

Walkeringham Parish Council
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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 April 2021. Held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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

Members of Public: 1

Meeting commenced at 8 pm directly after the Annual Assembly.

045/21 **Chairman's Remarks**
Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting

Public Session: No discussion

046/21 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr. Vardy (family commitment)
Resolved: Apologies accepted

047/21 **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**
There were no declarations of interest.

048/21 **Co-option of Parish Councillors**
Resolved: Defer until the next meeting giving members the opportunity to meet the applicants in person.

049/21 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

050/21 **Matters for Consideration**

Government Broadband Gigabit Scheme
Cllr. Heath reported that Openreach have responded with a proposal to provide service to all 522 properties in the village (rather than the c.170 we submitted to them) and also an alternative, lesser, proposal for 375 properties. Both proposals include all respondents to our canvassing of interest. There are a few addresses with outstanding address queries which we are waiting for Openreach to respond on. Also there is a need to loop-back to Openreach to better understand the two proposals with the aim to select one of them at the next PC meeting.

Promotion of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum on 6th May 2021

Resolved: to purchase 6 notices advertising the Referendum to be placed in prominent places around the village. Clerk advised that it is required by the Electoral Commission that the printer and promoter details are displayed on the signs.

New Dog Litter Bin

A request had been received from a resident requesting that a new dog litter bin be installed somewhere along Fountain Hill. Cllr. Sanger agreed to make a request to the BDC Cleansing Team. A suggested suitable location would be near the flower trough on the junction of Fountain Hill and Fountain Hill Road.

Dyke Maintenance Contract 2020/1

The Clerk reported that the Drainage Board had finally given some indication of the costs for dyke clearing for 2020/1. The total final bill has been calculated at around £4.9K. The Operations Manager was aware of some additional work including an emergency call out to a blocked culvert and commented that the work was more onerous than originally estimated. No previous indication had been given by the Board that the costs would likely to be significantly higher than those given in their tender. The Clerk had requested a further breakdown of how these costs had accumulated, complete with detailed narratives. This information has not yet been forthcoming.

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It was decided that The Parish Council would request a meeting with the Drainage Board as soon as possible. In the meantime, any invoices received would be held for payment. Cllr. Sanger stated that she would be willing to intervene if necessary as she was a member of the Board.

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Cemetery Matters

Income received (March): £0.00

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Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 21/04/2021:

Income for the financial year to date: £12,427.50

Expenditure for the financial year to date: £ 2,473.57

Balance £51,850.36

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Matter
2073-76	1275.75	Staff/Cemetery Secretary	Salaries and expenses
2077	95.00	ICCM	Annual Subscription
2078	964.80	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
2079	23.02	Walkeringham Village Hall	Telephone recharge (Hub number)
2080	115.00	LC Printing Services	Newsletter

Precept 2021/22

The Clerk reported that the first instalment of the precept totalling £12,427.50 had been received. The second and final instalment is due in September 2021.

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Planning Matters

New Planning Applications

None

New Planning Applications (Received after publication of agenda)

Substitution of 3 Number Detached Houses and Construction of 3 Detached Bungalows

Land to The North of Meadow View Birdcroft Lane Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 21/00445/FUL

To be considered at the next meeting. Clerk to seek an extension to the deadline for comments.

Planning Decisions

Erect 2 Storey Side and Rear Extension, Annexe Building and Garden Store to Rear of Dwelling

West View West Moor Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4LR

Ref. No: 21/00099/HSE

Decision: **GRANT**

Planning Other

Planning Application for the Marina 19/00938/FUL

It had come to the Parish Council's attention that the BDC Planning Officer is to recommend refusal of the above planning application. The Clerk had contacted the Officer for clarification of this and information about if and when this would be heard by the BDC Planning Committee. To date, no response. Clerk to continue chasing.

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Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

Resident – complaint about unkempt properties opposite the Resident's property. There were broadly two issues height of trees, blocking light at certain times of year and an accumulation of rubbish leading to environmental health concerns. Cllr. Taylor agreed to send links about the current guidance/legislation regarding overgrown trees/hedges. Clerk to pass on this information and also give details of BDC

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Environmental Heath Team. Although the Parish Council had some sympathy with the complainant it did not normally intervene in neighbour-to-neighbour disputes.

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Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda

None

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To confirm date of the next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 19 May 2021 to take place at 7.30pm in Walkeringham Village Hall, this being the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Clerk confirmed that meetings on or after 7th May 2021 must be conducted face-to-face as the COVID-19 legislation allowing remote meetings expired on the 6th May 2021.

Meeting closed 9.06 pm

Signed

Date