

Walkeringham Parish Council
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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 October 2020. Held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions

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

Members of Public: 2

080/20 **Chairman's Remarks**
Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Session: No discussion

081/20 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr. Sowter (personal reasons)

Resolved: All apologies accepted

Cllr. Capp absent

082/20 **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

083/20 **District and County Councillors' Reports**
District Councillor

District Cllr. Sanger gave the following report:

- 700 fixed penalty notices have been issued for littering and dog littering offences.
- BDC has recently carried out their annual rough sleepers' assessment at on 4 October, four were counted.
- BDC ICT strategy recently discussed at Cabinet.
- BDC has responded to the Government's white paper on planning reforms. These would have immense implications at a local level.
- The Independent Councillors now form the largest opposition as a result of the resignation of a Conservative Councillor.

County Councillor

Cty. Cllr. Taylor gave the following report:

- COVID-19 – The local Resilience Forum, local volunteer groups and Hubs continue to run. The County has now been placed in Tier Two, High Level. There is some talk as to whether or not we should move into Tier Three, Very High Level.
- Unitary Council Proposals - NCC has received a letter from the Government Minister to confirm that Nottinghamshire will not be included in the first tranche. There will be three counties taking this forward and they are North Yorkshire, Cumbria and Somerset. The Minister however has asked that the case for a Unitary Council in Nottinghamshire be examined.
- The on-going flooding issues in Walkeringham have been followed and a report from the NCC District Manager for Bassetlaw will be available for the next meeting.

084/20 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

085/20 **Reports for information only**

Community Hub

Cllr. Dilly reported that due to increases in the COVID-19 numbers the Hub would gear up again and go to being open 5 days a week from November.

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Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported as follows:

- Requested necessary licence application to relocate the red telephone box. Will chase
- 15 bags of grit salt are on order.
- The street signs in need of repair/refurbishment have been reported. The Mill Lane signs have now been straightened and foliage cut back.
- The damaged pavement on South Moor Road has been reported.
- There has been some restructuring at the NCC Wildlife Trust. Warden training as not been arranged and no work has been carried out since the beginning of the year. Members expressed their disappointment in this especially as progress was being made to improve the nature reserve. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the new Manager.

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Matters for Consideration

Community Garden

Cllr. Hooton reported one quote had been received despite sending out the tender to numerous businesses. This was discussed and a general discussion took place about the merits of the project. The consensus was that the project should continue to be progressed much in line with the original specification

It was resolved to:

- Cap spending at £25,000
- Utilise the remaining CIL money which totalled some £6K to supplement the £10K grant money
- Look for local sponsorship.
- Obtain a second quote (Cllr Vardy knew of a potential contact)
- Request a breakdown of costs quoted on the quote received.

Cllrs. Taylor and Sanger also agreed to make a small donation to the scheme from their respective Councillor grant funds.

The draft transfer of land agreement, put together by BDC, was in principle agreed after one or two suggested amendments and a few minor queries. Clerk to feedback to the BDC Legal Team.

Village Gateway Signs

Agreed to put the purchase of the gateway signs on hold for now. However, agreed to progress the design of the signs. Cllr. Hooton to approach a local artist.

CIL Funds

The Clerk reported that £1,311.15 was payable to the Parish Council. The Parish Council had the option of claiming the money, leaving with BDC or nominating a project for BDC to spend on their behalf.

Resolved: to request that the money be transferred to the Parish Council

New/Replacement Grit Bins

It was agreed to order a replacement grit bin for Moorland Walk and a new one for the corner of North Moor Road and High Street. Other locations had been identified which would be considered in the future.

There followed a general discussion about the lack of gritting by NCC/Viaem on North Moor Road and South Moor Road and members again expressed their concerns about this.

Nuisance Garden Fires

Cllr. Vardy reported that there had been a number of nuisance garden fires in the village. He had reported these to BDC Environmental Health. Whilst it was not illegal to have a garden bonfire the smoke resulting from the fire can be classed as nuisance. It was agreed to put an article in the newsletter which reflected the BDC flyer which gave guidance about considering neighbours and

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smoke control. flyer had been circulated prior to the meeting and was already displayed on some of the village notice boards.

Local Government Reorganisation Focus Group

Cllr. Howard reported that he had attended a recent Focus Group meeting. Essentially this was a pre-consultation market research group. The discussion was interesting. It was evident that there was some lack of understanding of local government structure and what they do. Cllr. Howard's initial thought was that it could be a threat to local democracy. However, it was explained that there may be more than one unitary council, ie. a North and i.e. South Notts Unitary Council, not just one large Unitary Council. At the moment, the Notts budget is split roughly 90% administered by West Bridgeford and 10% by BDC. The pros and cons of a split Unitary Council were further discussed and a variety of opinions were expressed. Cty Cllr Taylor reiterated that at this time these proposals are not being progressed, as Nottinghamshire has not been chosen by the Government to be in the first tranche of local authorities nominated.

Planning System Reform

The response to BDC in relation to the white paper of the proposed planning reforms had been circulated prior to the meeting. On the whole it was felt that that BDC's responses had been thoughtful and well-argued and was largely supported by members. The main concern was that the proposals represented a move to more central control and away from local input and control.

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Faults and Repairs

- The hedge on School House Lane belonging to BDC has become overgrown making it difficult to walk on the path. Cllr. Sanger agreed to follow up.
- The pavement on Stockwith Road (near the service road) was in need of repair in places. Clerk to report.
- Hole discovered near Caves Lane/Fountain Hill Road. Cllr. Heath to photo and report to Viaem via their App.

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Cemetery Matters

Income received (September): £60

New Burial Board Member

Cllr. Howard again appealed for a new member to join the Burial Board. Again, no takers. Agenda item for next meeting. The Clerk volunteered to join the bin rota if needed.

Memorial Insignia Query

A letter had been received querying the Burial Board's policy on permitted insignia, in particular sports insignia. A recent application had been rejected as it depicted a golfer. Members felt that the rules had been interpreted correctly and the correct decision made. There was some debate as to whether or not some of the rules needed to be reconsidered and the criteria relaxed. There were strong arguments either way. It was agreed that the Burial Board would review the Cemetery regulations at their next meeting

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Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 16 September 2020:

Income for the financial year to date:	£28,396.87
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£21,261.90
Balance	£47,016.79

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Matter
2036-38	701.78	Staff	Sals/Exps
2039	964.80	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
2040	74.58	J Fox	Cemetery expenses
2041	25.00	I Metcalfe	Cleaning noticeboards, planters etc

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Planning matters

New Planning Applications

Erect Temporary Wooden Stable Block on Skids (Resubmission of P.A. 20/00597/FUL)

The Stables Beckingham Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4HZ

Ref. No: 20/01215/FUL

Resolved: No objection and no comments to make.

Planning Decisions

Construction of Nine Dwellings

Land at High Street Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 20/00968/FUL

Decision: REFUSE

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Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

BDC – Goodwin Charity

NALC - AGM

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Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda

It was reported that the MP for Bassetlaw had visited the proposed marina site.

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To confirm date of next meeting

The date of next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Signed

Date