Potential Asset Devolution.

Report to 14th August 2026 Parish Council Meeting.

Following on from Council's decision to investigate potential devolution of green areas around the village.

The areas currently under consideration are:

- Hempitts Road play area
- Meadow Lane / Littlefield Close/Small Moor estate.

solicitors –

- **Each transfer** for Walton Parish Council is between £1,250 to £1,950 plus VAT depending on the complexity of the title.
- **The current max estimate therefore stands at £3,900** [plus VAT]

Aboricare re tree reports for individual areas –

- Completed with no urgent work outlined [full reports circulated] one tree in the Meadow lane area is dead and will need felling within the year.

Potential appropriate funding areas:

Current 2026/2027 budget:

Village upkeep budget may not be used as there is an existing overspend expected for that area.

Reserves:

The most appropriate areas would be

- Environment reserve – unallocated balance = £1,347
- Village Improvement Reserve - = £4,618
- Community Benefit Reserve = £847
- *Possibly* the play area reserve for the Hempitts play area = £13,846

A full list of all reserves & their balances may be found in the financial report.

[Please be aware that any use of the Administration reserve will have a direct impact on the budget for the next financial year]

Council to now consider for themselves how they wish to proceed.