

# Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held TUESDAY, 9th January, 2024

Present: Councillors: - Armstrong, Hodgson, Matthews, Shaw, Wilkinson and Weaver.

In attendance: - Clerk, Unitary Authority Councillor Mallinson

**001/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – NONE**

**002/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – RESOLVED** No requests were received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

**003/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – RESOLVED** No declarations by elected members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

**004/24 MINUTES**

**004/24.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2023 – RESOLVED**  
To authorise the Chairman sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2023.

**004/24.2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER 2023 – RESOLVED**  
To authorise the Chairman sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2023.

**005/24 MATTERS ARISING**

**005/24.1 Finger Post update –** Cllr Mallinson will take the issue up with the Unitary Authority and will arrange to meet with the Clerk to discuss.

**005/24.2 Village Green – legal update on parking –** Clerk to progress

**005/24.3 Sign for Reading Room – RESOLVED** Cllr Hodgson will meet with Emma Brocklebank from Village Hall Management Committee and the Clerk to progress.

**006/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

**UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT –** Cllr Mallinson brought Council up to date on the issues being discussed at Unitary Authority level and indicated that small funds were available via the Community Panels

**007/24 LEAPS RIGG SOLAR FARM –** no further update. **RESOLVED** Clerk to continue to communicate with the developer with regard to commencement of the work, connection to the National Grid and at that point the contribution levels to any community projects. Cllr Weaver indicated that the timescales for attachment to the Grid may prove problematic to the developer and hence make the process more drawn out.

**008/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS -** Expenditure on the schedule was approved, Budget v Actual reports were distributed together with an up-to-date Bank Reconciliation, a general discussion took place and council **RESOLVED** to accept the reports.

**009/24 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS** – Cllr Hodgson indicated that he had not received an update on the Village Hall activities as no meeting (to his knowledge) had been held. Concern was raised again as to the length of time the hall roof had been awaiting attention. Cllr Hodgson to report further on his investigations with the Village Hall chair.

**010/24 CORRESPONDENCE AND LITERATURE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK –**

Clerk confirmed that all emails had been forwarded to Council members and council agreed to this continuing.

**011/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Village Hall, Walton, 7.30pm

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