



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 July 2022, at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Howard (Chair), Roberts, Vessey, Heath, Oxley, Wilsey, Hooton, Beard, Dilly and Derbyshire

Members of Public: 0

Public Session: No comments

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Chairman's Remarks

Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Apologies for absence

None received

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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

None

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Approval & Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2022 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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Councillors' Reports

County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Taylor reported as follows:

The devolution bid has now been submitted to Government. The bid is looking to attain as many devolved powers as possible and will be based on the D2N2 footprint and an elected mayor. Cllr. Taylor to attend a cabinet meeting next week to hear an update on its progress.

Nuclear Fusion (STEP) project – The West Burton bid is going forward and the outcome should be known in the autumn.

Solar Projects

The Island Green Project, located between Gringley and Clayworth is current out for a second round of consultation.

The Bumble Bee Farm project in Saundby - planning application has been granted by BDC Planning.

There is now a third NSIP project on the Lincolnshire side of the Trent called Tillbridge. Lincolnshire County Council has put together a map showing all proposed solar projects in the West Lindsey area. BDC has been tasked to do something similar for Bassetlaw.

Cllr. Taylor agreed to report the water spring/burst pipe in the dyke on the High Street to Anglian Water for further investigation.

District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Sanger had forwarded the following report:

COUNCIL'S AWARD FOR SUPPORT OF ARMED FORCES

Bassetlaw District Council has received the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award for its outstanding support for the Armed Forces community. The Council is just one of only 18 organisations across the East Midlands to receive the Gold Award. Representing the highest badge of honour, Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Awards go to those that employ and support those who serve, veterans and their families.

This success is largely due to the Council's Covenant Team – staff who, on top of their day job, also focus on supporting work around veterans. The Council's Human Resources team has provided assistance with a review of the Council's employment policies to maintain and extend the authority's long-standing support for Reservists.

CABINET DECISIONS

Cabinet met on Tuesday 5 July and agreed the following:

- a new Tenant Support & Wellbeing Service will be introduced. Though run by an independent company with expertise in mental health concerns, bereavement and loss, alcohol and drug awareness, debt advice, and more – call handlers will link into the Council's own services, and those provided by agencies in Bassetlaw
- in the light of the cost-of-living crisis, the Council is making £50,000 available to partner agencies to deliver additional and enhanced services to residents, and £5000 to continue and extend the Bassetlaw Conversation initiative. This sees Council officers at a range of community events, taking the 'temperature' of the hardship residents are experiencing.

NEW ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGNS

Bassetlaw District Council is challenging drivers and passengers, who throw litter from their cars, to stop treating our roads as one giant litter bin with a hard-hitting message of 'Don't be a Tosser'.

The bold campaign, which has been used successfully by other local authorities across the country, aims to educate people who carelessly 'toss' litter from their cars of the impact their actions have on the environment, and that they could be fined up to £100. The hard-hitting and highly-visible images can be seen on the side of the Council's refuse vehicles as they carry out their rounds throughout the District.

Alongside this, the Council has also signed up to LitterLotto. This gives users the chance to win hundreds of prizes every month, simply by binning litter. All litter counts from a cigarette butt to a takeaway meal box. How does it work? Go to LitterLotto and download the app from either the App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, the subscriber takes a picture with the app as they bin their litter. Every time a picture is sent to the app, it counts as another entry into the LitterLotto. Residents are asked to invite friends and family to join and earn bonus entries into the jackpot draw.

RETFORD CCTV REFUGE POINT READY FOR USE

Bassetlaw District Council is helping to make Retford town centre a safer place and reduce anti-social behaviour by installing a CCTV Refuge Point for people to use if they feel unsafe, threatened, or need help. The new Refuge Point, funded by a grant from the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, is located opposite the Market Square, next to Santander.

When used, the Refuge Point alerts the Council's CCTV Control Room Operators, who can assess the caller's situation and contact the Police on their behalf should they be at risk. The Refuge Point also provides surveillance 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and acts as a light source during hours of darkness.

TIME TO GET ON YOUR BIKE!

Anyone new to cycling, thinking about taking it up as a hobby, or simply looking for a fun activity ahead of the summer holidays, Bassetlaw District Council has produced a handy guide to get started. The guide has been produced with the help of the Council's Cycling Champion, Cllr John Shephard, who provided some hints and tips on how to care for your bike, cycling safety advice, links into community groups and online information, as well as talking about his favourite cycling route in Bassetlaw.

The leaflet, which can be found in bike shops, leisure centres, and as a page on the [Council's website](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk) (www.bassetlaw.gov.uk), will help to encourage people out on their bikes over the next few months.

In addition to getting out on your bike, fans of cycling can see the [Tour of Britain](#) pass through Bassetlaw on Thursday 8 September.

ALL CHANGE AT THE TOP!

Bassetlaw District Council Leader, Cllr Simon Greaves, has announced his intention to step down as Leader of the District Council and Bassetlaw Labour Group. Cllr Greaves has led both for more than 10 years and will formally hand over the leadership role at Bassetlaw District Council at the next meeting of Full Council on Thursday 22 September, once a new Leader has been selected by members of the Bassetlaw Labour Group.

Deputy Leader, Cllr Jo White, is standing for selection as the Labour candidate at the next General Election. She has not indicated an intention to stand down as Deputy Leader of the District Council.

CHANGES TO BASSETLAW HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Members were informed at a briefing that Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) ceased to exist on 30 June, merging with other CCGs in the county to form the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB). This is a statutory organisation, involving health and social care and the voluntary sector. It aims to bring together all organisations involved directly or indirectly in health with six priorities:

- sustainability
- same day and urgent care services
- children and young people's health
- mental health
- reducing health inequalities
- work inclusively.

SOLAR FARMS IN AND AROUND BASSETLAW

There are a number of developers looking at installing solar farms in Bassetlaw and Lincolnshire as the irradiance (density and quality of sunlight) is favourable. Some solar farms (under 50MW output) are determined by the Local Planning Authority (Bassetlaw District Council) but those over this are classed as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

Such a project is the proposed solar farm between Gringley and Clayworth. Currently, the developer is in the stage 2 consultation phase; when it goes to the Planning Inspectorate, Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) becomes a statutory consultee. In determining its response, the views of residents may carry little weight – so any comments on the proposal should be made via the developer's consultation process or direct to the Secretary of State. BDC has a role to play in ensuring the consultation process is run properly.

With other major and minor solar farm proposals in the area, a map showing the current and proposed developments has been requested. While it is important that energy needs are catered for, no-one wants Bassetlaw to be 'glazed over' with solar farms.

A new development, Tillbridge, is in the early stages of the proposal. Located to the east and south-east of Gainsborough, it is another NSIP. This, and other sites in Lincolnshire, will need cabling to go through Bassetlaw. For details, e-mail info@tillbridgesolar.com, Freephone 0800 046 9643, The first round of consultation on this site is on 20-22 July. epost (FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR).

Community Garden Update

Cllr. Hooton reported that it had been hard work watering the community garden during the dry spell. Some trees have died and will need replacing during the autumn season. Cllr Hooton suggested that a seep hose might be of some benefit as it is taking around 2 hours a time to water the garden.

It was agreed to discuss the arrangements for the official opening of the community garden at the next meeting. Cllr. Hooton to investigate purchasing a marble plinth for the community garden name plate.

BT – Fibre Community Partnership Scheme

Cllr. Heath reported that BT Openreach had now provided details of a fully costed scheme. However, the voucher scheme is to be paused by the Government for a period of up to 6 months while it decides which properties in Nottinghamshire will be included in their new programme called 'Project Gigabit'. It is therefore

possible that after this period, the Project Gigabit scheme may come into play which will render the Community Partnership Scheme obsolete.

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Matters for Consideration

1. Adoption of new Code of Conduct

The LGA's model Code of Conduct, having been slightly amended in line with comments from the previous meeting, was considered and agreed. It was resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct would be added to the Parish Council website.

2. Community Garden Risk Assessment

Item deferred until next meeting. Cllr. Roberts to circulate the draft risk assessment to members prior to the next meeting.

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Consultations/Upcoming Events

NEBF Meeting to take place in September

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Cemetery Matters

Income Received (June): £310.00

Secretary to the Burial Board

Cllr. Howard informed members that Mrs Jan Fox, the current Secretary to the Burial Board, had tendered her resignation. Jan has been Secretary to the Burial Board for many years and before that, Clerk to the Parish Council. The Parish Council to convey its thanks and appreciation to Jan. It was agreed to send a thank you card together with garden gift vouchers.

It was agreed to start the recruitment process as soon as possible. A brief notice would be included in the next newsletter.

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Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 20/07/2022:

Income for the financial year to date:	£22,557.16
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£20,654.19
Balance	£23,455.61

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Matter
2199-2201	1,425.96	Staff	Salaries and expenses (2 mths)
2202	216.99	Walkeringham Village Hall	Hall Hire & Jubilee Donation
2203	547.20	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
2204	40.00	Info. Commissions Office	Annual Fee
2205	2,565.00	Pbees Groundcare	Dyke maintenance

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Faults and Repairs

It was noted that the dykes had now been cleared and if was felt that the work had been carried out to a high standard.

There was a street light out on Mill Baulk Road. Cllr Wilsey to report to NCC.

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Planning Matters

New Planning Applications

Demolish Single Storey Side Extension, Erection of Two Storey Side Extension & Creation of Detached Double Garage with First Floor Annex Accommodation.

The Cottage High Street Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4HR

Ref. No: 22/00884/HSE

Resolved: To comment as follows:

No adverse comments in relation to erection of the two-storey side extension. The Parish Council does however have some concerns regarding the double garage and first floor annex accommodation by virtue of

its size and scale and possible adverse impact on the character of the High Street. A single storey garage might be more in keeping.

Planning Decisions

Mixed Use Development Comprising of Village Shop, Cafe, Associated Office, Care/Wellbeing/Health and Professional Services Centre, 14 No. Over 55's Units and 2 No. Market Rental Apartments

Land At South Moor Farm South Moor Road Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 22/00176/FUL

Decision: **REFUSE**

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the pros and cons of the above-mentioned scheme, how it would affect the village and whether it met the aims of the neighbourhood plan. Members' thoughts and opinions were varied and wide-ranging. It was suggested that a village survey might be useful to gauge residents' feelings on the scheme. Agenda item for the next meeting.

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Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

The Chesterfield Canal Trust – Cuckoo Magazine

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Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Bowes had submitted his resignation due to personal reasons. The Parish Council to convey its thanks to Cllr. Bowes on behalf of the Parish Council and residents of Walkeringham for the time and effort he had given to the parish. The Clerk to inform BDC Electoral Services.

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Date of the next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 21st September 2022 to take place in Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Parish Council will be in recess during August.

Meeting closed 8.57 pm

Signed

Date