

Walkeringham Parish Council
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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 February 2019 in Walkeringham Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Howard (Chair), Roberts, Heath, Capp, Hooton, Sowter, Vessey, Spencer, Ferguson, Dilly, Robbins, A Hayward (Clerk), Dist. Cllr. Sanger and Cty. Cllr. Taylor were present

Members of Public: 0

017/19 **Chairman's Remarks**
Cllr Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Session
There were no members of the public present.

018/19 **Apologies for absence**
PCSO D Airey

019/19 **To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, and to consider any applications for dispensations in relation to disclosable pecuniary interest**
None declared.

020/19 **District and County Councillors' Reports**
District Councillor
Cllr. Sanger reported as follows:

- Trading Standards has launched a scheme called 'Nominate a Neighbour' to combat fraud against the vulnerable.
- The next Rural Conference is to take place on 14th March 2019.
- New dog fouling posters have been issued by BDC. Cllr. Sanger agreed to obtain some to be displayed around the village.
- To commemorate 400 years since the Pilgrims set sail, 400 acorns are to be planted around the Bassetlaw District.

County Councillor
Cllr. Taylor reported as follows:

- The Finance Committee has agreed the preliminary budget figures. The council tax is set to go up by 3.99% (2.99% main council and 1% ring fenced for social care)
- The NCC Highway's capital works programme will be considered and agreed soon. Cllr. Taylor confirmed that she had put forward the Parish Council's request for a new footpath to the Nature Reserve.
- The closing date for the LIS grant application is approaching.

021/19 **Police Report**
PCSO Airey had forwarded the following report.

There was one reported crime of interest in January 2019 detailed as follows:
29/01/19 – Criminal Damage Other (Fox Covert Lane). Caller reported damage to a perimeter fence. Fence looked as though it had been driven into, but there were no debris or marks on the grass.

A full report had been distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was also reported that an abandoned car had been found in the Fox and Hounds car park which was understood to have been stolen from Doncaster.

022/19 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2019 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

023/19 **Reports for information only**

Clerk's Report

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The Clerk reported as follows:

Footpath No. 7 (off Millbault Road)

The new kissing gate had not yet been replaced. VIA East Midlands explained that this was due to a problem with its supplier.

Brickenhole Lane Sign

The post, concrete and other packaging litter has now been removed from around the base of the new Brickenhole Lane sign.

Gringley Road – 'T' Junction sign

The new 'T' junction sign on Gringley Road (damaged during heavy winds) has been ordered by VIA East Midlands.

Millbault Lane/Road

Agreeing on the identity of Millbault Lane/Road with BDC is proving less than straight forward. A recent meeting with BDC has revealed that the land is recorded in different ways by various organisations:

Land Registry – LANE

Post Office – LANE

School – LANE (but letterhead said ROAD)

School House – LANE

Mill Lodge - ROAD

It was agreed at the meeting that the Parish Council would consult with the residents of the two dwellings about the Parish Council's wish to change the 'Lane' sign back to 'Road' and ask for their comments on this.

Mill Lane – 'No Through Road' Sign

The Cemetery Secretary had made a request for a replacement 'No Through Road' sign and for it to be relocated to the opposite verge. The findings of an inspection by VIA East Midlands was that the sign was in good condition and would not be replaced and that due to tractor over run on the verges it would be more likely to be damaged if moved to the opposite side.

Relocation of the Millbault Road Bus Stop

After safety concerns were expressed by the school, VIA East Midlands have made plans to relocate the bus stop in front of the school to the High Street, in front of the A1 land adjacent to the old Chapel..

Sluice Valve Markers

The Water Authority has been informed of the damaged markers on School House Lane and Moorland Avenue.

Right of Way – Caves Lane to Gringley Road

The Rambles Association has written up and submitted a claim for the old footpath which was created in the Walkeringham Enclosure Award. There is just one piece of land north of the nature reserve where the land owner is unknown. The Clerk has enlisted the help of BDC in the matter.

Neighbourhood Planning (NHP)

Cllr. Howard reported the draft plan had now been completed. A presentation would be given on 21 February to launch the public consultation which would last for a minimum of 6 weeks. Another presentation would be given on 6th April 2019 towards the end of the consultation period in order to give the public chance to ask questions having had the opportunity to review the plan. A website had been created specifically for the plan. All documents would be uploaded onto it including the on-line survey. Paper copies would also be made available. Cllr. Howard extended his thanks to Cllr. Heath for developing the website.

North East Bassetlaw Forum (NEBF)

Cllr. Roberts reported as follows

Community Road Safety Scheme

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There is one set of speed monitoring equipment for Bassetlaw to cover East and West Bassetlaw. A request was made to PC Fellows for another set. It was doubtful that the Police would purchase another set. Parish Councils are to be asked if they would contribute to the purchase of another set.

Rural Crime Update

PC Fellows reported the following:

- Untaxed vehicles were being reported
- Burglaries were prioritised at the January East Bassetlaw Prioritisation meeting
- Wildlife crime – public need to report it
- Details of the horsewatch scheme

Local Government Finance

An update was given at the recent Rural Conference. Cabinet has approved the finance programme for 2019/20 (see below).

Draft Local Plan

An outline of the plan was giving. It is now into an 8-week consultation period. Details are available on the BDC website.

iGAS

Drilling at Tinker Lane did not find shale gas as it was beyond the edge of the basis. The equipment will now be moved to Misson.

Rural Conference

Cllr. Hooton reported that two presentations were given which are summarised below:

Local Government Financial Settlement 2019/20

Neil Taylor, Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council, set the background for the current funding position by referring to the LGA Projections of local authority income and expenditure graph (copy attached). It showed the reduction in Public Expenditure income from Central Government since 2011. Bassetlaw District Council has had reduced government support of £7m over this period. Revenue Support Grant has reduced from £734k in 2018/19 to £224k in 2019/20 a fall of £510k.

How has the Council Responded

In response to reducing finances the Council:

- Re-organised all seven service areas in 2014/15 and some have been re-organised again recently to meet the service needs of the community.
- Implemented a range of financial management systems such as zero based budgeting, schemes for generating income and becoming more entrepreneurial by setting up a company to sell services and development activities
- Leisure Services contract provides the services at no cost to the rate payer with surplus invested
- Procurement services provide the best value for goods and services working in partnership.
- Co-location of partners (DWP and Nottinghamshire Police) into Queen's Buildings, Worksop to provide efficient accessible services for residents, generating income of £170,000.
- Pro-active inspection teams to ensure that the Council is receiving the correct revenue
- Economic growth of the district and building 3,000 additional homes in the district since 2010/11 has increased the Council Tax base.
- In October 2018, A1 Housing was brought in-house to generate significant savings.

Introduction to the Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan

Councillor Jo White, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Bassetlaw District Council explained the background to the Plan. Every local authority is required to have a Plan in place which is determined by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It is evidence led. Councils have to consult with the public at every stage. There is also a requirement to consult with neighbouring authorities before it is submitted for final approval.

The first stage consultation on the Scope of the Bassetlaw Plan was carried out in autumn 2016. A key change is that the Plan has been separated into stages:

1. Strategic – which is being consulted on now.
2. Local issues – which will be consulted on in June / July 2019.

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The Plan will last until 2035 with plans for Rural Bassetlaw, Worksop, Retford, Harworth and a proposal to establish a long-term project for a new community at Gamston and Bevercotes. This is the first consultation event and the consultation ends on 10th March 2019. There is a schedule of event. Everyone living in the villages is encouraged to be involved in the consultation process by attending any event and giving their opinions, which are valued by the Council.

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Matters for Consideration

Community Garden

Cllr. Hooton gave the following update:

- Three quotes had been received ranging from £5k to £25K. Most would charge a fee for drawing up concept plans.
- Local Residents had been contacted and all welcomed the proposal.
- We are not eligible for a WREN grant as we are outside the catchment area. However, Cllr. Hooton has completed the 'Awards for All' National Lottery Grant Application. After some discussion, it was agreed to progress the application.

Cllr. Taylor suggested contacting Groundworks (Creswell) as this was the kind of project they would be interested in. Clerk to progress this. Clerk to also obtain formal permission from Bassetlaw District Council.

Parish Council Communication

As reported earlier, a Neighbourhood Plan website had been developed. This could lend itself to becoming the Parish Council website in the future. Other forms of social media communications were also discussed including such apps as 'WhatsAPP' and a village Facebook page. To be discussed further at a later date.

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Faults and Repairs

The following were reported:

- It was agreed to send letters to residents adjacent to the Pinfold requesting that they refrain from parking on the grass.
- The pavement of South Moor Road is badly damaged (where dyke works had taken place). Clerk has reported to Ian Davies.
- It was noted that the amount of litter on the nature reserve continues to be an issue. Cllr. Sanger volunteered to speak to BDC Cleansing Team about clearing the area. Cllr. Howard has been in touch with the new warden who admits he has not yet visited site.
- Trees on the High Street. Cllr Vessey has spoken to the Tree Officer regarding the future of the trees on the High Street most of which have a Tree Preservation Order attached to them. The Tree Officer would be willing to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the possible options regarding maintenance etc.
He warned that anyone supporting or encouraging the felling of the trees (or other works to the trees) with TPOs before planning permission is sought could be liable to a fine of up to £40K

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Cemetery Matters

Income Received: £0 (February 2019)

Cemetery Spoil

Following on from queries raised at last month's meeting regarding the proposed means of spoil removal, the Secretary has responded as follows:

- The container would be in the form of a bucket from the end of the Contractor's digger. It would not need to be lit.
- It would be placed on the grass verge outside the Cemetery and would be removed once the grave had been backfilled.
- The price of £50.00 for removal of spoil is exclusive of VAT

It was agreed to trial the proposed method of spoil removal. However, the burial fees would need to be increased by £50 (only graves, not interment of ashes).

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Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 20 February 2019:

Income for the financial year to date: £31,054.05

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Expenditure for the financial year to date: £36,863.75

Balance £30,128.23

The following payments were proposed, seconded, voted and agreed.

Cheque Number	Payee	Matter	Net £	VAT £	Total £
1861-3	Staff	Salaries	613.07	0.00	613.07
1864	Walkeringham V. Hall	Hall Hire	16.00	0.00	16.00
1865	LC Printing Services	N/Letter & NHP	141.40	0.00	141.40
1866	Trent Plastics Fabrications	NHP Banners	288.00	57.60	345.60
1867	I Heath	Website Hosting	38.34	0.00	38.34
1868	C Howard	Survey Monkey (NHP)	37.80	0.00	37.80

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Planning matters

New Planning Applications

19/00068/VOC

Variation of Condition 2 on PA 15/01266/FUL (Plot 3) to omit dormer windows over garage. Eaves line raised above window line and ridge, hipped roof to bay window and dentil brick band at eaves level and eaves/ridge level increased

Location: Plot 3 Brickmakers Arms Site, Fountain Hill Road

Resolved: No Objection

BDC Planning Decision

18/01612/FUL - Construct Agricultural Access onto Stockwith Road (A161) |The Moorhouse Farm and Land High Street Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Decision: **REFUSE**

18/01308/RSB Development of 10 Dwellings
Land at the Croft, West Moor Road

Decision: **REFUSE**

Appeals

None

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Correspondence

Age Concern – Donation Request
BDC – Garden Waste Collection Service
NCC – School Admissions Arrangements 2020/21
Nottm. Police – Stakeholder Update
All noted

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Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda

None

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To confirm date of next meeting

The date of next meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed

Date