



# 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 8 January 2026 at 7:00pm.

## Agenda

### **256 Apologies for absence**

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

### **257 Declarations of Interest**

*Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests, which they 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.*

### **258 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.

### **259 Public Participation**

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

259.1 PCSO Report

259.2 Members of the Public

259.3 Borough Councillors.

### **260 Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes are circulated and will be taken as read.

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 December 2025 are a true record and be signed by the Chair.

### **261 Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription**

To consider and resolve approval of the revised annual cost £84.99 (previously £79.99), noting the expenditure exceeds the 2025/26 budget allocation.

### **262 Budget and Precept 2026/27**

To consider, agree, and resolve approval of the 2026/27 budget for precept-setting purposes.

## **263 Finance**

263.1 Community Grant Policy. To consider and resolve to form a Community-Benefit Grant Policy, separate from the existing Donations Policy, to provide the council with a compliant framework for awarding funding above the current £200 donation cap when supporting parish community projects that demonstrate direct benefit to parish residents.

263.2 Financial Report issued in agenda pack.

### **Proposed Payments:**

Firefighters Charity Donation- £100.00

Gardenia Gardens Invoice 11222 - £144.00

CHALC Invoice 188 Clerk Training - £60.00

Clerk Wage - TBC

Clerk NJC back pay - TBC

Clerk Additional Payment (agreed December 25) - TBC

Clerk Reimbursement Printer Ink- £32.98

Clerk Reimbursement Microsoft Office Subscription- £84.99

Cllr Williams Reimbursement for Christmas Light Batteries- £5.00

HMRC PAYE- £21.03

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

## **264 Training**

To consider and resolve approval for Cllr Williams and Cllr Hewitt to attend CHALC "Introduction to AI" training at a total cost of £80.00.

## **265 Walton Roads and Bridges**

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

## **266 Strategic Plan**

To receive a verbal progress update.

## **267 Reports from Advisory Groups**

### **267.1 Planning Advisory Group**

267.1.1 Update on Terms of Reference and Chair Election

267.1.2 To note WPC Objection Representation Submitted for Planning Application 2025/01650/SCR Proposed port related modular construction terminal with the re-instatement of rail freight line, extension to existing canal-side berth, provision of emergency access road, open storage, erection of industrial units and associated fencing and lighting.

267.1.3 To discuss the following applications:

2025/00850/FUL - 152 Walton Road, Warrington, WA4 6NS- Proposed erection of a single storey dwelling.

2025/01486/FUL - United Utilities, Warrington South Waste Water Treatment Works

Bellhouse Lane, Walton, Warrington, WA4 6TS - Motor Control Centre Kiosk including below ground concrete base.

2025/01576/TPO - 1 Old Hall Close, Walton, Warrington, WA4 6SZ - Remedial pruning to two trees.

**267.2 Betterment Advisory Group**

To receive a verbal update on progress of the Walton Village residents survey.

**267.3 Events Advisory Group**

To receive a verbal update on ongoing projects.

**267.4 Donations Group**

Proposal to donate an additional £50 to Warrington Lions Charity for their attendance at the Christmas Event.

**268 Reports from Portfolio Holders and Outside Body Representatives**

**268.1 Footpaths/Towpaths**

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

**268.2 Highways, Vegetation & Street Lighting**

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

**268.3 Walton Hall Estate**

To review any updates received.

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

To review and consider correspondence received, items to note.

- Resident requested update on Bin Replacement Hough Lane
- Parking St.Johns Church
- PCSO Letter from Cheshire Constabulary
- Hatton Parish Council Chair query on Walton Bridges Closure

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

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

To set the date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Thursday 5 February 2026 at St. John's Community Church Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton commencing at 7.00pm.