

**Walkeringham Parish Council**  
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 November 2021, at Walkeringham Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Howard (Chair), Heath, Bowes, Roberts, Wilsey, Dilly, Oxley, Beard, Derbyshire, A Hayward (Clerk), Cty. Cllr. Taylor and Dist. Cllr. Sanger

Members of Public: 2

**Public Session:** There was a discussion about planning application 21/01588/RES, site off Beckingham Road. Members of public presented their reasons for opposing the planning application. Material considerations included density, lack of landscaping, lack of compliance with the highway's planning conditions, visual amenity consideration and detrimental effect on existing properties. It was noted that the proposal had increased from 25 dwellings to 37 including a terrace of housing immediately in front of existing houses. The Parish Council was asked whether the Applicant had consulted with them at all. It was confirmed that the Applicant had not been in contact with the Parish Council and had not engaged with the NP Steering Group during the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that this site is not included in the Neighbourhood Plan, having been eliminated in the early stages due to a number of material planning considerations.

*Members of public left the meeting at this stage. Cllr. Howard thanked them for their input.*

**Chairman's Remarks**

146/21 Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

147/21 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Spencer (family commitment)

Cllr. Hooton (family commitment)

Resolved: Apologies accepted

148/21 **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.

149/21 **District and County Councillors' Reports**

County Councillor

The new 10-year strategic plan would be going to Full Council next week. The Highways' review which includes 50 recommendations will be going to Committee tomorrow. Production of a 'Flood Relief' paper is on-going.

The Local Improvement Scheme is to be relaunched under the new name of Local Communities Fund. There will now be four bidding windows a year. Applications must now have match funding in place. Cllr. Taylor would also need to review the applications and write a paragraph about the proposals before submission.

A question was asked as to whether or not Viaem was profitable. Cllr. Taylor agreed to find out about the finances and report back.

District Councillor

At the Cabinet meeting on 23 September, the Council agreed to:

- Write to the Government on the need for local involvement in deciding housing numbers
- Maintain the numbers needed (2,500) for a petition to be considered by the full Council
- Scope the costs and technology to ensure all public meetings (excluding those items held in exemption) can be live streamed
- Write to MPs about members' concerns at the reduction in the £20 coronavirus-related uplift to the Universal Credit
- Write to the Government about the failure of British Coal to pay employer contributions to the mineworkers' pension fund between 1987 and 1995, with the consequences of miners losing out

Shopmobility

Shopmobility in Retford has new scooters and wheelchairs that will allow more residents and visitors with mobility problems to access the town centre safely and independently.

150/21 **Cottam and West Burton Solar Projects**

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The Parish Council received an overview from Cllr Taylor as follows:

There was a general discussion about the proposed projects. Cllr. Taylor gave an outline of the consultation process and timelines. There were currently two live projects split between WLDC and BDC. The grid connections would be either at West Burton or Cottam power stations. Consultation was in its early phases and will continue into Summer 2022. Cllr. Taylor also made the Parish Council aware of other possible projects in the pipeline including two in the Saundby/Bole area and one across the Trent near Gate Burton. It was agreed to keep appraised of developments over the coming weeks/months.

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**Police Report**

PCSO D Airey had forwarded the following report for October 2021:

Burglary Dwelling – 3 (Walkeringham, Harwell and Gringley)

Burglary Other – 1 (Walkeringham)

Theft Other – 1 (Gringley)

Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Misson).

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**Approval & Signing of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2021 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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**Reports**

Updates from the Clerk

- Missing/damaged speed signs of Mill Baulk Road reported to Highways
- North Moor Road pavement defects reported
- Damaged signs on Mill Baulk Road and Walkeringham Road reported to Bassetlaw District Council
- Damaged Stile/Bridges on footpaths 2 and 7. PROW Officer to make repairs a priority
- Chased up the installation of the replacement grit bin for Sidsaph Hill.

Gigabit Voucher Scheme/NCC Update re. Superfast Broadband

Nothing further to report at this time.

Police Priority Setting Meeting

Cllr. Hooton submitted a report as follows:

There has been a spate of burglaries in rural areas. The Police believe that there are more than have been reported. It is thought that the thieves are coming over to Bassetlaw from South Yorks. Poaching continues and the Police believe it is linked to other illegal offences. Police asked that residents are encouraged to report all crimes on 999 as it will build up an intelligence picture. The priorities remain the same - Speeding, Off Road Vehicles/ Rural Crime & Burglary.

School Sustainable Urban Drainage System 'SUDS' Project

Cllr. Hooton submitted a report as follows:

I recently attended a meeting and was very impressed with the project team. They were young, intelligent, knowledgeable and keen to make a difference with flooding issues. It is a national initiative, with various organisations working together. For our area it includes the Dept. for Education, Severn Trent, a Flood Alleviation Design Company & others.

They have a lot of money to spend & want to get our project completed by March/April 2022! Our school was chosen because of the flooding issues. I gave the lead for the project Cllr. Howard's Email because of his knowledge of Walkeringham's flood issues, as it was suggested that there is money available for other local flood issues.

Cllr. Howard commented that he had since been in touch to request a site visit but this was not possible due to budgetary constraints. Instead, he will arrange for a telephone call and will report back at the next meeting.

Community Garden Update

Cllr. Hooton submitted the following report

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I have asked ACER for a date as to when they will complete the work. They inform me that they are still waiting for a date for the hedging to be delivered. ACER will follow this up and advise as soon as possible.

Relocation of Red Telephone Box

Cllr. Oxley outlined a number of options for the siting of the telephone box in the vicinity of the bus shelter on the High Street. The exact co-ordinates were required for the licence application. A position to the right of the bus shelter was agreed. The telephone box door would open sideways to the pavement.

Cllr. Roberts confirmed that the shelves for the telephone box were now safely stored in the lockup.

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**Matters for Consideration**

1. Dyke Cleaning  
Item deferred due to quotes not having been received. Cllr. Taylor informed members that Graham Smith, NCC Flood Officer was leaving the County Council.
2. Parish Council Logo/Branding  
Cllrs. Wilsey and Bowes present a selection of logo designs. The consensus was that they were looked professional and well designed. A design was chosen but it was suggested that a darker, bolder colour might work better.
3. 2022 Meeting Dates  
Due to the uncertainty of future COVID safety guidelines it was agreed to set dates for the first quarter only. These would take place on the third Tuesday in the month in the main hall.
4. Councillors' Roles and Responsibilities  
The Clerk presented a list of roles and responsibilities. Cllr. Howard suggested adding to this over the coming months with a view to finalising and agreeing individual roles at the May AGM.

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**Invitations to Meetings/Events**

30/11/21 - Hate Crime Conference, Laxton – Cllr. Beard would try to attend.

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**Faults and Repairs**

- It was noted that a bench had now been installed in the bus shelter on Stockwith Road
- Cllr. Roberts had priced up the cost of repair of the bench on the Pinfold. The hardwood cost alone would be around £200. It was agreed to consider replacing it instead with a new bench. To be looked at again when considering the budget for 2022/23.
- The gutters on Mill Baulk Road required clearing. Clerk to request the BDC road sweeper to visit.
- The angle of a street light of North Moor Road appeared not to be in line and required adjusting. Clerk to report

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**Cemetery Matters**

Income received (Oct): £185

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 – DEFRA Consultation

DEFRA has recently launched a consultation into amending the above regulations. The proposals include some exemptions for small cemeteries with fewer than 100 burials a year. However, they will be affecting by the general binding rules re. the proposed revised minimum size of grave plots as well as other restrictions. It has been estimated that this could reduce capacity of some cemeteries by up to 50%.

Cllr. Roberts outlined how this might affect the Walkeringham cemetery stating that capacity could be reduced by as much as 30%. Cllr. Roberts also ran through a survey put together by NALC and gave suggested responses. It was agreed to submit the survey to NALC. Cllr. Howard thanked Cllr. Roberts for taking the time to look at this.

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**Financial Matters**

Financial Report as at 16/11/2021:

Income for the financial year to date:	£29,592.06
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£45,120.06
Balance	£26,368.43

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

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<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Matter</b>
2132	810.00	Green Mile Trees	Trees from community garden
2133-2135	790.08	Staff	Salary and expenses
2136	643.20	MKS Groundcare	Grass maintenance
2137	50.00	Walkeringham Village Hall	Hall hire
2138	48.00	I Heath	Website/email expenses
2139	30.00	I Metcalfe	Cleaning planters/notice boards

**Bank Signatories**

It was resolved to add Cllrs. Oxley and Heath onto the Natwest Bank mandate as signatories to the current and reserve accounts.

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**Planning Matters**

**New Planning Applications**

**Reserved Matters Application (Approval Sought for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) For Residential Development Following Outline P.A 17/01520/RSB**

Site Off Beckingham Road Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 21/01588/RES

Deferred as BDC Planning Portal was unavailable, therefore no access to documents. Clerk had asked for an extension to the comments deadline in order that it may be considered at the next meeting. It was noted that the Parish Council had strongly objected to PA 17/0152/RSB and would continue to do so. But, until details of the reserved matters PA could be accessed a detailed objection could not be submitted.

**Planning Decisions**

None

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**Planning Other**

Proposed Planning Application for Nursing Home

Following on from last month's discussion, Cllrs. Howard and Roberts met with the Architect/Landowner to convey the Parish Councils observations/comments regarding the proposal

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

None

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

BDC – Bassetlaw Covid Memorial Blossom Trees – public appeal to fund planting of memorial trees.

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**To confirm date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as **Tuesday** 14 December 2021 to take place at 7.30pm in Walkeringham Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.27 pm

Signed .....

Date .....