



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 September 2022, at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Members of Public: 0

Public Session: No comments

- 104/22 **Chairman's Remarks**
Cllr. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 105/22 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from District Cllr. Sanger.
- 106/22 **Parish Councillor Vacancy**
The Clerk confirmed that a notice for the Parish councillor vacancy had been placed on the notice boards and on the PC website. The closing date for applicants is 31st October 2022. Cllr. Howard confirmed that it would be included in the Oct/Nov newsletter.
- 107/22 **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**
Cllr. Derbyshire – recruitment of Secretary to Burial Board
- 108/22 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2022 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 109/22 **Councillors' Reports**
- County Councillor's Report**
No report
- District Councillor's Report**
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Main points summarised below:
CABINET DECISIONS
Met on 6 September and agreed the following
- Funding of £150,000 for voluntary sector to carry out agreed initiatives relating to the cost-of-living crisis
 - £290,000 has been allocated to Bassetlaw District Council from the Safer Streets programme. The will fund 'Safer Street Wardens' in Worksop town centre, which requires £130,000 match funding from the Council
 - The annual report to Tenants, which will be launched at the annual Tenants' Conference on 19 September
 - A 'decant' policy, which sets out how Bassetlaw District Council will assist tenants who have to move out of their homes on a temporary or permanent basis
 - The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan: Bassetlaw has been provisionally allocated £3,391,320 to deliver a 'levelling up' programme between October 2022 and March 2025. The

Investment Plan needs to be agreed by the Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities to enable sign-off. Feedback and first payments are expected for 2022/23 allocation by early Autumn

DEVOLUTION

A Devolution Deal was signed off by the Secretary of State and the four Upper Tier Authorities (Notts and Derbyshire County Councils and Nottingham and Derby City Councils) on 30 August. The deal sets out the powers that will be devolved to the East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority (MCCA) and also how the combined authority will work. The main headlines are:

- The deal is dependent on having an elected Mayor for the East Midlands
- Devolved packages of funding are for spending on local priorities
- New devolved powers from Government, including powers related to Skills & Education, Transport, Housing & Land, Net Zero, Innovation, Trade & Investment, Public Service Reform and Financing are promised
- Protection of powers currently held by top-tier authorities and the district and borough councils are assured
- There is the potential for more devolution powers in the future

BASSETLAW BID'S BID SUCCESSFUL

The proposal to continue the North Notts Business Improvement District (BID) was approved by a majority of eligible businesses. Larger business ratepayers are required to pay an additional levy in order to fund projects within the district's boundaries. North Notts BID is made up of around 1,000 members; each pays a levy based on 1% of their rateable value. Business with a rateable value of less than £12,000 are exempt from paying the levy though there is a voluntary membership for any below the threshold that wish to join. The BIDS activities in the first five of operation include provision of a handyman service for members, installation of CCTV in a business park and events to attract people to the area.

Relocation of the Red Telephone Box

Cllr. Oxley reported that little progress had been made with Viaem and is awaiting a response from the Viaem Contact. Clerk suggested contacting Cllr. Taylor and the Highways Manager who might be able to help.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would use a local contractor to dismantle, move, lay a new concrete plinth and assemble the telephone box at the community garden. Cllr. Dilly agreed to co-ordinate.

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Matters for Consideration

1. Community Garden Matters

1. **Risk Assessment** – The draft risk assessment was reviewed and it was resolved to approve and adopt it. To be reviewed annually.
2. **Water Usage** – Resolved to make a further payment of £20 (£50 paid earlier in the year) to the resident supplying water for use at the community garden. The meter reading to date indicated that a cost of £47.60 had so far been accrued.
3. **Official Opening of the Community Garden**
It was agreed to hold the event in the Spring of 2023 and that Cllr. Hooton would 'open' the garden on behalf of the Parish Council.
4. **Replacement Trees**
Cllr. Hooton reported that 10 plants/trees had died. It was agreed to purchase another 4 trees at £35.00 plus vat and some lavender plants. These would be planted in October/November.
5. **Community Garden Wedge**
Cllr. Hooton had received two quotes for a wedge. It was resolved to accept a quote from Dukeries Granite and Stone for £360 plus vat which included installation.

2. NCC's Winter Service Offer

Resolved – to accept the 5 x 20kg bags of grit salt

3. BDC Warm Spaces Initiative/Mobile Community Shop

4. It was noted that BDC had agreed £150,000 of funding for 'cost of living' and warm spaces initiatives. BDC were keen to hear of any local initiatives and to discuss ways in which it could help. A BDC Community Mobile Shop had been set up and was due to visit local villages shortly. Cllr. Dilly reported that the village hall committee was looking into grants and would report back at the next meeting. It was noted that there would be a need to recruit volunteers if any schemes were to be progressed. Cllr. Sanger had

conveyed a message stating that the BDC Food Bank would be willing to deliver produce to the village hall, say after the coffee morning, it that was workable.

5. Administration of the Walkeringham PC Facebook Page

Cllr. Oxley agreed to have a look at adding more general interest articles onto the website. Cllr Oxley would progress with the help Cllr. Heath.

Cllr. Heath agreed to have look into setting up an auto forward email from FB Messaging to the Clerk and/or incorporating a message directing enquiries to the Clerk's email address.

6. South Moor Farm (Walnut Farm) – Village Survey

The merits of a village survey were debated and it was resolved that it would be discussed again if and when a revised proposal is submitted to BDC Planning for planning permission.

Cllr. Howard left the meeting during the debate. Cllr. Roberts, Vice-Chair took over the Chair.

7. Newsletters

It was agreed to increased the number of printed newsletters by 5 giving a total number of 530 required.

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Consultations/Upcoming Events

NEBF Meeting – now cancelled

17/11/22, NALC AGM – Cllr. Derbyshire to attend if available.

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Cemetery Matters

Income Received (July/August): £365

Recruitment of Secretary to Burial Board

The Clerk advised that four people had expressed an interest in the position. The next step would be the development of a detailed job specification/description followed by interviews for the position.

Cemetery Risk Assessment

The cemetery risk assessment had recently been reviewed and it was resolved to approve and adopt the updated version.

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Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 26/09/2022:

Income for the financial year to date: £23,286.79

Expenditure for the financial year to date: £23,458.00

Balance £21,381.43

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Matter
2210-2212	1035.64	Staff	Salaries and expenses
2213	204.09	HMRC	Quarterly PAYE
2114	115.00	LC Printing Services	Newsletter
2115	1094.40	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting (2 months)
2116	30.00	I Metcalfe	Cleaning village furniture
2117	76.26	P Hooton	Book of Condolence/Community Garden (plaque/hose pipe connector)
2118	20.00	Walkeringham Village Hall	Hall Hire

PKF Littlejohn – Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) Review for the year ended 31 March 2022

In summary, the External Auditor's Report concluded that the 2021/22 AGAR was in accordance with proper practices; no other matters had come to their attention given concern and regulatory requirements have been met.

The Clerk to publish the 'Conclusion of Audit' notice and publish the certified AGAR forms on the Parish Council website (Sections 1,2 and 3) in accordance with regulations.

Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA)

It was resolved to continue to opt in to the SAAA Appointed Auditors Regime, as recommended by NALC. PKF Littlejohn is coming to the end of its five-year contract and the SAAA will soon be looking to appoint new external auditors for the next five years.

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Faults and Repairs

- The damaged street sign at School House Lane had been reported
- The broken manhole at the junction of South Moor Road and Brickenhole had been reported to Severn Trent
- The nameplate on the planter on Fountain Hill had been damaged. The PC had a replacement nameplate in stock.
- Overgrown brambles/hedge on South Moor Road. Clerk to report
- Overgrown Ivy, going into dyke off Sidsaph Hill. Clerk to report to landowner.
- Low laying tree branches require some attention on Fountain Hill (reported by grass maintenance team). Cllr. Roberts to inspect.
- Local resident had volunteered to trim back the tree next to the Christmas tree on the High Street

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Planning Matters

New Planning Applications

New Planning Applications (received since July's meeting)

Detached Garage in rear Garden

8 St Marys Close Walkeringham Nottinghamshire DN10 4JT

Ref. No: 22/00851/HSE

Comment: No Objection

Raising of Existing Roof and Rear Dormer Extension to Form Room in Roof Space

The Orchard Station Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4JN

Ref. No: 22/01051/HSE

Comment: No Objection

Demolish Single Storey Side Extension, Erection of Two Storey Side Extension & Erection of Detached Double Garage

The Cottage High Street Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4HR

Ref. No: 22/00884/HSE REVISED

Revision 1 (First floor garage annex removed) - Comment: Still some concern about size and scale of garage

Revision 2 (garage size reduced) – No further comments made

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 REVISED

Comment: Continue to strongly object as per reasons detailed in previous correspondence

Planning Decisions

Detached Garage in rear Garden

8 St Marys Close Walkeringham Nottinghamshire DN10 4JT

Ref. No: 22/00851/HSE

Decision: GRANT

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Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

None

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Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda

Agenda Item – School Governor Appointment

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Date of the next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 19th October 2022 to take place in Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.10 pm

Signed

Date