

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Tuesday 9 April 2024, 7:30pm Walkington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mrs Swann (Chairman), Howard (Vice-chair), Boanas, Dr Garnham, Hearne and Mrs Holdorf. Ward Cllr Mrs Stewart. Three members of the public and Ms Rose (Clerk).

Absent: Cllr Waterland resigned as a member of the Council prior to the start of the meeting.

Public Participation – A resident attended the meeting to outline ideas for a wood carving to be created using part of a recently removed tree at Risby Park Farm. A representative from the Bowling Club attended to update the Parish Council on Club finances.

24.04.01 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

24.04.02 Declarations of Interest

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

Cllr Boanas declared interests in items relating to land assets.

24.04.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 5 March 2024 were approved.

24.04.04 Chairman's Communications

The last month has seen a wonderful display of Daffodils around the village, unfortunately a lot of them were dashed with the terrible rain storms we have been experiencing. The village post box is looking very smart with its Easter Bonnet. Otherwise, things have been fairly quiet. The Parish Council Cleaner/Handyman has been busy painting seats around the village and doing the never-ending job of litter picking.

24.04.05 Matters for Ward Councillors

- a. **Devolution** – The consultation has now closed and the 5,800 responses from all areas analysed, 53% agreed the deal would help address priorities and therefore Hull and East Riding councils have agreed a Devolution Deal. The full report can be read on the www.heydevolution.com website.
- b. **New Cycle Path** – East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) has approved a new cycle path from Killingwoldgraves Roundabout to Bishop Burton.
- c. **Blocked Gully, Little Weighton Road** – The gully has been cleaned and is functioning as expected, although there is a suspected issue with illegal foul systems connected into the system and this has been reported to Yorkshire Water, the gully has been added to a list for further investigation when this issue is resolved and there is available funding.
- d. **All Hallows Road Fence** – ERYC will be asked if the tall fence at number 43 requires planning permission.
- e. **Friers Copse Bollards** – The bollards will be reported as needing replacement.
- f. **Speed Indicators** – Improved devices are currently being tested and hopefully will be available soon to all Parish Councils
- g. **Little Weighton Road to Teal Close Footpath** – ERYC will be asked to provide a 'trod' surface.

24.04.06 Planning

In order to adhere to deadlines comments were submitted between meetings on applications 24/00496/PLF 21 Megson Way and 24/00406/PLF 46 Megson Way. The Parish Council had no objections to these applications.

a. Applications

- i. 24/00713/PLF 8 Speedwell Lane. Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear following demolition of existing porch. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

- ii. 24/00756/TCA 32 East End. WALKINGTON CONSERVATION AREA – Crown reduce an oak tree (T1) by removing a large northerly limb and a secondary western limb, fell a cedar tree (T2) due to poor form and crown reduce and lift a maple tree (T3) for the purpose of maintenance. The Parish Council deferred the decision to the tree officer.
 - iii. 24/00657/PLF Broadgate Reservoir, Broadgate. Change of use of former reservoir to dwelling, erection of first floor extension and creation of earth bund to a height of 2m (resubmission of 23/01448/PLF). The Parish Council objects to this application as the location is not included in the Local Plan as an area for development.
- b. **Permissions granted:** 23/03558/PLF Woodlands House 77a East End. 23/03267/VAR Mill Garage, Dinsdale Grove. 24/00149/TPO The Pigeon Loft, 16b East End. 23/03895/TPO Risby Park Farm, Risby Lane. 23/00073/PLF 8 Paddock View.

24.04.07 Delegations

- a. **Walkington Pavilion Fund** –The Playing Field Association are creating a charity to focus on the project of improving the buildings and playing field and have asked the Parish Council to nominate a representative to sit on the board of the charity. The Parish Council nominated Cllr Dr Garnham as its representative and Cllr Howard to act as a substitute.
- b. **Portrait of King Charles III** – The Parish Council has received the portrait from the Cabinet Office and it will be presented to the Village Hall for display.

Playing Field Committee – Delegated Councillors attended the recent annual meeting. The Car Boots have been successfully running on a monthly basis weather permitting and are a good source of income toward the running costs of the playing field. The Cricket Club have enjoyed another year of playing their matches on the field. The annual Fireworks display was dogged by bad weather but managed to go ahead regardless. The Committee was thanked by the Councillors for all their hard work they put in over the year.

24.04.08 Correspondence

Surface Dressing – ERYC have confirmed that Beverley Road, Walkington will be included in the 2024 Surface Dressing of Roads Programme, work will commence between April and September.

24.04.09 Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update** – The Cleaner/Handyman is working on maintaining village assets and will be asked to check salt bin levels. The Parish Council approved a change in job description for the Cleaner/Handyman to enable cleaning of the Broadgate bus shelter monthly. The Parish Council received a quote from SignMax for a D-Day sign for the pond for £125.00 plus VAT, the cost of ordering the sign was approved.
- b. **Salt Bin Maintenance**- ERYC have changed the process for replenishing salt bins, to only refill bins as needed rather than during routine visits. Residents can report empty salt bins at www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/roads-streets-traffic-and-parking/gritting-salt-bins-and-winter-road-services or telephone 01482 393939.
- c. **Village Task Force** – The team will only record issues during walkabouts within its remit in future (matters within the village name signs) all other matters need reporting using the ERYC website.
- d. **Solar Light Request West Mill Rise** – In response to a request from a resident, the Parish Council did not approve the purchasing of a solar light to put on the little dividing fence at the top of the path at West Mill Rise as the fence does not belong to the Parish Council.
- e. **Red Yats Paddock** – The Parish Council is seeking quotes for the work needed.

24.04.10 Finance

- a. **Finance report** – The monthly report was approved.
- b. **Payments** – The following payments were approved:

Staff wages and expenses	£1545.20
Stationery, subscriptions and admin	£43.59
Pest control	£65.74
Chairman's Allowance	£100.00

- c. **Land Assets** – Cllr Boanas declared an interest as a neighbouring land owner, the Parish Council gave Cllr Boanas permission to remain in the room but not to speak or vote. It was agreed that investigations would be made into the cost of asset valuations for further discussion at the next meeting.
- d. **Hanging Baskets** – The Parish Council approved the ordering of 16 hanging baskets for the Main Street based on a quote from Anitfreeze (York) Ltd for £1840 plus VAT.
- e. **Bowling Club Grant Application** – The Parish Council did not award a grant on this occasion. It was felt that the membership of the club represents a small percentage of residents in the village and that a one-off payment would not rectify the long-term problem of ongoing running costs. It is hoped that the club are able to raise more funds by generating annual fundraising events, advertising and increasing the membership. Unfortunately, there appears to have been a lack of financial planning and it is hoped that with new members in control of the finances that a sound business plan can be put in place to keep the club running. The Parish Council would not like to see the club close due to financial difficulties and asks that if the club is ever in dire need to re-apply for a grant.
- f. **Playing Field Association Grant Application** – The Parish Council previously approved a grant of £750 pending receipt of the annual accounts (minute reference 22.09.10). Receipt of the accounts is confirmed and the Parish Council authorised releasing of the funds.

24.04.11 General Updates

It was confirmed that Cllr Holdorf will cut the ribbon at the start of the Ukelele Festival on the 29 June.

The broken street sign for Kirk Lane will be reported to ERYC.

The Parish Council would like thank Cllr Waterland for his time and effort while being on the Council, it has been a pleasure to work alongside him and he will be sadly missed, he is wished well in all future endeavours.

The meeting closed at 21:30, the next meeting is Tuesday 14 May and will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Approved: _____ Date: _____