

Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held TUESDAY, 12th March, 2024

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

In attendance: - Clerk,

012/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. Wilkinson

013/24 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.

014/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – RESOLVED No declarations by elected members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

015/24 MINUTES

015/24.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2024 – RESOLVED To authorise the Chairman sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2024.

015/24.2 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.

016/24 MATTERS ARISING

016/24.1 Finger Post update – Clerk to prompt Cllr Mallinson for a further update.

016/24.2 Village Green – Clerk updated Council on the issues relating to registration of areas of “Village Green”, issues now to be addressed as part of 018/024.

016/24.3 Sign for Reading Room – RESOLVED Cllr Hodgson will meet with the Clerk to progress.

017/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT – None

018/24 LEAPS RIGG SOLAR FARM – after much debate a framework timetable was agreed to ensure all parishioners have the opportunity to comment and raise ideas regarding improvement plans for the Community.

Newsletter to be distributed by the Annual Parish Meeting 14th May 2024. The Parish Council will select proposals to take forward from submitted by 30th June 2024. Agreement on the proposal selection will be made by the Parish Council at the meeting on 9th July 2024. A long list of proposals submitted will be published on the Parish website and on the Parish Noticeboards on 1st July 2024. The list of proposals selected for development will be published on the Parish website and on the Parish noticeboards on 14th July 2024.

019/24 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.

020/24 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS – Cllrs Hodgson and Hogg reported that they had attended the last unscheduled meeting of the Village Hall Committee. They observed that there was no update on the work to repair the Bell tower masonry and were concerned about the impact on the roof of the Village Hall and the sandstone masonry if repairs are not affected swiftly.

021/24 80th D DAY COMMEMORATION

Cllr Shaw to speak to the chair of the Village Hall Management committee indicating that the contribution from the Parish Council would be the purchase of the "Peace Flag".

022/24 CORRESPONDENCE AND LITERATURE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK –

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

Cllr Hogg asked if we could have details of the dates of the next inspection of the Play Area. Clerk to progress.

023/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s) – 14th May 2024 Village Hall, Walton, **7.00pm (Note the time)**