WBC requesting an extension to submit precept figures

12. South Warrington Liaison Group/South East Warrington Urban Extension (SEWUE)

To review the report from Cllr Peter Lewenz and consider if Walton Parish Council wish to be part of the SEWUE group.

13. Neighbourhood Plan

To consider whether or not Walton Parish should develop a Neighbourhood Plan and defer any action to January 2025.

14 Cadent

To note the response from Walton Parish Council to the Cadent Consultation

15 Reports from Advisory Groups

15.1 Planning

15.1.1 The group had been sent the following planning applications:

2024/01419/FULH - 12 Old Hall Close, Walton, Warrington, WA4 6SZ

There are no comments or objections on behalf of the Parish Council

2024/01468/FULH - 1 Osborne Road, Walton, Warrington, WA4 6JF

15.2 Village Betterment Advisory Group

15.2.1 To note the report

15.3 Events Advisory Group

15.3.1 To receive a verbal update of the Christmas event

15.4 Donations Advisory Group

15.4.1 To note meeting notes 27.11.24

15.4.2 Proposal to donate £100 to WODAC for food at Christmas to help the homeless.

16 A56 accidents

To note email sent by WBC Councillor Harris on 18.11.24 to Tim Turton. Follow up email sent to Dave Vasey 28.11.24

To agree letter to be sent to Halton Borough Council (copied WBC), prepared by Cllrs Saberi and Harris. attached

17 Reports from Portfolio Holders and Outside Body Representatives

17.1 Footpaths/Towpaths

To receive an update on matters that have been reported to Warrington Borough Council by councillors.

17.2 Highways, Vegetation & Street Lighting

To receive an update on matters that have been reported to Warrington Borough Council by councillors

17.3 Walton Hall Estate

To receive any information

18 Report on Actions taken and correspondence received since the previous meeting

To receive and consider the action and correspondence report. (enclosed)

Email regarding Towpaths – 19.11.24 – forwarded to Councillors 19.11.24

Rights of Way Forum email – 19.11.24 – forwarded to Councillors 19.11.24

19 Set date and time of next meeting

To set the date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Thursday 2 January 2025 at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton commencing at 7.00pm.

**Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful
New Year**