

**Walkeringham Parish Council**  
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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 November 2020. Held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions**

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

Members of Public: 0

094/20 **Chairman's Remarks**  
Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Session: No discussion

095/20 **Apologies for absence**  
  
Cllr. Sowter (personal reasons)  
Cty. Cllr. Taylor (other commitment)

Resolved: All apologies accepted

Cllr. Capp absent

096/20 **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**  
Cllr. P Roberts – Item 104/21 PA 20/01026/FUL (non-pecuniary interest)

097/20 **District and County Councillors' Reports**  
**District Councillor**

District Cllr. Sanger gave the following report:

COVID-19 – shops are operating click and collect service. Opticians and Dentists are open. Work is on-going between BDC and NCC to support the clinically extremely vulnerable. Housing repairs continue as normal. Recycling centres remain open. There are Government grants available for businesses.

The overgrown hedge on School House Lane has been passed to the Estates Office.

A total of 366 tonnes of garden waste went through the garden waste bins last year. The scheme will operate again next year from March to November and will cost households £32 each.

Retford is embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan

The Citizens' Advice Bureau are concerned that fewer people are contacting them.

Useful phone numbers are given below:

Citizens' Advice Bureau Bassetlaw.	01909498894
Universal Credit.	08001448444
Macmillan Welfare Benefits.	01909498889
Money/Debt Advice.	01909498890
Energy.	01909498892

**County Councillor**

The follow report was forwarded by Cllr. Taylor:

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COVID-19 – All the latest information on support services is available through the MyNotts app or the website. This includes details on the reopened community support fund which is there to help community groups working specifically on COVID support schemes within their local area (like Walkeringham's Hub). BDC is also administering a couple of other schemes.

No further news on the bank on the High Street or on the various drainage issues but I have an online meeting with highways officers on Friday morning.

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**Approval & Signing of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 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 Hub was now open 6 days a week. Footfall had gone up slightly and they were now taking care of 7 households providing help for not only shopping but also form filling etc.

**Misterton Doctors' Surgery**

Cllr. Spencer reported that the new telephone system went live mid-November. Patients can still ring the local surgery number which then goes through to a central hub. A decision is then made for either a telephone consultation or an appointment with the GP. The Riverside Group consists of Retford, Harworth, Misterton and Gringley surgeries. The population was 6,000 but now is 18,000; demand has gone up. Other services include the NHS 311 system and the Doctorlink platform which is a NHS app. The group continues to support a locked door policy. There are now two additional female GPs.

There followed a brief discussion. It was commented that patients sometimes have to wait 5 days for a GP to ring back. There was a query about whether or not there were plans to close Misterton surgery. Cllr. Spencer had heard nothing about this but agreed to seek clarification. There were also concerns expressed that prescriptions which had been posted through the door had been walked over by patients entering the building.

Cllr. Spencer, in her capacity of Chair of the PPG, would be willing to raise anything on the Parish Council's behalf

*Cllr. Howard had lost connection and Cllr. Roberts took the chair.*

**Flooding Issues – Walkeringham Primary School**

Cllr. Hooton reported that Cllrs. Dilly, Howard and herself had a meeting with the Executive Head, Kathryn King to discuss the flooding issues. It had been suggested that a small wall be built parallel to the school and road. The Executive Head will be making arrangements to meet with the Local Authority and Cllr. Taylor. It was felt that the Parish Council had done all it could do at this stage.

**Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported as follows:

Chris Bray from the Notts Wildlife Trust had offered to meet members of the Parish Council at the Nature Reserve but this was subsequently postponed due to enhanced COVID-19 restrictions.

The licence and application forms required to relocate the red telephone box had now been received. Cllr. Oxley offered to look at the forms and progress. Cllr. Hooton advised that the new Executive Head of the school was looking at relocation the front entrance of the school and this might have some impact of where we relocate the telephone box.

Two new grit bins are on order.

Viaem has inspected the footpath and bank of the High Street. Works for inclusion for the 2021/22 programme are currently being considered and it is not yet known whether or this will be included.

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**Matters for Consideration**

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Community Garden

Cllr. Hooton reported that she had now sent out two further invitations to tender for the community garden work, making this a total of 11 sent out over the last few months. The latest two were to Fenwick Landscapes and GBS Builders. GBS Builders were unable to get together to meet but after some chasing Fenwick Landscapes did.

In summary, two detailed quotes had been received. Acer Landscapes had resubmitted giving a breakdown of costs as agreed at the last meeting. Both were reviewed and after detailed scrutiny of both it was agreed to nominate Acer Landscapes as the contractor. Although the Fenwick Landscapes quote was cheaper, members found the payment terms unacceptable.

Further analysis took place on the breakdown of costs and the following was agreed.

Remove: preparation of beds, sourcing of plants and planting and also provision of the bark.

Ask Acer Landscapes to requote with these items removed. Cllr. Hooton agreed to action that and circulate the revised quote

Phase Two – look to doing the planting ourselves, perhaps involving the school and community in some way. Cllr. Vardy would be happy to source the bark. To be discussed at a later stage.

Christmas Tree

Cllr. Dilly asked for volunteers to help with the lighting of the Christmas tree on 5<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr. Dilly will remind members nearer the time via WhatsApp. Cllr. Vardy volunteered to help.

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire Group (RCAN) Membership

The Clerk gave some background to RCAN. RCAN was established in 1924 to help support rural communities in Nottinghamshire. At a higher level they help communities with community planning and support, transport and access support, health and wellbeing, economic regeneration. Also provides information and advice on funding, training, ideas for fundraising and access to RCAN specialists. The cost of membership is £95.00 per annum.

Resolved: to trial for one-year and then assess the benefits.

Bench on the Trent Bank

Cllr. Spencer proposed that the Parish Council look again at installing a replacement bench on the Trent bank. It was a nice area to place a bench and the concrete plinth was still in place. Some members were reluctant to replace the bench as two benches had already been stolen. A new one would have to be robust and secure and the cost might be prohibitive. Some ideas of cheaper options were suggested such as using sleepers, bricks etc. It was agreed that members put some thought to this and add to the agenda for the next meeting.

Street Names for New Development off Station Road

Notification had been received from BDC regarding the proposed street names for the new development off Station Road. These were: Trent Grove, Cromwell Bank and Keadby Vale.

It was thought by some members that the names needed to be more relevant to the village. After a brief discussion and several alternative suggestions, including surnames of prominent villagers it was agreed to put forward the following names:

Oswald Vale (after the benefice of Oswaldbeck)  
St Marys Drive (after Walkeringham church)  
Station Court

Village Gateway Signs

Cllr. Hooton reported that she had approached a local resident to design the village sign. The artist felt privileged and moved to be asked and would be delighted to put together some designs.

Faults and Repairs

The following comments and reports were made

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- Cllr. Dilly reported that the village hall committee had purchased some litter pickers. They had so far been used to pick up discarded face masks on Stockwith Road. They were available for anyone to use.
- Cllr. Dilly reported that there had been some complaints about mud on Station Road due to vehicle activity of site. It is understood that a drive will be installed which will help alleviate the problem; there had been a delay in its construction due the discovery of a cable 6 inches below the surface. There had also been an incident with a caravan blocking the site entrance. Cllr Dilly will continue to monitor.
- It was reported that the litter bin across from the nursing home was overflowing. It was thought however, that this had now been emptied. Clerk to keep an eye on it.
- Cllr. Bowes asked whether or not it was the Parish Council's responsibility for dealing with slippery pavements. This comes under the jurisdiction of the NCC/Viaem.

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**Cemetery Matters**

Income received (October): £485

**New Burial Board Member**

Cllr. Howard again appealed for a new member to join the Burial Board. Cllr. Bowes agreed to join the Burial Board.

In response to emails circulated prior to the meeting regarding insignia, Cllr. Howard clarified that there was no ban on graphics but there was a limit of the size. However, insignia of a sporting or political nature was not permitted. Some members thought that some of the motifs were distasteful but it was recognised that the concept of 'distasteful' was subjective and opinions would differ. Cllr. Howard reiterated that he would take members' comments to the next Burial Board meeting and the Cemetery rules and regulations would be reviewed.

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**Financial Matters**

Financial Report as at 16 November 2020:

Income for the financial year to date:	£28,882.05
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£22,773.82
 Balance	 £45,990.05

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

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Matter</b>
2042-44	628.72	Staff	Sals/Exps
2045	643.20	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
2046	240.00	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fee

**PKF Littlejohn – Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) Review for the year ended 31 March 2020**

In summary the External Auditor's Report concluded that the 2019/20 AGAR was in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to their attention given concern and regulatory requirements have been met.

The Clerk to publish the 'Conclusion of Audit' notice and publish the certified AGAR forms (Sections 1,2 and 3)

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**Planning matters**

**New Planning Applications**

**Erect 2 Detached Dwellings, 1 Detached Bungalow and 8 Semi Detached Dwellings with Garaging**

Land to The East of Brickenhole Lane, Walkeringham South Yorkshire  
 Ref. No: 20/01026/FUL

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Resolved: unable to support until the issues regarding safe access, as highlighted by the Highways Officer, have been dealt with.

Cllr. Howard commented that this site is actually in the draft Neighbourhood Plan and is the first to come forward, this means that villagers had identified this as being suitable for development.

**Planning Decisions**

**None**

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**Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)**

BDC – Agenda and associated papers for the next NEBF meeting

BDC – Agenda for the next Rural Conference

Both to be held remotely.

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

Agenda Item – Report back from The North East Bassetlaw Forum (Cllr. Roberts)

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**To confirm date of next meeting**

The date of next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.26pm

Signed .....

Date .....