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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 January 2022, at Walkeringham Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Howard (Chair), Heath, Bowes, Roberts, Wilsey, Dilly, Hooton, Beard, Derbyshire and A Hayward (Clerk)

Members of Public: 0

**Public Session:** No discussion

**Chairman's Remarks**

001/22 Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

002/22 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Spencer (family commitment)

Cllr. Oxley (other commitment)

Resolved: Apologies accepted

Cllrs. Taylor and Sanger also submitted their apologies.

003/22 **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**

006/22 – Item 4, donation requests

Cllrs. Dilly and Roberts, members of the Village Hall Committee (non-pecuniary)

Any discussion regarding a donation to the village hall committee

Cllr. Hooton, School Governor (non-pecuniary)

Any discussion regarding a donation to the primary school.

004/22 **District and County Councillors' Reports**

**County Councillor**

Cllr. Taylor had forwarded the following update:

I have no particular updates in terms of new NCC news. The next Full Council meeting is Thursday 20 January, but the agenda does not include any reports on the big issues (Devolution, Freeport, Levelling Up etc) that are still awaiting Govt announcements.

On village matters, mixed news:

I'm still waiting for news on the grit bin for Sidsaph. Scott Stone has confirmed that following a conversation with Ian Davies this afternoon, maintenance work on the FAS channel should begin 19 January for the next few days.

**District Councillor**

Cllr. Sanger had forwarded the following report:

Information from December's Cabinet meeting.

The level of fees and charges for 2022/23 was agreed. Locally-set charges are for car parking, markets, licensing, Green waste, land charges and waste collection. These charges are very reasonable, compared to other Authorities.

Rates for rents were agreed. On-going maintenance of Council-owned properties is largely funded by rent income though social housing rents are set by the Government's National Social Rent Policy. An increase of 4.1% from 4 April 2022 was agreed. Tenants struggling with this increase may, of course, qualify for Council Tax discount and other benefits.

A draft strategy for the Council's allotments was approved for consultation. Allotments have a unique role in the community and have been protected by law for over 100 years. Bassetlaw District Council manages 23

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allotment sites in Retford and Worksop, with 500 tenants having a place to grow fresh, cheap food. There are 170 people on the waiting list for a plot. Consultation begins shortly.

COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER

There was a council meeting on 9 December with a range of questions and motions, including questions relating to housing numbers and what happened to Bassetlaw's bid for "levelling up" funds. You may have read about it in the press. Cllr Brand and I had a briefing with the Interim Chief Executive last Tuesday afternoon 7 December - part of our regular Leader/Deputy Leader meetings. There was a confidential briefing for all Members last Wednesday evening 8 December.

From our Tuesday afternoon meeting we were assured that both processes were correctly and appropriately carried out and within the timescale, more information will be publicly available.

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**Approval & Signing of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2021 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Note: no meeting in December

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**Matters for Consideration**

**1. Cemetery Budget 2022/23**

- a) It was resolved to approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Burial Board held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 as being a true record.
- b) It was resolved to approve the proposed budget figures for 2022/23 as detailed in the minutes
- c) It was resolved to purchase a new grass mower for the Cemetery. Cllr. Roberts to research models and prices and present at the next meeting.

**2. Grass Cutting Contract**

The current contract was reviewed and the following changes were agreed:

Remove: Cemetery grass and area adjacent to the old Methodist Church (now the community garden)

Add: a verge on North Moor Road on the north side.

**3. Dyke Maintenance Contract**

No changes to the scope of the contract, however the frequency to be reduced to twice a year, summer and autumn.

**4. Donation Requests**

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 2022*

**5. 2022/23 Precept Setting**

The members were presented with 2020/2021 actual expenditure showing the figures for the previous year plus forecasted and actual expenditure for 2021/2022. Each item of budgeted expenditure for 2022/23 was then reviewed, discussed and agreed. These figures also included the proposed expenditure put forward by the Burial Board.

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

Resolved: to set the Precept for 2022/23 at £25,922.

**6. Maintenance of the Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS)**

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It was decided to discuss further after the scheduled maintenance work had been carried out. There was still outstanding questions about future maintenance and inspection plans including provision for the culverted areas.

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**Reports**

**Relocation of Red Telephone Box**

It was agreed to deferred any decision until Cllr. Oxley back in attendance.

**Community Garden**

Cllr. Hooton reported that the bark had been laid and the trees and hedges planted. Donations from the public had been received including the sponsoring of three benches and donations towards the trees and bulbs. Letters of thanks had been sent out. It was the intention to put plaques on the sponsored benches. In terms of grant applications, there were currently three outstanding including the Tesco and Co-op schemes.

It was suggested that an official opening of the community garden be organised for June. One suggested name for the garden is the Platinum Jubilee Garden. To be discussed further.

A thank you letter to be sent to Viking Trees for the donation of the wood chips/bark.

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**Cemetery Matters**

Income received (Nov/Dec): £180

**Expenditure**

It was resolved to approve expenditure for replacement gravel at the entrance of the cemetery at a cost of £15 plus vat and weedkiller at a cost of £33.35.

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**Financial Matters**

Financial Report as at 18/01/2022:

Income for the financial year to date:	£20,644
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£49,342
Balance	£23,199

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

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Matter</b>
2140-2143	865.61	Staff/HMRC	Salary, exps and PAYE (Dec)
2144	40.00	Walkeringham V.Hall	Hall hire
2145	115.00	LC Printing	Newsletter Print
2146	9.45	P Roberts	Xmas tree fixings
2147-9	749.55	Staff	Salary and expenses (Jan)
2150	2,442.00	Acer Landscapes	Hedging for community garden
2151	28.99	P Hooton	Water meter

**Bassetlaw Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2020/1**

Bassetlaw District Council confirmed that the CIL monies collected for 2020/1 amounted to £1,831.27. The Parish Council had three options: 1) request that it transferred to the Parish Council in full, 2) Request that the money is retained by BDC for now or 3) Parish Council to confirm project and BDC to spend on PC's behalf.

It was resolved to opt for option 1.

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**Planning Matters**

**New Planning Applications**

None

**Planning Decisions**

None

**Planning Other**

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Cllr. Dilly reported that there had been a number of complaints about the mud on the highways created by the building activities at the Birdcroft Lane development. It transpires that no provision had been made in the planning conditions regarding keeping the highway clear of mud etc. This has now been reported to Highways who have now taken action.

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

NEBF – next meeting scheduled for 13 March 2022

BDC – Consultation: Planning Enforcement Protocol

NALC – Petition in relation to allowing Parish Councils to conduct meetings via Zoom

Chris Bray, Notts Wildlife Trust – notification that the barrier for the nature reserve has arrived

Resident – Newall’s Terrace, state of the road at the back of the house. Clerk to forward advised from NCC.

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

Agenda: Parish Council Logo

Cllr. Roberts to have another look at repairing the seat on the Pinfold. He has given some thought to using plastic planks which is less expensive than wood.

Cllr. Wilsey to repair the broken Fountain Hill finger sign.

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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** 16 February 2022 to take place at 7.30pm in Walkeringham Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.21 pm

Signed .....

Date .....