

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Tuesday 5 December 2023, 7:00pm Walkington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mrs Swann (Chairman), Hearne and Mrs Holdorf. Ward Cllr Mrs Stewart, eight members of the public and Ms Rose (Clerk).

Absent: Cllr Howard and Waterland.

Public Participation – Two members of the Pond Committee attended the meeting as they are concerned that flooding in the pond area is becoming more frequent and confirmed they are in dialogue with East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) regarding measures to be put in place. ERYC recommended that the sluice gate remains open to permanently reduce the level of the pond.

A developer attended the meeting to give an update on plans for Mill Garage, Dinsdale Grove. The Chairman considered this to be important news and gave permission for the representatives to speak even though it was not advertised on the agenda. The variations to the plans described by the developer differ from the variations the Parish Council received; investigations will be made to clarify the matter.

The meeting opened at 8:30pm.

23.12.01 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Waterland apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

Vote - The Parish Council voted to co-opt Shaun Boanas who has attended several meetings, as a new member of the Parish Council.

23.12.02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hearne declared interests in items relating to the Sherwood and Waudby Charity, Allotments, Village Pond, Village Hall and Pantomime Players.

23.12.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 24 October 2023 were approved.

23.12.04 Chairman's Communications

It has been a busy month in the village, there was a Remembrance Service at the Church and silhouettes of fallen soldiers placed around the pond. Thanks were sent to the Pond Committee for their efforts. Thanks were sent to the maker of the Christmas crochet cover for the post-box; it is felt that it brightens up the village and is much appreciated.

The village experienced recent flooding and the Parish Council thanked the Pond Committee members for their efforts in taking control of the situation to help prevent any further damage.

Congratulations are sent to the Pantomime Players for a successful show.

The Chairman sent a Merry Christmas on behalf of the Parish Council to all residents and wished everyone a prosperous New Year.

23.12.05 Matters for Ward Councillors

- a. **Zebra Crossing** - A resident copied the Parish Council, Ward Councillors and MP Graham Stuart in to a letter of complaint to ERYC regarding the crossing position, lack of consultation and the use of belisha beacons. It was also confirmed that ERYC will be carrying out a full replacement of the boardwalk across the pond with anti-slip boards and will repair damaged beams and handrails, the work is hoping to start in February 2024. Residents voiced concerns at the new location for the bus stop as it is on a cycle path which is frequently used by cyclists while residents are waiting for the bus, concerns were also raised regarding the lack of lighting around the area.
- a. **Mill Garage** – In response to a complaint regarding the new name for the road at the development, ERYC explained that full consultation has already taken place with the affected resident.
- b. **Church Walk** - ERYC have visited and sprayed the weeds and nettles.
- c. **97 East End** - ERYC planning enforcement visited the site and confirmed they have issued an enforcement notice regarding the conditions of planning application number 03/06008/PLF.
- d. **19 West End** - The conservation officer confirmed the planning application has been recommended for the area planning committee.
- e. **Overhanging Trees at School** - ERYC has been contacted regarding this matter.

23.12.06 Planning

In order to adhere to deadlines comments were submitted between meetings on the applications:

23/03209/TCA Walkington Methodist Church, 5 West End and **23/03267/VAR** Mill Garage, Dinsdale Grove. All planning comments are available at <https://newplanningaccess.eastriding.gov.uk>

- a. **Application** – 2303484/PLF 9 Waudby Close. Erection of two storey extension to side with single storey projections front and rear, flat roof canopy to porch and single storey extension to front (resubmission of 23/02237/PLF). The Parish Council has concerns regarding the restriction of light the extension will cause in the bathroom of number 7 Waudby Close and asks that the comments of the neighbours are taken in to consideration when a decision is made.
- b. **Decisions**
Permission granted: 23/02186/PLF Dove Cote, 39 West End. 23/02719/TPO 87 Megson Way. 23/02982/TPO Walkington Hall, 27 Northgate. 23/02964/TPO 4 The Haven.
No objections raised: 23/03072/TCA 41 West End. 23/03209/TCA Walkington Methodist Church, 5 West End.
Permission refused: 23/02237/PLF 9 Waudby Close.

23.12.07 Delegations

Allotment Land Searches for Lease – The Parish Council will not be including any land searches in the preparation of the lease.

Village Hall – The hall has been decorated for Christmas. The Committee is looking at replacing the electricity consumer unit.

23.12.08 Correspondence

- a. **Autherd Garth Green** – The Parish Council received a letter from a resident regarding the use of the green for ball games, the resident will be asked to contact ERYC with their concerns.
- b. **Barn Demolition** – The Parish Council was copied in to an email from a resident to ERYC Planning Enforcement team regarding the demolition of a barn near Megson Way. The Parish Council thanked the resident and will be interested to hear the reply from ERYC.
- c. **Yorkshire Water** – In reply to a letter Yorkshire Water stated the cause of the leak on the Main Street near the Northgate junction, which started in October 2023 could have been due to a number of factors that may have included increased traffic. Burst pipe reports in the same areas are monitored and options are investigated to prevent further issues.
- d. **Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics** – The report was read and noted.

- e. **Kirk Lane and Little Weighton Road Traffic Survey** - The Traffic Management team at ERYC have agreed to add the concerns of the residents to their forward programme to be investigated in more detail, the project will be considered for action in the next financial year and will be ranked against other proposals in the East Riding.
- f. **Flooding in the Village** – The Parish Council was copied in to a letter from several residents to ERYC regarding recent flooding and representatives from the Pond Committee attended the meeting (see Public Participation above).
- g. **Dogger Bank South Community Newsletter** - The Parish Council received an electronic newsletter which contains updates to the substation site location and technology choice, landfall site selection and cable route amendments. Newsletters are distributed to residents who have registered for updates, information on how to register has been added to the Parish Council website.
- h. **Devolution** - The Government announced a proposed devolution deal for Hull and East Yorkshire as part of the Chancellor’s autumn statement. If the draft deal is approved, a period of statutory public consultation will follow, dates will be released as soon as they are available.

23.12.09 Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update** – The Parish Council approved the cost of a deep-water sign at Townend park.
- b. **Speed Indicator Devices** – This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- c. **Pegasus Group** – This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- d. **Biodiversity Consideration** – Under the 2021 Environment Act, Parish Councils must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. The Parish Council currently requests the consideration of climate change issues on all new developments when submitting comments against planning applications and will look at ways it can increase the awareness and support biodiversity at the next meeting.
- e. **Pond Maintenance** – Five contractors have been contacted and asked for quotes for work needed at the pond strimming the vegetation four times a year, as no replies have been received, more contractors will be contacted.
- f. **Financial Regulations Emergency Provision** – The Parish Council approved the amending of the regulations to allow The Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman to authorise expenditure up to a maximum of £200 per month for routine maintenance of assets, or for provisions in the event of an emergency. The Parish Council will be notified of any spend at the next meeting.
- g. **War Memorial** – Quotes will be sought for the cleaning of the memorial.
- h. **Tree Works** – After comparing quotes for tree works needed as indicated on the recent tree inspection, the Parish Council approved a quote from Wold Trees.

23.12.10 Finance

- a. **Finance report and draft budget** – The finance report and draft budget were approved. The budget includes a 14% increase in the precept for 2024-25 which is anticipated to equal an increase of £5.10 per band D equivalent property per year. The precept demand letter for 2024-25 was signed in accordance with the approved budget.

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed pay rates from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, for an increased payment of £1 per hour for staff on spinal points 1 to 43. The Parish Council approved an increased payment of £1 per hour for the Cleaner with effect from 1 April 2024.

- b. **Payments** - The following payments were approved:
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| Staff wages and expenses, October and November | £5623.35 |
| Stationery, subscriptions and admin | £25.39 |
| Legal fees | £750.00 |
| Pest control, September and October | £131.48 |
| Allotment land and bus shelter rental | £175.00 |
| Meeting room hire | £57.00 |
- c. **Village Hall Grant Application** – This item was deferred to the next meeting.

23.12.11 Confidential Matters

- a. **Exclusion of the public.** - The public will be excluded from the following discussion of confidential information.
- b. **Co-option** – Co-option of a new member was discussed.
- c. **Meeting Re-opened to the Public**
- d. **Vote** - The Parish Council voted to co-opt Dr Colin Garnham as a member.

23.12.12 General Updates

The Parish Council approved the publication of draft minutes within 30 days of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm and the next meeting will be Tuesday 9 January 2024.

Approved: _____ Date: _____