

# **WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 7:00pm, 2 February 2023, Walkington Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Mrs Swann (Chairman), Howard (Vice-chair), Hearne, Mrs Holdorf and Waterland. Ward Councillor Gateshill and Ms Rose (Clerk).

Absent: Councillors Appleton and Waudby.

**Public Participation** – There was no public participation.

## **23.02.01 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Appleton apologised for his absence.

## **23.02.02 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Sherwood and Waudby Charity and Walkington School. Cllr Hearne declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Sherwood and Waudby Charity and a pecuniary interest in item 23.02.09d and left the room while it was discussed.

## **23.02.03 Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 12 January 2023 were approved.

## **23.02.04 Chairman's Communications**

The Chairman visited a recent Police drop-in surgery in the village and requested improved advertising of events in the future, Officers were also invited to Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Council is aware of the increased spread of Avian Flu affecting birds and encourages residents to take care. The Pond Committee are aware and are closely monitoring the situation.

## **23.02.05 Matters for Ward Councillors**

Cllr Gateshill is continuing efforts to get a representative from East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss traffic in the village.

In answer to a complaint, Cllr Gateshill advised that residents may keep cockerels and hens without a licence providing they are not causing a noise nuisance and are adhering to the Avian Flu legislation. According to The Grey Squirrels (Prohibition of Importation and Keeping) Order, 1937, it is against the law for residents to keep grey squirrels and/or release them into the wild after keeping. The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 prevents residents from keeping crows without a licence from the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

The Parish Council would like thanks passed on to ERYC road sweeping department for the excellent efforts they recently made clearing leaves and debris from Redgates, waiting for cars to be moved and revisiting the site. Northgate was also cleared in an excellent manner.

An ERYC technician explained that the internet connection in the Village Hall was originally installed in approximately 2007 for use by the mobile library and is no-longer being used. Cllr Hearne will ask the Village Hall Committee to switch the electricity to the box off and monitor the situation.

## **23.02.06 Planning Matters**

In order to adhere to deadlines, comments were submitted between meetings on application 22/02605/PLF 2 Sharps Lane. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**Decision** – No objections raised: 22/04046/TCA Dove Cote 39 West End.

## **23.02.07 Delegations**

The Parish Council approved the continuation of Cllr Hearne as a nominated trustee for the Parish Council on the Sherwood and Waudby Charity for another four-year term from February 2023.

### 23.02.08 Correspondence

**All Hallows Church** – The Parish Council received thanks from Walkington Parochial Church Council for its continued support in covering the maintenance costs of the church clock.

### 23.02.09 Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update** – The group has reviewed the list of assets and will begin inspections shortly. The tree guard for the Green Canopy Tree has been delivered and will be installed when the weather improves.
- b. **Coronation of King Charles III** - The Playing Fields Association are considering Coronation celebrations and will keep the Parish Council informed. All Hallows Church is organising a Coronation lunch for Sunday 7 May 2023. The Parish Council is considering flags and/or bunting in the village and souvenir gifts for children. The Chairman is contacting ERYC regarding requirements for bunting and flags on lamp posts. An application to the ERYC Coronation Fund was approved.
- c. **Pest Control** – After considering alternative quotes the Parish Council voted to remain with the existing contractor for pest control services at the pond. The annual cost of £657.48 30 plus VAT was approved.
- d. **Allotments** – It has been confirmed by the legal team for the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC) that the current leasing arrangements between the Sherwood and Waudby Charity, the Parish Council and the Allotment Association is common practice and does not contravene any legislation. The Parish Council approved the changing of the previous decision (minute reference 22.12.10) and will strive to refresh leases in order for the arrangements to continue in the existing manner. The Chairman of the Allotment Association will be invited to a Parish Council meeting to help with this.

### 23.02.10 Finance

- a. **Finance Reports** - The finance report was approved.
- b. **Website Hosting** - The Parish Council approved the increased annual cost of website hosting from £29.95 to £39.95.
- c. **Payments** - The following payments were approved:

Pest control	£62.90
Staff wages and expenses	£1444.16
SLCC membership	£139.86

### 23.02.11 General Updates

The damaged salt bin on Townend Road has been reported to ERYC and the Parish Council will consider a replacement at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm and the next meeting is 2 March 2023 at Walkington Village Hall.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman