Walkeringham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 May 2021. Held at Walkeringham Village Hall

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

and Dist. Cllr. Sanger (attended remotely).

Members of Public: 1 (Cllr. Beard elected during the meeting)

Public Session: No discussion

Chairman's Remarks

Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and stood down as Chair.

057/21 Elect a Chairman

Cllr. Howard was proposed and seconded. Cllr Howard accepted the position.

058/21 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Howard signed the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office.

059/21 Elect a Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Roberts was proposed and seconded. Cllr Roberts accepted the position.

060/21 <u>Co-option of Parish Councillor</u>

An application had been received from Mr S Beard who was in attendance at the meeting. Mr Beard was asked to give a brief talk about his background and reasons for applying for the vacancy. Mr Beard was known to most Councillors through his work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was <u>resolved</u> to co-opt Mr Beard onto the Parish Council and he duly signed the acceptance of office form and invited to join the meeting.

061/21 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Oxley (personal reasons) Cllr. Spencer (personal reasons) Resolved: Apologies accepted

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.

063/21 District and County Councillors' Reports

County Councillor

Cllr. Howard congratulated Cllr. Taylor on being elected again as County Councillor.

Cllr. Taylor reported as follows:

The County Council AGM is to take place next week. There is a proposal to appoint Cllr. Taylor as the Lead for Children and Young People's Committee. The two main focus areas for the Council is the green agenda at local level and highways issues.

Community

Cllr. Taylor will liaise with the necessary Highways Officers once a date has been set for work to begin on the community garden in order that it does not clash with the planned bus stop road marking work.

The replacement grit bin for Sidsaph Hill has been approved and will be installed once the winter programme commences.

District Councillor

Cllr. Sanger gave the following report:

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Donations made in 2020/1

£100 each to Walkeringham Village Hall, Walkeringham Football Team, Walkeringham Community Garden Project, Bassetlaw First Responders, Rainbow Garden at Bassetlaw Hospital, Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw and £50 St John's Ambulance.

Bassetlaw Youth Council

Cllr. Sanger took time to promote the Bassetlaw Youth Council. Young people between the ages of 11 and 19 are invited to join. They are taken free of charge via taxi to either Worksop or Retford Town Hall and enjoy a variety of interesting activities and visit. More information can be obtained by contacted Vanessa Cookson, Officer for the Youth Council at youth.council@bassetlaw.gov.uk

The new black litter bin is now in place on Fountain Hill Road and has been supplied free of charge by Bassetlaw District Council.

Election Results: BDC Councillors are made up of 7 Conservatives, 4 Independents, 1 Liberal Democrat and 35 Labour.

064/21 Approval & Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2021 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

065/21 **Reports**

Updates from the Clerk

New street name signs have now been installed on North Moor Drive, Mill Lane and Moorland Walk.

Gigabit Community Fibre Partnership Scheme

Cllr. Heath reported that there were some outstanding actions including the provision of information about where the missing addresses on the BT list were located. There was a general discussion about the number of pledges required for both of the proposals put forward and the feeling was that it would be a challenge to obtain the numbers required. It would necessitate a strong, effective advertising campaign. Cllr. Heath to seek more clarification from BT Openreach and ascertain whether there would be any flexibility in the numbers required. It was agreed that a decision about the way forward would be made at the next meeting.

Community Hub

Cllr. Dilly reported that the plan was to close the Hub on 21 June although there was no obligation to do this. This would be reviewed nearer the time. The 'junk shop' has raised £2,029 for the village hall funds and plans were made for a car boot sale in the summer to sell the remaining stock. Cllr. Howard thanked Cllr. Dilly and the Community Hub Team for all their efforts.

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Cllr. Howard reported that the Plan was now 'made' and will be given full weight when determining planning applications. The votes cast were: **Yes** 278 votes and **No** 37 votes.

066/21 <u>Matters for Consideration</u>

- 1. Review and Approval of the Annual Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020/21
 - a. Internal Audit Report The Clerk reported on the internal audit. Records had been kept in good order and no issues or questions were raised by the Internal Auditor.
 - b. Approve and sign 2020/21 AGAR 2020/21

The following were reviewed, approved and signed by the RFO and Chairman as required:

- i. Section One of the AGAR, Annual Governance Statement
- ii. Section Two of the AGAR Accounting Statements

The notice of public rights would be from 14 June 2021 to 23 July 2021. All documents would be uploaded to the Parish Council website in line with the Account and Audit Regulations

2. Annual Insurance Premium

Resolved: to renew policy with Zurich Municipal at a price of £546.69.

3. Dyke Maintenance Contract

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As requested, the Drainage Board has provided a breakdown of costs for 2020/21. A meeting is to be arranged to discuss the charges for 2020/21 contract and to try to agree a way forward for 2021/22.

4. Water Pipe/Drainage System

As part of the on-going exercise to map and fully understand the drainage systems around Walkeringham, a water pipe has been identified which appears to run from the petrol dump and possibly drains out in the dyke on the High Street. Clerk to write to the owners to seek clarification on this.

5. Content for Newsletter

Cllr. Roberts reaffirmed that the Newsletter is a Parish Council publication. Cllr. Howard stated that when he produces newsletter, the information is needed quickly and is gathered from a variety of sources. Members were happy with the current way in which the newsletter was produced and agreed that there should be an element of trust in the Editor's judgement. It was agreed to carry on producing the newsletter as before.

6. Location for donated trees

Cllr. Hooton advised that there were 10 spare trees. Possible locations for these were discussed. The verge on Caves Lane was suggested. Cllr. Bowes to speak to the owners of the adjacent field. Permission from Highways would also be required for any planting on the verges. Some trees had been planted around the perimeter of the village hall car park.

7. Village Litter Bins

A letter had been received from a resident expressing some concern about the over-filling of the litter bin on Mill Lane and suggested that a sign be erected saying 'take your litter home'. It was agreed to monitor this for a while as this had happened on only a few occasions, usually after a litter pick by volunteers.

8. Ideas for the Community Garden

Cllr. Hooton suggested an advert be put in the newsletter asking for volunteers to join a Community Garden Working Group to plant the bedding plants and carry out general maintenance work as required. Other ideas included allocating part of the garden for the school children, stone painting and bird boxes, including owl boxes, around the village.

067/21 <u>Cemetery Matters</u>

Income received (April): £475.00

068/21 <u>Financial Matters</u>

Financial Report as at 19/05/2021:

Income for the financial year to date: £12,902.64
Expenditure for the financial year to date: £ 9,756.89
Balance £45,042.18

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Matter
2081	750.00	Bassetlaw District Council	Legal Fees re. purchase of land
2082-2084	802.68	Staff	Salaries and expenses
2085	643.20	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
2086	70.00	Hawkserve Ltd (Green Thumb)	Moss treatment
2087	60.97	P Hooton	Plants for village troughs
2088	259.78	Trent Plastics Fabrications	NP Referendum Signs
2089	3,250.00	Walkeringham Village Hall	Donation
2090	300.00	Walkeringham Primary School	Donation
2091	300.00	Friends of Primary School	Donation
2092	300.00	Five Villages First Responders	Donation
2093	546.69	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance Premium

069/21 Planning Matters

New Planning Applications

<u>Substitution of 3 Number Detached Houses and Construction of 3 Detached Bungalows</u>

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

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Ref. No: 21/00445/FUL Resolved: no objection

Reserved Matters Application for the Approval of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale to Erect 2 <u>Dwellings Following Outline P.A. 19/01548/OUT - Erect 3 Dwellings</u>

Land Adjacent to The Laurels Off Station Road and Birdcroft Lane Walkeringham Doncaster DN10 4JB

Ref. No: 21/00440/RES Resolved: no objection

<u>Demolish Part of Existing Detached Outbuilding and Erect Single Storey Garage Extension</u>

Moor House North Moor Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4LW

Ref. No: 21/00685/HSE Resolved: no objection

Planning Decisions

Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension

53 Station Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4JH

Ref. No: 21/00115/HSE Decision: GRANT

070/21 Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

None

071/21 <u>Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda</u>

There had been further fly tipping at the Nature Reserve. The rubbish included car parts which had been burnt leaving oil on the ground The Warden had been made aware and would arrange for the debris to be cleaned up. It was agreed to put up some CCTV stickers (previously agreed with the Warden) in attempt to deter fly tipping. To be discussed further in June. Cllr. Sanger to enquire about the availability of CCTV via BDC. Cllr. Taylor would also make some enquiries.

072/21 To confirm date of the next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 16 June 2021 to take place at 7.30pm in Walkeringham Village Hall.

Signed	
Date	

Meeting closed 9.06 pm