



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 November 2022, at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.15 pm

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

Members of Public: 2

Public Session:

The Developer/Architect for the proposed South Moor Farm (Walnut Farm) development made a presentation to the council explaining how the development would be beneficial to the village. A local doctor at Riverside practise approved of it. It was pointed out that the village would like a village shop and post office as stated in the Neighbourhood Plan. The development would include a care hub.

They were looking for a letter of support for the proposed development.

The Chairman said that because we had no definite planning application and because it was not an agenda item, we could not discuss the proposal. The least the council would expect is that all the issues that were highlighted in the previous application's planning refusal had been addressed, but until we see a revised application the council cannot comment. They were also looking for an overview of why the previous application had not been supported by the council. The Chairman stated that it had not objected to the previous application but had agreed at the time with Highway, the flood report and were not willing to alter the commercial aspect of the Neighbourhood Plan in terms of this site.

The Developer/Architect agreed to send details of the latest scheme to the Clerk and the council would have discussion as an agenda item next month and give feedback to them.

After the presentation, Cllr. Taylor expressed concern that maybe making this an agenda item was circumventing the planning process, but the Chairman said that it had been agreed to make it an agenda item and would stick to that.

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Chairman's Remarks

Cllr. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Apologies for absence

Apologies were received as follows:

Cllr. Hooton (other commitment)

Cllr. Wilsey (work commitment)

Cllr. Howard (sabbatical)

A Hayward (other commitment)

J Sanger (illness)

Resolved: to accept the apologies

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Co-option of Parish Councillor

Resolved: to co-opt John Steel on to the Parish Council. The necessary paperwork was signed and Cllr. Steel joined the meeting.

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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

Cllr. Derbyshire – Item in relation to the recruitment of a new secretary to the Burial Board (pecuniary)

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Approval & Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 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 that the Devolution deal had been signed off in August. There will be a combined County Authority with an elected Mayor and an 8-member Cabinet. Elections are expected in May 2024. Further information will be made available shortly, including public consultation which can be put in the newsletter and on-line.

The West Burton site had secured the atomic energy STEP reactor.

Solar fields between Gringley and Clayworth have been withdrawn.

New Development on Station Road – Hedge Maintenance

There had been some difficulty in clarifying the actual owner(s) of the hedge and it was agreed to wait and see the outcome of the registration of the new development. CLLr. Oxley had put an alert on the Land Registry website to flag up when this happens. At the moment, there is an assumption that the owners of the properties will be responsible for the maintenance of the perimeter hedge.

District Councillor's Report

No report.

Police Report

PCSO John Dale and PCSO Carl Hagland joined the meeting and stated that they would attend as many meetings as possible.

They were not aware of any issues in Walkeringham but requested that incidents were recorded and reported to the Police. CLLr. Dilly told them he had spoken to PC Pickersgill about activity at Woodenbeck occurring again.

The Officers said they were promoting 'speed watch' and were trying to encourage councils to sign up to it. They had done a survey around the village and found only one suitable spot along the High Street. They need 100 metres clear view and a minimum of three people. They would give training and the volunteers would be covered by their indemnity insurance. Speeds would be logged and sent to the police who would then decide who to write to. Using cameras on other stretches of road in the village would not be covered by their insurance. The difference now is that communities would need to purchase their own equipment at around £450. It was decided to discuss the purchase of equipment and whether to join the scheme at the next meeting.

Community Garden Update

No report.

'Warm Spaces' Initiatives/Grant Funding

CLLr. Dilly reported on the 'warm spaces' initiative saying he had drawn a blank on funding. CLLr. Taylor reported that there was no council funding available. A department was about to sign off on fuel and food insecurity funding. The Parish Council was informed that the food insecurity network was a universal service and you do not have to be registered with a local food bank.

Christmas Events

CLLr. Dilly ran through the events leading up to Christmas:

22 November – Decorating the Village Hall

26 November – Christmas Market

3 December – Decorating the village Christmas tree, volunteers were asked for and received

8 December – Over 60's Christmas Party

18 December – Community Singalong in the Village Hall accompanied by the Harworth Brass Band

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Matters for Consideration

Dyke Cleaning

The current contract was reviewed and it was resolved to increase the cleaning from 2 to 3 times a year. Invitations to tender to be sent out to the before the budget meeting in January.

Flood Alleviation Scheme – some information had been received but waiting for hard copy and clarification on the frequency of cleaning. It was proposed that the question be asked when there is a little more clarity on the situation.

Budget 2023/4

The Chairman referred to NALC's email which, in summary, was saying that being tempted to reduce the budget due to the 'cost of living' crisis, could be a false economy.

Possible expenditure to be included in the 2023/24 budget

Irrigation System for the Community Garden - £500 ballpark for pipework plus cost of connection to water supply and water meter. Also, water payment to resident £70 and new plants £100

Toughs – fertilizer, compost and plants - £150

Finger Post for Fountain Hill – estimated cost between £350-£400

Village Signposts – no figures given

Speed equipment

Relocation of the Red Telephone Box

It was decided to postpone the relocation of the phone box until the spring of 2023.

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Consultations/Upcoming Events**Misterton Neighbourhood Plan, Regulation 14 Consultation**

It was agreed that there were no conflicts with this.

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Cemetery Matters

Income Received (Oct): £0

Update - Recruitment of Secretary to Burial Board

The Chairman apologised to the Parish Council; this item was added to announce the successful candidate, but owing to not being well had to managed to accomplish this. He assured the Parish Council he would do this shortly and advise the result be email.

Funding for a laptop and printer was agreed. Cllr. Taylor funding may be available for this.

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Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 16/11/2022:

Income for the financial year to date: £36,753.73

Expenditure for the financial year to date: £26,596.41

Balance £31,709.96

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Matter
2226	10.00	Walkeringham Village Hall	Hall Hire
2229	547.20	MKS Groundcare	Grass maintenance
2230	20.00	M Dilly	Poppy wreath
2231	10.00	Walkeringham Village Hall	Hall Hire
2232-2234	962.40	Staff	Salary and expenses

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Faults and Repairs

- Street light was out, but had been reported.
- The damaged 'School House Lane' street sign had been replaced.

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Planning Matters

New Planning Applications

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Works to Trees with a TPO Consisting of Various On-Site Trees See Attached Schedule of Works

The Old Vicarage Gringley Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4HT

Ref. No: 22/01443/TPO

Resolved: no comments to make

Variation of Condition 2 of P/A 22/00763/HSE Extension Layout Revised 'Proposed Layout and Elevations REV C' with 'Proposed Layout and Elevations REV E'

Greenacres Linecroft Lane Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4JR

Ref. No: 22/01484/VOC

Resolved: no comments to make

Screening Opinion - Installation of a Solar Farm and Battery Storage Facility with Associated Infrastructure

Land At West and South of Oaks Lane and North of Gainsborough Road] Beckingham Doncaster South Yorkshire Ref. No: 22/01477/SCR

Noted: no comments invited at this stage. Progress to be monitored

Planning Decisions

Proposed Rear Conservatory

North Moor House North Moor Road Walkeringham Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 4LW

Ref. No: 22/01287/HSE

Decision: GRANT

130/22 **Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)**

None

131/22 **Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda**

Agenda Item: Speed Watch

132/22 **Date of the next meeting**

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

Meeting closed 9.15 pm

Signed

Date