

Walkeringham Parish Council
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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 January 2020 in Walkeringham Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Howard (Chair), Roberts, Capp, Vardy, Hooton, Sowter, Heath, Dilly, Bowes, PC Jason Fellows and Colleague (part), A Hayward (Clerk) and Cty. Cllr. Taylor were present

Members of Public: 1

001/20 **Chairman's Remarks**
Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

002/20 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Spencer (family commitment)
Dist. Cllr. Sanger (another meeting)

Apologies were accepted.

003/20 **Co-option of New Members**
Resolved: to co-opt Mr Simon Bowes onto the Parish Council. Mr Bowes signed the Acceptance of Office form and invited to join the meeting.

004/20 **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**
Cllrs. Dilly & Roberts Item 009/20 – Donation request from Village Hall Committee (non-pecuniary interest; members of the Village Hall Committee)
Cllr. Hooton Item 009/20 – Donation Request from Primary School (non-pecuniary; on the Board of Governors)
Cllr. Bowes Item 009/20 – Donation Request from Primary School (non-pecuniary; relative on Board of Governors)
Cllr. Vardy Item 013/20 – Planning Application No. 19/01581/FUL (pecuniary). Cllr. Vardy agreed to leave the meeting when this planning application considered.

005/20 **District and County Councillors' Reports**
District Councillor
No report received.

County Councillor
Cllr. Taylor reported as follows:

- The Local Improve Scheme (LIS) has been launched. Applications needed to be submitted by 28 February 2020. There is now an upper limit of £30K per application. The village hall committee intended to submit an application for equipment for the village hall and playing field.
- From information received, it was estimated that the primary school would not re-open for at least another 3 or 4 months.
- Cllr. Taylor apologised for the delay in organising a meeting to discuss the recent flood event. Priority had to be given to their S.19 statutory obligations. A number of dates were suggested for a meeting to take place in the next 2/3 weeks. Cllr. Taylor would co-ordinate.

006/20 **Police Report**
PC Fellows aimed to have representation from each parish council at the priority setting meetings. It was explained that it was difficult for Walkeringham Parish Council to send representatives as it tended to fall on the same evening as the Parish Council meetings. There had been one reported crime of interest in December, this being a burglary other on Stockwith Road. In the beat area cars were being targeted.

PCSO D Airey's reported had been distributed prior to the meeting

007/20 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**

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The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2019 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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Reports for information only

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported has follows:

Traffic Management Proposals on Birdcroft Lane

In response to the Parish Council's suggestion of making Birdcroft Lane a 'No Through' Road the Senior Improvements Officer commented as follows:

Thank you for your e-mail concerning the proposed one way and no entry on Birdcroft Lane. Your suggestion of closing the road completely would make the junction much safer but would close a potential route for emergency vehicles. As the road is narrow it could easily become blocked. If access from Station Road was not possible then emergency vehicles would not be able to reach the houses near the corner of Birdcroft Lane if the route from the A161 was permanently closed off. Additionally if the junction was closed off then vehicles would have to turn round to exit Birdcroft Lane, which could be difficult if it was a larger vehicle.

Resolved: to respond by requesting that the Parish Council's suggestion be reconsidered. There need not be a physical barrier just a sign saying 'No Through Road except for Emergency Services'. Also suggest a meeting to consider solutions to allow larger vehicles to turn.

Trees on High Street

Via East Midlands had met the landowner regarding the overgrown tress and he had agreed to remedy the potential highways issues the trees were causing but did not agree to pruning to clear the phone lines. BDC await a TPO application.

Community Garden

Cllr. Hooton reported that a meeting had taken place with J Dunston. He has agreed to do a design and bring to a meeting. The £500 quote allows for one sizeable alteration to the plan only. Cllr. Hooton also confirmed that the 'Pocket Park' grant application had been submitted.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr. Howard reported that Regulation16 consultation had now completed and responses were being analysed. The next stage is the Independent Examination. After reviewing a number of applications an Independent Examiner was appointed by the Steering Group.

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Matters for Consideration

2020 Dyke Maintenance Contract

Two tenders had been received and prices were reviewed:

Resolved: to award the contract to The Isle of Axholme Drainage Board.

Review of Grass Cutting Contract 2020

The performance of the grass cutting contractor was reviewed and on the whole it was agreed that performance had been good. Occasionally some areas had been missed or overlooked near School House Lane

It was agreed to include the following additional areas/tasks

- a) The grassed area in front of the village playing field at the junction of Millbault Road and Stockwith Road
- b) Mill Lane – grass verges from the Cemetery to the signs (excluding where it is already cut by the Cemetery Maintenance Worker near the gates) including strimming around the signs when needed.
- c) Add spraying to the gutters once a year including Fountain Hill Road (after the 30mph sign), Mill Bault Road and South Moor Road (from the nursing home to corner of West Moor Road)

2020/21 Precept

To consider the 2020/2021 budget to prepare the precept request

The members were presented with 2018/2019 actual expenditure showing the figures for the previous year plus forecasted and actual expenditure for 2019/2020. Each item of budgeted expenditure for 2020/21 was then reviewed, discussed and agreed.

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Letters requesting donations were read out from the Misterton Adult Swimming Club, Friends of Walkeringham School, Walkeringham School, Five Villages First Responders and Walkeringham Village Hall Committee. It was resolved to make the following donations:

Walkeringham Village Hall: £3,250
 Walkeringham School: £300
 Swimming Club: £300
 Five Villages First Responders: £300
 Friends of Walkeringham Primary School: £300

The annual provision for the Cemetery Improve Fund to increase to £250 pa.

The above to be paid in May 2020

The precept was set for 2020/21 at £23,646, to cover the projected net expenditure £27,930. An estimated £3,300 will be taken from reserves.

Clerk to submit the Precept claim to Bassetlaw District Council.

Resolved: to request a precept of £23,646 (last year £21,680)

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Faults and Repairs

The following faults and repairs were reported:

- The North Moor Road footpath is becoming narrower due to encroachment of grass verge. Clerk to report to Highways
- The drains on North Moor drive were blocked again on 24th December. It transpires that the problem was caused by wet wipes. An article is to be inserted in the next newsletter giving advice about what can be flushed down the toilets.
- The grass verges on Caves Lane were churned up due to farm and other heavy vehicles
- The dyke on South Moor Road required cleaning and the culvert unblocking. It was agreed to arrange for the culvert to be cleared.

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Cemetery Matters

Income received in the month of December: £0

Footpath Extension

To defer until reserves are built up.

Tree Work

Agreed to carry out the tree work.

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Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 15 January 2020:

Income for the financial year to date:	£47,364.02
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£34,468.06
Balance	£42,185.14

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Matter	Net £	VAT £	Total £
1966-8	Staff	Salaries and Expenses	618.20	0.00	618.20
1969	Walkeringham V. Hall	Hall Hire	16.00.	0.00	16.00

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Planning matters

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New Planning Applications

Demolition of Garage and Side Extension to The Hazels and Erection of a New Detached Garage and Erection of One New 1.5 Storey Dwelling with Integral Garage

The Hazels Caves Lane Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 19/01581/FUL

Resolved: No objection.

Comment: footprint appears slightly too large for site but encouraged to see eco-friendly aspects incorporated into the design.

Planning Decisions

Variation of Conditions 2, 3, and 8 of P.A. 18/00526/FUL - (Change of Use of Garden Land to Provide an Eco-Friendly Glamping Site With Three Glamping Huts, Associated Guest Facilities, Construct New Access with Internal Footpath and Parking Area) to Allow an Additional BBQ Cabin, Sauna, Larger Cabins with Decking and Footpaths

Hawthorne Lodge Brickyard Lane Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4LZ

Ref. No: 19/01339/VOC

Decision: GRANT

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Correspondence

Circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved to suspend standing orders and continue after 10.00 pm.

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Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda

Cllr. Dilly reported that the PO Outreach service was up and running and the current opening times are 9.30-12.30 each Wednesday (the times might slightly alter going forward)

Agenda Items: Website and Councillor Roles.

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To confirm date of next meeting

The date of next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 10.05pm

Signed

Date