

# Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 December 2022, at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: Roberts (Chair), Wilsey, Derbyshire, Beard, Dilly, A Hayward (Clerk) and Cty. Cllr. Taylor

Members of Public: 3 (part of meeting only, during public session)

**Public Session**: Cllr. Roberts suggested that, due to the number of apologies, the review of the latest set of drawings/reports in relation to the South Moor Farm proposal be deferred until the next meeting. Parish Council members present agreed with the suggestion.

A member of the public spoke about the community garden and thought that it might be missing a focal point. He suggested that the Parish Council considers moving the war memorial from the cemetery to the community garden. It was agreed to consider at the next meeting. Councillors informed the member of public that there were plans to move the red telephone box to the community garden.

148/22	<u>Chairman's Remarks</u> Cllr. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting.
149/22	Apologies for absence Apologies were received as follows: Cllr. Hooton (illness) Cllr. Heath (illness) Cllr. Vessey (illness) Cllr. Oxley (another commitment) Cllr. Steel (illness) Cllr. Howard (sabbatical) J Sanger (illness)
	Resolved: to accept the apologies
150/22	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 None received
151/22	Approval & Signing of Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2022 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
152/22	Councillors' Reports
	<ul> <li><u>County Councillor's Report</u></li> <li>Cllr. Taylor reported as follows         <ul> <li>The are currently two new public consultations open, these being the NCC Budget and the East Midlands Devolution Deal. Members of public have the opportunity to have their say on which issues should be made priority.</li> <li>Cllr. Taylor was aware of various communications between Highways/Residents regarding the new developments on and near to Station Road and possible breaches of conditions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Sanger had sent her apologies but had forwarded the following report:

# DECISIONS: COUNCIL MEETING

The District Council met on 8 December and agreed to:

- create a 20-year vision for the District to tie in with the STEP project. It will aim to attract inward investment, attract people to come and work for the Council and to live in Bassetlaw, and promote the District's wider offering. Members and officers will learn from the two district councils closest to Hinckley Point nuclear power station. The Local Government Association (or equivalent organisation) will be asked to carry out a review of the Council's core functions to make sure it is set up for success
- set up a Decarbonisation Advisory Group to work with the Council's climate change officers to prioritise the green agenda
- support the County Council's pilot project to install cable channels for households that wish to run an electric vehicle but do not have off-street parking
- rule out any fracking on Council-owned assets, properties, and/or land
- address the anticipated shortfall in general and housing accounts by reviewing its office space to see if more can be rented out, its wider assets to see if they can generate further income, and assets that could be sold
- senior officers and members carry out 'field trips' to areas of the District
- approach the Bassetlaw Twinning Association to work together to identify a suitable town in Ukraine to be twinned with
- mark White Ribbon Day (anti-violence to women and girls) and raise awareness of it

# FLOODING INFORMATION LEAFLET

Living in an area that can be prone to flooding, whether from river or surface water, means there is a need to be prepared. Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) has produced a leaflet outlining eight ways to be prepared, what to do during and after a flood, and who does what during a flood. The leaflet is accompanied by a personal flood plan. Copies are available at The Misterton Centre or on the BDC website (www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/flooding/flooding-in-bassetlaw/).

Heavy rain in November meant the sewage system could not cope and effluent arose in residents' gardens. This is a long-standing problem that Severn Trent is well aware of. The advice from BDC is always to report such incidents, and send photos if possible. It is only by everyone reporting incidents that the problem rises up the authority's 'To do' list.

# KEEP WARM, KEEP WELL

There are three designated 'warm spaces' in Misterton, in addition to pubs and cafes in both Misterton and West Stockwith. The warm spaces are Misterton Library, Thursday's weekly coffee morning at the Methodist Church, and the monthly coffee morning on the second Tuesday in the Church Room.

The Met Office and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) issued a warning that all regions of England would experience severe cold weather in early December. This warning is likely to be repeated over the winter. With low temperatures and overnight frosts, the UKHSA encourages people to stay warm and look out for those most at risk from the effects of cold weather. For people struggling to afford heating bills, gov.uk provides advice on national grants that are available to help keep you warm this winter. Advice includes:

- if people cannot heat all the rooms, just heat the living room during the day and the bedroom just before going to sleep
- wear several layers of thinner clothing rather than one thicker layer
- have plenty of hot food and drinks.

# SIGN UP FOR GREEN WASTE SERVICE

Subscriptions for the 2023 season of Bassetlaw District Council's garden waste collections are now live, enabling Bassetlaw residents to sign up to receive fortnightly collections of their garden waste from 27 February 2023.

A subscription to the service costs £34 – that is £1.70 per collection – and includes a 240l wheelie bin and fortnightly collections until 1 December 2023. The brown bin can be used for grass cuttings, hedge trimmings,

leaves, small branches and twigs, dead plants, weeds, and cut flowers. These materials are then recycled by being turned into compost, benefitting the environment.

In 2022, 13,740 garden waste collection subscriptions were issued, helping the Council to recycle 3681 tonnes of garden waste (as of October 2022, with a month of the service still remaining).

Sign up or renew subscriptions before 31 January 2023. The quickest and easiest way to sign up or re-subscribe is online at: <u>www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/gardenwaste</u>. Alternatively, call 01909 534 524 to speak to the Council's Environment Services team.

#### BASSETLAW MUSEUM WINS AWARD

Bassetlaw Museum and the volunteers, who were part of the Wampanoag Perspective Project, have been recognised by the British Museum and the Marsh Charitable Trust. The 2021 'Volunteers for Museum Learning' awards celebrate the work and achievements of museum volunteers across the UK, and Bassetlaw Museum was winner in the East Midlands category for their unique cultural exchange that shared the Wampanoag Nation, and Native American history and traditions, and their links to the Mayflower Pilgrims

#### **NEBF Report**

Cllr. Roberts reported as follows:

Councillor James Naish, Leader of BDC, gave an update on the STEP project that has been awarded to the West Burton site. The project will bring not only employment to the district, but potentially make the area a centre for this type of industry, with associated manufacturing in the area and a hub for training. With a projected 19 billion pound investment, which could make significant changes to the district. BDC is expected to have more revenue and Councillor Naish is going to ensure that more money is directed to rural issues. He was just returning from a visit to Oxford Advanced Skills, that were involved in the project, along with the UK Atomic Energy Authority. He mentioned that an apprentice scheme was in operation, that had an age range of 18 to 47 currently. One point I found quite interesting was that when UKAEA had been making the decision which site to choose for the project. One of the factors taken into consideration when deciding on West Burton was that they felt welcome in the area. At other potential sites they had met with opposition.

Stephen Brown, Head of Corporate Services, reported on the 'Cost of Living Crisis'. A summit of 30 organisations had taken place and £65,000 had been allocated for grant towards alleviating the situation. Some financial assistance was going to Citizen's Advice Bureau, the food hub and warm spaces. They had been supplying wraparound electric blankets and oil filled radiators. They were also aware that there was a reduced number of volunteers, because the volunteers were finding that they also were in need.

Stephen Brown also reported on an item regarding the Commemoration of her Majesty's reign. He said that they had received several reports from the district where communities had projects to acknowledge the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I mentioned about the visit we had had from the Police at our last PC meeting and that they were starting an initiative to get "Speed Watch "running again. We were going to discuss this at our next meeting, because we would have to purchase the equipment as well as finding volunteers. I asked if other members of the forum would be interested in sharing the cost and use of the equipment. Stephen Brown asked to be kept in the loop regarding this, as he could possibly suggest it to the Central Forum.

<u>BDC Planning Committee Meeting – Consideration of PA 21/1588/RES, Land Off Beckingham Road</u> Cllr. Beard attended the meeting and spoke against the planning application on behalf of the Parish Council. District Cllr. Sanger also attended and spoke against the planning application.

Before the planning application was considered, planning committee members were informed that the reserved matters planning application 21/00007/RES (High Street, Walkeringham), which had been refused planning permission by the planning committee, had been allowed by the Planning Inspector on appeal. The Inspector had awarded the Appellant full costs. They were asked to bear this mind when considering the reserved matters planning application.

The planning committee members all voted to recommend that the reserved matters planning application be GRANTED planning permission.

# 153/22 Matters for Consideration

South Moor Farm Proposal Item deferred until next meeting

# Speed Watch Scheme

Item deferred until next meeting. Cllr. Roberts commented that there had been little interest from members of the NEBF to possibly share equipment. The Secretary of the NEBF offered to ask the question at other Nottinghamshire Forums to gauge their interest.

#### **Knitted Red Poppies**

Item deferred until next meeting

#### 2023 Proposed Parish Council Meeting Dates

Resolved: to continue meeting on the third Wednesday evening of the month.

#### 154/22 Consultations/Upcoming Events

#### East Midlands Devolution – Public Consultation

Events: In-person 21/12/22 Nottingham Council House Virtual on-line event on 04/01/23 via <u>www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk/have-your-say</u> YouTube video – can be access through <u>www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk</u> website

### **NCC Budget – Public Consultation**

Links on PC website and Facebook

#### 155/22 Cemetery Matters

Income Received (Nov): £0

#### **Burial Board Members**

Mr Fox (non-parish council member) had submitted his resignation from the Burial Board. It was agreed to advertise in the next edition of the newsletter for a replacement.

#### **Burial Board Recommendations:**

Following a meeting of the Burial Board, the following were recommended:

- a) Increase in Cemetery Fee w/e from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023
- b) Estimated budget requirement for 2023/4
- c) Deferral of new Cemetery path
- d) Inclusion of trees in Risk Assessment
- e) Add £250 to Cemetery Improvement Fund

Resolved: to accept all recommendations and incorporate into the 23/24 budget figures.

#### 156/22 Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 21/12/2022:	
Income for the financial year to date:	£36,762.75
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£31,707.48
Balance	£26,607.91

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Matter
2235/6	777.57	I Heath (expenses)	Burial Board Secretary's
			Laptop/Printer
2237	116.00	LC Printing Services	Newsletter Printing
2238	30.00	Walkeringham Village Hall	Hall Hire
2239	108.00	l Heath (expenses)	Website/email hosting costs

2240	2,765.00	Pbees Garden & Equine	Dyke Maintenance/Emergency
			Clearing
2241-44	1,049.96	Staff	Salaries and Expenses
2245	264.54	HMRC	Quarterly PAYE/NIC
2246	9.25	P Hooton	Xmas Lights for Xmas Tree Star

157/22	<ul> <li>Faults and Repairs</li> <li>Fountain Hill 'Give Way' sign now fixed</li> <li>The clay pipe on High Street has not yet been repaired and has fallen into further disrepair. Cllr. Derbyshire to forward photographs; Clerk to chase Via East Midlands.</li> <li>The manhole cover on the junction of Brickenhole and South Moor Road remains unrepaired. Clerk to chase Severn Trent Water.</li> </ul>			
158/22	Planning Matters New Planning Applications None			
	<u>Planning Decisions</u> <u>Works to Trees with a TPO Consisting of Various On-Site Trees See Attached Schedule of Works</u> The Old Vicarage Gringley Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4HT Ref. No: 22/01443/TPO Decision: GRANT			
	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 Decision: GRANT			
	Appeals Reserved Matters Application for the Approval of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale and Access to be From North Moor Drive for 14 Dwellings Following Outline Application 17/00353/OUT Land Between Pinders Croft and The Chapel High Street Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire Ref. No: 22/00006/S36 Decision: Appeal Allowed, with Conditions			
159/22	<u>Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)</u> NCC Country Access Team – Notification of intention to erect temporary 'Horses, dead Slow' signs BDC – Information about May 23 Local Elections NCC – Community Grant Scheme			
160/22	Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda Agenda Item: Speed Watch and Councillors' Roles and Responsibilities.			
161/22	<u>Date of the next meeting</u> The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 18th January 2023 to take place in Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm.			
Meeting closed 9 pm				

Signed .....

Date .....