

Walkeringham Parish Council
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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 September 2020. Held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions

Present: Councillors Howard (Chair), Hooton, Roberts, Spencer, Dilly, Bowes, Oxley, A Hayward (Clerk) and Cty. Cllr. Taylor

Members of Public: 1

066/20 **Chairman's Remarks**
Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Session

A member of public spoke about her concerns regarding the planning application for nine dwellings on the High Street as well as furnishing the Parish Council with information regarding flooding and sewage issues. There were questions also about the plans for drainage and responsibility for maintaining the hedgerow. A petition from local residents had been submitted to the Planning Officer. Item to be discussed later in the agenda.

067/20 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Vardy (work commitment)
Cllr. Sowter (difficulties connecting)
Cllr. Heath (family commitment)
District Cllr. Sanger (difficulties connecting)

Resolved: All apologies accepted

Cllr. Capp absent

068/20 **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**
None

069/20 **District and County Councillors' Reports**
District Councillor

District Cllr. Sanger gave the following report:

The Cabinet met virtually on 1 September and here is some information from that meeting:

The Council have agreed that allotment holders may keep bees but there is a range of conditions such as a certificate of competency, insurance, agreement from local residents if hives are near residential properties and 6 foot high mesh around the hives to ensure bees' flight is directed upwards!

Business Grants - the following grant schemes closed at the end of August and all the amounts distributed to businesses met the Government's criteria and were eligible to receive the funding:
Small business grants - £17,140,000 distributed to 1714 businesses
Retail, Hospitality and Leisure - £7,765,000 distributed, to 442 businesses - £2,190,000 in £10,000 grants and £5,575,000 in £25,000 Grants
Discretionary grants £1,178,000 distr. to 148 businesses between £2,000 and £25,000
Total grants £26,121,000, paid to 2,304 businesses.
In addition to these grants 700 businesses in retail, hospitality and leisure, including children's Nurseries benefitted from around £12,000,000 worth of Business Rate discounts.

The Council has re-started face to face appointments, in a Covid secure environment, in either Queen's Buildings Worksop or The One Stop Shop in Retford, for Benefits and money advice, housing needs and homelessness, new Council Housing tenancy Signups, housing and Rent Officer surgeries and fraud investigation interviews.

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The District Enforcement Team are doing well within the District. In the first two weeks 298 Fixed penalty notices were issued, £100 each, the following two weeks a further 128, mainly cigarette littering with just a few dog fouling. All Bassetlaw will be visited.

Any residents having difficulty paying their Council Tax are asked to get in touch with Bassetlaw. Council Tax Team 01909533224 or BDC's Money Advisors 01909533744

Resident Survey and Devolution - read out. But there is always an assumption that the County Council will be the HQ of any new authority. But given Bassetlaw's as the furthest district away from West Bridgford there are concerns about local power, decision making and service provision In the north. The District Council is working with other Districts in the County to consider options for a Unitary Authority and has allocated £50 000 for this and a residents' survey.

County Councillor

Cty. Cllr. Taylor gave the following report:

- COVID-19 – The local Resilience Forum, local volunteer groups and Hubs continue to run.
- The main County Council calendar has now been reinstated and is being conducted on-line. There are no plans to move back to County Hall as yet.
- The first week back at school saw an 80% pupil attendance. This is a testament to the parents' and schools' preparedness
- The conversation has started about a Unitary Council again.

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Approval & Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2020 and 9 Sept 2020 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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Reports for information only

Community Hub

Cllr. Dilly reported that the opening times of the Hub will go down to 3 days a week. Footfall is slow but there is a reluctance to close completely at the moment. To be reviewed again at the end of September.

Walkeringham Primary School – Emergency Plan/Flood Alleviation Measures

Cllr. Hooton reported that the new Executive Head for the school had begun to investigate the measures that had been put into place since the flooding in 2019. She has had a meeting with a representative from ARC Property Services but It would appear there had been very little action taken and was unable to find any document suggesting any follow up since the flooding. The school Emergency Plan had been updated and this now ties in with the Parish Council's Emergency Plan. In the Parish Council's opinion, the fundamental issues still needed to be identified and understood. There was concern that there did not appear to be any evidence of anyone taking on the responsibility for putting effective mitigation measures or plans in place to future proof the school. As it stands at the moment the school will flood again. It was agreed that the best way forward would be to organise a meeting between the school, ARC, Parish Council and other representatives from NCC. Cllr. Hooton to speak to the Executive Head and the Chair of Governors. Cty. Cllr. Taylor offered to help if she could. It was noted that the Parish Council had done some work clearing and rodding the drains on Mill Baulk Road.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported as follows:

- Requested necessary licence application to relocate the red telephone box. Will chase
- Chased up draft legal documents for transfer of ownership of land
- Reported several incidences of fly tipping to BDC
- Damaged pavement on High Street reported and inspected. Waiting outcome and findings from Viaem.

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Matters for Consideration

Community Garden

Cllr. Hooton reported that 7 invitations to tender had been sent out and as yet there had been no positive response. Groundworks had declined to quote and another was too busy. Clerk to follow up by email to ascertain reasons for this.

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Pavement Clearing System

Cllrs. Howard and Dilly attended a demonstration of a pavement clearing system which had been brought about by two local parish councillors looking to fill the gap in the NCC service. Pavement clearing had becoming a low priority due to budget constraints. It was tried out in two places the first being where the pavement used to be between Misterton and Walkeringham. Here it struggled to cope with the 3-inch depth. However, it was more successful clearing the debris and gutters on the path on Fountain Hill. Cllr. Taylor gave some background about the possible commercial arrangements going forward. It was understood that they were in early discussion with Viaem but no agreement was yet in place.

Village Gateway Signs

Cllr. Bowes had started to look at some of the options available. It was agreed to put together a few options including prices and designs. It was suggested that four signs would be required. Clerk to contact Scooby PC who had just purchased some signs. Agenda item for next meeting.

NCC Winter Service

It was agreed to accept NCC's offer of 5 x 20kgs of bagged salt and to order a further 10 at a cost of £5.00 each plus vat.

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Faults and Repairs

- Part of the footpath on South Moor Road is crumbling. Clerk to contact Highways
- The 'No Ball Games' sign in front on the bungalows on the High Street has fallen over. Agreed it should be removed.
- Dyke maintenance – it was reported that there is a stretch near Pear Tree Cottage which was not maintained by the new contractor. Clerk to make them aware.
- The fly tipping had not been cleared away at the Nature Reserve. Further there had been no progress re. the training of the Wardens. Clerk to chase. It was believed that a new Reserve Manager had been appointed at the Trust.

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Cemetery Matters

Income received (August): £550

New Burial Board Member

A vacancy has arisen on the Burial Board after the resignation of Cllr. Capp. Members were asked if anyone would be interested in the position. No takers were forthcoming. Agreed to raise again at the next meeting.

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Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 16 September 2020:

Income for the financial year to date:	£16,021.67
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£19,495.74
Balance	£36,407.75

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Matter
2028-30	754.29	Staff	Sals/Exps
2031	232.77	HMRC	PAYE
2032	1,286.40	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
2033	2,184.46	Walkeringham V.Hall	Telephone recharge
2034	40.00	Chesterfield Canal Trust	Annual Subscriptions
2035	102.00	I Heath	Website hosting/emails

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Planning matters

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New Planning Applications
Construction of Nine Dwellings

Land at High Street Walkeringham South Yorkshire
Ref. No: 20/00968/FUL

Resolved: strongly object

Comments: Planning consent had been granted on appeal so comments to reflect developments since then, including the flooding in 2019 (photos to be attached), reference to the Neighbourhood Plan, BDC land supply and to ensure that all the conditions laid down in the Inspector's report have been taken into account. Also requested that this planning application is heard by the planning committee.

Planning Decisions

New Permanent Block Built Stable Block Structures Built on Concrete Slab, Existing Timber Stable Blocks to be Re-positioned and Reused

The Stables Beckingham Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4HZ
Ref. No: 20/00597/FUL
Decision: REFUSE

Removal of Rear Barn/Store and Erect Two Storey Side Extension and Ground Floor Rear Extension

Carrfield Farm Fountain Hill Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4LT
Ref. No: 20/00635/HSE
Decision: GRANT

Replacement Swimming Pool Enclosure

Plumtree Cottage South Moor Road Walkeringham South Yorkshire DN10 4LB
Ref. No: 20/00758/HSE
Decision: GRANT

077/20 **Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)**

Circulated prior to the meeting.

NALC – details of upcoming AGM
Village Hall Committee – notification of increase in hire rates

078/20 **Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda**

079/20 **To confirm date of next meeting**

The date of next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Signed

Date