

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors Mrs Swann (Chairman), Howard (Vice-chair), Hearne and Mrs Holdorf. Ward Councillors Gateshill and Mrs Stewart, four members of the public and Ms Rose (Clerk).

Absent: Councillors Appleton, Waterland and Waudby.

Public Participation – The Chairman of the Allotment Association discussed the procedures currently in place and needs of allotment holders. A resident discussed the proposed wind farm sub-station on the A164/A1079 Jock's Lodge Junction and requested that the Parish Council considers his objections when making future comments during consultation periods. An Engineer from East Riding of Yorkshire (ERYC) Council Traffic and Parking Department discussed the traffic issues in the village. Prospective Councillor for the Conservative Party Richard Warren introduced himself to the Parish Council.

23.03.01 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Appleton, Waterland and Waudby apologised for their absence.

23.03.02 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 23.03.09d.

23.03.03 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 2 February 2023 were approved.

23.03.04 Chairman's Communications

A resident reported the theft of snowdrops from the Playing Field, the offender was seen digging up the flowers and putting them into his car boot and driving away.

23.03.05 Matters for Ward Councillors

Cllr Gateshill received a reply from ERYC regarding the keeping of wild animals, it was confirmed that it is unlawful without special permission from Natural England. Councillors reported loose chickens in the village, which have been reported to ERYC, Cllr Gateshill will follow this up. Government regulations regarding Avian Flu state that all chickens must be kept enclosed in a chicken run or indoors.

At the request of Cllr Gateshill, an Engineer from ERYC Traffic and Parking department attended the meeting to understand the problems the village is experiencing as traffic data and collision records do not show a significant problem. Councillors explained that congestion due to narrow roads and junctions onto the main street with views often obscured by parked cars is part of the problem, also the sign at Killingwoldgraves Roundabout for Howden increases traffic coming through the village. The Engineer will investigate measures available for consideration.

23.03.06 Planning

- a. Application – 23/00443/TCA Manor Cottage, 44 Northgate. Walkington Conservation Area. Application to remove 10 conifer trees. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- b. Decisions – Permission granted: 22/03960/PLF Fosspikes, 9 Hayward Close. 22/04040/PLF 17 Crake Wells.
- c. Dogger Bank Wind Farm - It is anticipated that there will be a consultation period in the spring regarding the proposed windfarm substation near the A164/A1079 Jock's Lodge Junction. The views of all residents will be considered when making comments during the consultation period.

23.03.07 Delegations

The Village Hall has not switched off the box that was suspected of providing an internet connection as the committee would like to make further investigations. The hall is currently being renovated and

radiators and a damp patch on the roof of the upstairs room are being looked at. The committee is hoping to appoint a new secretary in the near future.

23.03.08 Correspondence

- a. **Street Trading and Collections Licensing Policy** – The Parish Council will not be making comments on the proposed policy.
- b. **Elections** - Electoral services announced the launch of information for this year’s local ward and parish election on its website www.eastriding.gov.uk/elections
- c. **Emergency Response Questionnaire** – The completed form was approved for submission.

23.03.09 Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update** – Fryers Copse, Townend Park and the bus shelter have been inspected and a list of action created. Quotes will be sought for flailing and bus shelter demolition.
- b. **Townend Road Salt Bin** – The bin has been inspected and put back on its base and appears to be in usable condition.
- c. **Coronation of King Charles III** – The application for a Coronation Grant was approved. The ordering of a Coronation sign for the pond for £125 + VAT, flags and bunting up to the value of £250 + VAT and souvenir gifts for the children in the village for £1470 + VAT was approved. Volunteers are needed to help put up the flags and bunting, interested parties please contact the Clerk.
- d. **Allotments** – The Parish Council has requested a formal lease to be drawn up by the Sherwood and Waudby Charity (the landowners).

23.03.10 Finance

- a. **Finance Reports** – The finance report was approved.
- b. **Financial Regulations** – In line with rising costs and difficulty in obtaining three quotes, the Parish Council approved the update of regulations to increase the amount needed for three quotes from £1500 to £2500, the Parish Council will ensure as far as reasonable and practicable that the best available terms are obtained in respect of each transaction.
- c. **Payments** – The following payments were approved:

Pest control	£62.90
Staff wages and expenses	£1468.16
Stationery and postage	£118.56
Website hosting	£29.95
Sample coronation medal	£6.99

23.03.11 General Updates

There were no updates

The meeting closed at 9:40pm and the next meeting is 6 April 2023.

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Chairman