

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Absent: All Councillors were present.

Public Participation – A representative from the Pegasus Group apologised for being unable to attend

23.09.01 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence from Councillors.

23.09.02 Declarations of Interest

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

23.09.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 6 July 2023 were approved.

23.09.04 Chairman's Communications

The Charman apologised to fellow Councillors and the Clerk for recent derogatory and stressful comments on local social media by users discussing the Parish Council. The Parish Council is a tier of local government and is restricted on the duties it is able to perform, it currently has five members who volunteer their time and work hard to keep the village in good condition, they look after the many assets and signpost many complaints to relevant authorities. The Chairman would like to thank all the residents who expressed sympathy to the Parish Council after reading the comments on social media.

The flowers in the hanging baskets are still looking good although they are coming to the end of their season. The pond is also looking good and is getting many visitors.

23.09.05 Matters for Ward Councillors

The Parish Council expressed concern that no consultation with residents had taken place prior to the decision by East Riding of Yorkshire Council to install a zebra crossing in the village. A resident expressed concern at the proposed position of the crossing, stating that the use of the pond bridge for access would not be suitable for the disabled or push chair access. Cllr Stewart will forward the concerns to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Church Walk has still not totally been cleared of vegetation by neighbouring property owners. Cllr Stewart is to make further investigations with regard to the enforcement orders that were issued to landowners.

A series of consultation events for residents to have their say on the East Riding Design Code will be advertised in the Your East Riding newsletter and on the East Riding website.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council planning enforcement department received complaints regarding the animal rescue service on Ferguson Road, initial investigations have taken place and they and will be re-visiting the property in October.

23.09.06 Planning

In order to adhere to deadlines comments were submitted between meetings on the following applications: 23/01766/VAR Land North of 46 Little Weighton Road, 23/0155/TPO Sycamore House, 12 Saunders Lane. 23/02100/PLF Coxwold, 83A East End. 23/02311/TCA Walkington Hall, 27 Northgate. 23/02318/TPO 37 Lawson Close. 23/02237/PLF 9 Waudby Close. 23/02422/TDD Court Oak, 81 East End. Comments can be viewed at <https://newplanningaccess.eastriding.gov.uk/newplanningaccess>

a. **Applications**

- i. 23/02490/TCA 20 East End. Walkington Conservation Area – Fell one pine tree as it has outgrown its location, crown reduce one cherry tree die to elongated branched. The Parish asked the tree officer to make a decision on this application.
 - ii. 23/02186/PLF Dove Cote 39 West End. Erection of two storey extension to side with balcony at rear and erection of detached car port. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
 - iii. 23/02431/VAR 43 Beech View. Submission of details required by Condition 2 (External Materials) and Variation of Conditions 3 (Air Source Heat Pump), and 4 (Approved Plans) of planning permission 20/02836/PLF (Erection of two-storey extension to side linking to existing garage, and associated alterations to existing building including the installation of cladding and installation of an air-source heat pump) to allow for an alternative Air Source Heat Pump (with housing for the heat pump and recycling bins) and a reduction in the height of the proposed extension. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
 - iv. 23/02606/TDD Court Oak, 81 East End.TPO WALKINGTON – 202 (REF 640) G1 – Pollard 1 no. Ash tree to make safe due to cavities in main limbs, and Fell 1 no. tree as it is dead. The Parish asked the tree officer to make a decision on this application.
- b. **Decisions** – Permission granted: 23/01555/TPO Sycamore House, 12 Saunders Lane. 23/01341/PLF 4 Teal Close. 23/01644/TPO Merewood, 53 East End. 23/01638/PLF 1 Megson Way. 23/01669/PLF 6 Paddock View. 23/01718/PLF 6 Meadow Way. 23/02100/PLF Coxwold, 83a East End. No objections raised: 23/01649/TCA 10 West Mill Rise. Permission refused: 23/00711/PLF 10 Paddock View.

23.09.07 Delegations

Legal Fees for Allotment Lease - The cost of legal fees for dealing with the new lease from the Sherwood and Waudby Charity for the land used as allotments estimated at £950 to £1,350 plus VAT were approved.

Village Hall Committee - The committee has concerns about the heating and safety of the hall and are waiting for the decision on the proposed Martyn’s Law legislation. Bookings have reduced for the use of the hall in recent months. The coronation flag and banner are being removed shortly. Grant funding is being investigated to replace the tables.

23.09.08 Correspondence

- a. **Traffic** - The Parish Council received the results of a speed survey on Broadgate, which took place in June 2022. The survey shows there is a good level of compliance with the posted speed limit and there have been very few personal injury collisions within the last three years according to Police data therefore any further intervention from the traffic management department is not needed.
- b. **Pigeons, Speeding and Vapes Complaint** - A complaint from a resident regarding the number of pigeons in the village, the speed of traffic and how vapes are displayed in the village shop was received. Permission will be requested from the resident to forward comments and personal details via a ward councillor to the relevant authorities and for them to reply direct.
- c. **Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics** – The report was read and noted.

The meeting was paused for Public Participation. A representative from Wildlife Alliance Hull and East Yorkshire discussed a letter sent by the Parish Council to her landlord believing it was unnecessary and caused upset. The Parish Council apologised for any upset caused by the writing of the letter and will review procedures on how complaints from residents are handled in the future. A resident expressed disgust at derogatory comments on social media regarding the Parish Council. The representative from Wildlife Alliance Hull and East Yorkshire apologised to the Clerk for publishing her personal details on social media and for any distress this caused.

Councillor Waterland entered the meeting at 7:58pm and the **meeting was resumed.**

- d. **Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited** – The Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm Order 2023 has been made by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The Order grants development consent for the purposes of the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of the Hornsea Four offshore wind farm. More information is available at <https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/hornsea-project-four>
- e. **Community Governance Review** - The Parish Council objects to the recommendation to reduce the number of councillors for the parish from 11 to 9. No objections were made to the proposed increasing of the parish boundary to include a number of properties on Broadgate Estate, recommendations will be made that views from affected residents are taken into consideration when making the final decision.
- f. **Zebra Crossing** - East Riding of Yorkshire Council is installing a zebra crossing along East End, near to the Autherd Garth junction. The footway east of the pond will be widened, the bus stop outside 38 East End will be relocated to outside number 64. The anticipated dates are 21 September 2023 and 30 October to 3 November 2023. Works will be carried out between the hours of 09:30 – 15:00. This matter was discussed with the Ward Councillor above.
- g. **Memorial Bench** - A resident would like to donate a bench as a memorial to her late husband. Councillor Hearne will discuss the matter further with the resident.

23.09.09 Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update** - The cost of services to tidy the hedgerow at Townend Park and the cost of extra work to trim and tidy the pond area were approved. The cost of a Parish Council mail box was approved pending permission from the Village Hall to place it on the outside of the building.
- b. **Speed Indicator Devices** – The trial period for the devices has expired and they have now been removed, the devices will be available again for hire in three months. The Parish Council will investigate purchasing devices and permissions needed.
- c. **Tree Inspection Results** – The tree inspection indicates a climbing inspection is needed; investigations will be made into available contractors.
- d. **Hedge at Red Yats Paddock** - A resident reported the untidy hedge, the Parish Council approved the cost of the work needed.
- e. **No-cycling Signs** - Two no-cycling signs have recently been taken from Beech Walk. The signs are the property of the Parish Council and should be returned immediately.

23.09.10 Finance

- a. **All Hallows Grant Application** – The Parish Council approved a grant of £2,000 to be used towards the upkeep of the churchyard. A payment £261.60 for servicing the clock was also approved.
- b. **Finance reports and Budget Review** – The reports were read and approved.
- c. **Payments** – The following payments were approved:

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| Staff wages and expenses, July and August | £2983.52 |
| Stationery and admin | £72.61 |
| Wood preserver and cleaning fluid | £43.49 |
| Footpath signs and poles | £84.42 |
| Meeting room hire | £55.00 |
| Pest control, June, July and August | £197.22 |
| Tree inspection | £195.00 |
| Hedge trimming, Kirk Lane | £182.40 |
| Newsletter donation | £2000.00 |
| Defibrillator battery and pads | £416.39 |
| Domain name, email hosting and SSL | £58.57 |
| Strimming around the pond | £276.00 |

The cost of 20 hours overtime for the Clerk was approved. The extra hours are for dealing with the unprecedented number of recent emails and information requests received.

23.09.11 Administration

There were no matters of administration.

23.09.12 Confidential Matters

- a. **Exclusion of the public.** - The public will be excluded from the following discussion of confidential information.
- b. **Discussion-** Confidential information requests. Several information requests were received including requests for information that includes personal data, after discussing the personal data and the comments received from professional bodies, the Parish Council resolved to only release documents that do not include any personal data. The Parish Council also provided answers to several emails asking for opinions on procedures.

23.09.12 General Updates

There were no updates

The meeting closed at 9:30pm and the next meeting will be 5 October 2023

Approved: _____ Date: _____