



# Walton Parish Council

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Members of the public are cordially invited to attend, and Councillors are summoned to The Council Meeting of Walton Parish Council to be held at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Higher Walton on Thursday 5 February 2026 at 7:00pm.

## Agenda

### 272 Apologies for absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

### 273 Declarations of Interest

*Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests, that they may have on any item on the agenda no later than when the item is reached. Declarations are a personal matter for each member; the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the councillor.*

### 274 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 in closed session because of the nature of the information to be disclosed, whether pertaining to an individual, a contract or legal advice.

### 275 Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Orders, members of the public and any visitors in attendance may address the meeting.

275.1 PCSO Report

275.2 Members of the Public

275.3 St John's Church. To receive a presentation from St John's Church regarding church parking options, followed by questions from Members of the Council only.

275.4 Borough Councillors.

- Boundary Review discussion.

### 276 Approval of Minutes

The minutes are circulated and will be taken as read.

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2026 are a true record and be signed by the Chair.

### 277 SEWUE

To note correspondence received from Grappenhall Parish Council regarding the SEWUE Working Party costings for the period January 2025 to January 2026, and to consider and approve Walton Parish Council's share of the costs in the sum of £25.08

**278 PCSO Redundancies**

To note a recent Cheshire Police Alert from Dan Price, Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner, regarding a survey on proposals to reduce the number of PCSO redundancies in Cheshire, which closed on 23 January, and to consider whether Walton Parish Council wishes to submit any further correspondence or comments.

**279 Policies**

To note that the updated Council Code of Conduct (adopted July 2025) is published on the WPC website, including the addition of Civility and Respect, and that a further review is underway to ensure consistency with the behavioural statements contained in the Standing Orders.

**280 Finance**

Financial Report issued in agenda pack.

**Proposed Payments:**

Clerk Salary January Payment, including additional payments- £687.04

Clerk Salary February payment- £433.50

Lions Charity Donation- £50.00

Cllr Hardie Reimbursement batteries for Christmas Lights- £39.00

CHALC invoice planning training Cllr Harris- 2025/049 £35.00

CHALC Invoice 2025/210 AI Training Cllr Williams- £40.00

Grappenhall Parish Council SEWUE Costings- £25.08

Proposal to accept the Clerk's report and pay cheques as above

**281 Training**

281.1 To consider and resolve approval for the Clerk and Cllr Harris to attend CHALC "Introduction to AI" training at a total cost of £80.00.

281.2 To consider and resolve approval for Cllr Jones to attend two CHALC training courses, "Introduction for Councillors" and "Roles and Responsibilities", at a total cost of £50

**282 Walton Roads, Bridges and Residents Parking**

To discuss and note any updates received from Warrington Borough Council.

**283 Port Warrington 2025/01650/SCR**

To discuss Walton Parish Council's recent representation in relation to the Port Warrington Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinion.

**284 Strategic Plan**

To receive a verbal progress update.

**285 Employment Advisory Committee**

To note the Employment Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 January 2026. Minutes of the meeting included in the agenda pack.

**286 Reports from Advisory Groups**

### **286.1 Planning Advisory Group**

286.1.1 Update on Terms of Reference and Chair Election

286.1.2 To discuss the following applications:

2025/01670/FULH - Brantingham Chester Road, Warrington, WA4 5LP- Proposed single storey extension with flat roof replacing existing outrigger

2025/01806/OUT - 100 Whitefield Road, Warrington, WA4 6NE- Proposed erection of a new detached dwelling house within a garden plot and alterations to existing dwelling house elevations to brick up relevant window openings with all matters reserved for subsequent application.

### **286.2 Betterment Advisory Group**

286.2.1 Residents' Consultation. To discuss and consider a proposal from the Betterment Group to consult local residents on how they value the work carried out by the Parish Council and on future priorities, including the future of the Green Triangle in Higher Walton. The consultation would comprise a Parish Information front cover and questionnaire, as included in the agenda pack, with proposed distribution costs via a leaflet drop of up to £200, plus printing costs of up to £212.

286.2.2 Bronze Plaque – War Memorial To review three options and associated quotations for the refurbishment of the bronze plaque on the War Memorial, as included in the agenda pack, and to consider a proposal to proceed with the refurbishment by commissioning Farmers of Stockport at a cost of £2,500 plus VAT (total £3,000).

### **286.3 Events Advisory Group**

To receive an update on the planned unveiling event of the refurbished bronze plaque at the War Memorial, scheduled for 10 April 2026, marking the 106th anniversary of the installation of the War Memorial.

### **286.4 Donations Group**

286.4.1 Update on Terms of Reference and Chair Election.

286.4.2 To receive clarification from the clerk in response to queries raised regarding the use of gifted/donated funds.

## **287 Reports from Portfolio Holders and Outside Body Representatives**

### **287.1 Footpaths/Towpaths**

To note matters reported to Warrington Borough Council by Councillors. Update issued in agenda pack.

### **287.2 Highways, Vegetation & Street Lighting**

To note written reports and verbal reports on matters that have been reported to Warrington Borough Council by Councillors.

### **287.3 Walton Hall Estate**

To review any updates received.

## **288 Report on Actions taken and correspondence received since the previous meeting**

To review and consider correspondence received.

**289 Items for inclusion on the next agenda**

**290 Set date and time of next meeting**

To set the date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Thursday 5 March 2026 at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton commencing at 7:00pm.