

Walkeringham Parish Council
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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 January 2021. Held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions

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

Members of Public: 0

001/21 **Chairman's Remarks**
Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Session: No discussion

002/21 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Sowter (personal reasons)
Cllr. Vardy (personal reasons)
Cllr. Spencer (personal reasons)
Cllr. Oxley (work commitments)

Resolved: All apologies accepted

Cllr. Capp was absent

003/21 **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. Bowes – any discussion regarding donations to Walkeringham Primary School (non-pecuniary interest)
Cllr. Hooton – any discussion regarding donations to Walkeringham Primary School (non-pecuniary interest)
Cllr. Dilly - any discussion regarding donations to the Village Hall (non-pecuniary interest)
Cllr. Roberts - any discussion regarding donations to the Village Hall (non-pecuniary interest)

004/21 **District and County Councillors' Reports**
District Councillor
District Cllr. Sanger gave the following report:

Special Paramedics have been deployed to help reduce trips to hospital. In the first few months they attended some 1,000 people of which 35% were taken to hospital.

Retford train station has been listed as Grade II by Historic England

County Councillor
Cty. Cllr. Taylor gave the following report:

COVID-19 – All the support groups are still in place and grant schemes in operation.
Vaccination programme – Nottinghamshire is doing well. After those over 80, the roll out will continue with the 75-79 ages and then on to 70-74 year group and the clinically extremely vulnerable.

Flooding - Graham Smith, NCC District Manager has proactively been in touch with rural villages and sandbags deployed where needed. The school now knows to contact Property Services for flood defence provisions. There should be no need to use Parish Council resources. Due to lockdown restrictions, Officers are unable to attend non-essential meetings, so unable to make routine site visits at the moment.

It is uncertain as to whether or not the elections in May will take place.

005/21 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2020 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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Matters for Consideration

2021/22 Precept

To consider the 2021/2022 budget to prepare the precept request

The members were presented with 2019/2020 actual expenditure showing the figures for the previous year plus forecasted and actual expenditure for 2020/2021. Each item of budgeted expenditure for 2021/22 was then reviewed, discussed and agreed. These figures also included the proposed expenditure put forward by the Burial Board.

Letters requesting donations had been received from 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
Five Villages First Responders: £300
Friends of Walkeringham Primary School: £300
The above to be paid in May 2021

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

Resolved: to set the Precept for 2021/22 at £23,866.

Parish Council Communications

Website

Cllr. Heath reported that the website is up and running and gave a brief overview of the site. There had been around 600 visits to the website including some from overseas. Some information was still missing including Councillor biographies.

A few suggested amendments were made regarding the look of the website and it was agreed that the look and feel should be consistent throughout the various modes of communications, ie. website, Facebook and newsletter, where possible. It was suggested that further future development could include a local history page.

It was agreed that the old website could now be turned off. Cllr. Heath to speak to the host and arrange for emails/enquiries to the old website/email address to be redirected to the Clerk at the new address. Cllrs. Heath, Bowes and Clerk to discuss and agree the best way forward for editorial control, training etc.

Cllr. Heath was thanked for his work on the new website.

Parish Council Facebook Page

Cllrs. Heath and Bowes gave an overview of the new Facebook page. A few changes were agreed to keep it consistent with the website. Only the Administrators can make posts to the page, but members of the public will be able to comment on the posts. These can be hidden or removed by the Administrators if required. It was agreed that it would go live and monitor how it progresses.

Both the new website and Facebook page to be advertised in the upcoming newsletter.

Newsletter Distribution

Cllr. Howard is to put together a newsletter ready for distribution later in the month. Cllr. Roberts to co-ordinate the distribution. Some new volunteers had come forward. Cllr. Hooton to seek clarification on current COVID-19 restrictions regarding house-to-house distribution.

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme

Cllr. Heath reported that some 100 addresses had signed up for the scheme so far. The 31 new houses on Station Road can also be registered. Cllr. Heath to submit the application once the Parish Council deadline for people to register their interest has expired.

Winter Weather/Grit Bin Provision

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A request had been made to replenish the grit bins in the village. It was agreed to request a replacement grit bin on the corner of Sidsaph Hill and High Street.

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Faults and Repairs

The following comments and reports were made:

- The damaged High Street sign had been reported.
- A hole has appeared adjacent to the damaged sign. This appeared to be as a result of a broken drainage pipe. A cone has been placed over it for the time being. This has been reported to Highways.
- There is a broken drain on the High Street near the Mill Baulk Road junction. Cllr. Heath to report.

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Reports for information only

Community Hub

Cllr. Dilly reported that the Hub is open 6 days a week, but footfall is poor. They are currently looking after 9-12 people who are shielding. The bric-a-brac stall and book swap is still running at the village hall. The kitchen floor is to be replaced.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported as follows:

Nature Reserve – BDC Cleansing Team has agreed to help with the clearing of litter from the site.
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Community Garden

Cllr. Hooton reported that the Contractor is in receipt of the signed contract and deposit and work is scheduled to begin late spring early summer.

Graphic for Village Gateway Signs

On-going. Some gateway sign providers will provide a free design service.

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Cemetery Matters

Income received (December): £60

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Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 20/01/2021:

Income for the financial year to date:	£31,303
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£27,237
Balance	£43,948

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Matter
2055-7	635.60	Staff	Salary and expenses
2058	130.80	Cllr. Heath	Website hosting/Webex expenses

Transfer of Funds

Resolved: to transfer £5,000 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.

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Planning matters

New Planning Applications

None

Planning Decisions

None

Appeal Decisions

None

Planning Other

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Clerk to check with BDC Planning to ascertain whether or not planning permission is required for the mobile home which has recently been installed on a building plot on Gringley Road.

012/21 **Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)**
None

013/21 **Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda**
Agenda Items: None

014/21 **To confirm date of next meeting**
The date of next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.26pm

Signed

Date