



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 6^h March 2025 at 7:00pm.

Agenda

164 Apologies for absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

165 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.

166 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.

167 Public Participation

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

147.1 PCSO Report - attached

147.2 Members of the Public

147.3 Borough Councillors

168 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes are circulated with the and will be taken as read.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 February 2025 to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Part 2 Minutes will be taken as read and are to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

169 Co-option (policy circulated in Agenda pack)

An application for co-option has been received by Mrs Jane Cooke (expression of interest attached)

Proposal:

Seconded by:

Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Interest Forms to be signed.

170 Employment Committee (Cllrs Harris/Hewitt/Lacey/Williams/Hazeldine)

Miss Madison Brotherton-Brooke has been employed as the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer with effect from 24th February.

We would like to formally welcome Madison to the Parish Council and look forward to working with her.

171 Employment Policies for approval and ratification (sent with Agenda Pack)

1. Homeworking
2. Grievance
3. Disciplinary

All policies will be taken as read.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Once policies have been ratified, policies to be dated, signed and annual review date set. Whistleblowing; Maternity; Paternity and GDPR to be updated as soon as possible.

172 Creamfields (Cllr Harris)

Update: Following on from previous discussions, Cllr Harris has been in touch with Sarah Hall's office and they have offered the following dates: 5th or 12th April to hold a resident's meeting from 10.30 to 12. The Parish Hall is available only on 5th April. Need to advertise meeting on website and Facebook – Working Group (SB and VL) to assist.

173 Emails

Discuss and agree migration from 'lonos' to '.gov.uk'. Cllr Hazeldine to action as soon as possible

Proposal from Cllr Hazeldine to progress. Costs will be an extra £1.50 +VAT per month

Seconded by:

174 SEWUE Meeting 24.2.25

Notes

175 Election Expenses

Email sent to Steven Broomhead from Cllr Harris on 11.02.25 as requested with the suggestion that there is a compromise on recharging. Response received on 13th February and forwarded to all councillors on 13.02.25. The Parish Council's suggestion was not accepted.

Proposal by Cllr Harris to pay £1733.92 Seconded by:

176 Finance

Receipts:

£5,000 from Creamfields received 9th January 2025

177 Online Banking

Clerk (M B-B) to set up. Confirm 5 signatories who must be able to use the online App and give permission to use their personal email addresses for this purpose only

178 Finance Group

To set up a 'task and finish' group' to assist the new Clerk in the short/medium term. Membership and Terms of reference to be decided.

Proposed:

Seconded:

179 Strategic Plan (Cllr Lacey)

Verbal update

180 Reports from Advisory Groups

180.1 Planning

Cadent

The Shed

14 Worsley Road

180.2 Betterment Advisory Group

Verbal Report – noted.

Review Gardenia contract.

Discuss working with Thorn Cross (Restorative Justice Program) to cover some aspects of Parish maintenance.

180.3 Events Advisory Group

Report sent with Agenda Pack

Proposal from Cllr Hewitt to spend up to £100 to decorate the QE2 field and Walton Village.

Seconded by:

Proposal by Cllr Hewitt to organise a VE Day Tea Party for older parish residents and to spend up to £250.

Seconded by:

180.4 Donations No applications received.

181 Serious Accident on Warrington Road (07.02.25) emails forwarded

Report of meeting arranged by Cllr Harris on site with Mark Tune, Traffic Management, Road Safety & Highways and PCSO, Jordan Burke, Cllr Harris and local residents.

Discuss the provision of a grit bin on the corner of Park Lane and Warrington Road, Higher Walton.

Proposal to approach WBC to provide a grit bin.

Proposed by: Cllr Harris

Seconded by: Cllr Williams

182 Persistent flooding on the corner of Old Chester Road and Warrington Road

For noting:

Cllr Williams reported a serious accident on the corner of Old Chester Road and Warrington Road at the February meeting. A resident cyclist was seriously injured and hospitalized due to the ice emanating from the flooding on Warrington Road.

183 Reports from Portfolio Holders and Outside Body Representatives

183.1 Footpaths/Towpaths

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

183.2 Highways, Vegetation & Street Lighting

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

Mertoun Road and Worsley Road - update

183.3 Walton Hall Estate

To receive and note written report and any additional information.

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

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

185 Set date and time of next meeting

To set the date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Thursday 3rd April 2025 at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton commencing at 7.00pm.