

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held at 7:00pm on 10 December 2024, in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Chairman Mrs Swann, Boanas and Mrs Holdorf. Ward Councillor Mrs Stewart and Clerk Ms Rose.

Absent: Councillors Hearne, Howard and Garnham

Public Participation. No items were raised.

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Hearne, Howard and Garnham apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Swann declared non-pecuniary interests in the Playing Field Association and the DBS Liaison Committee.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2024 were approved.

4. Chairman's Communications

The Christmas lights at the pond are looking excellent, thanks were sent to the Pond Committee. The Pantomime Players were congratulated on a successful show. Recent bad weather has caused fallen trees on Kirk Lane and Townend Park which will be dealt with.

5. Matters for Ward Councillors

East Riding of Yorkshire Council looked into Northgate footpath again and stated that the footpath slopes towards West End due to the geography of the area, however there is a handrail to assist pedestrians on this sloping section stretching as far as the car park of the Dog and Duck public house. The footway will continue to be monitored as part of our standard inspection regime and any defects identified will be addressed as part of this inspection routine.

Improvement works to the Pond drainage is currently going through the tendering process, East Riding of Yorkshire Council has been asked if the railings can be painted at the same time as the work is carried out.

6. Planning

In order to adhere to deadlines comments were submitted between meetings on the application 24/03369/TPO, 89 Megson Way. The Parish Council deferred the decision to the tree officer.

- a. **Application. 24/03499/TPO, Foxhollow, 64 East End.** Tree Protection Order, Walkington 1972 (ref 262) W4. Crown reduce a beech tree (T1) by removing a limb over driveway to improve overall form and reduce impact over driveway. Crown reduce a sycamore tree (T2) by reducing southern canopy by 2 meters and removing a limb to reduce dominance over neighbouring oak tree. The Parish Council deferred the decision to the tree officer.
- b. **Appeal. 24/00118/REFUSE, 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 2 meters (resubmission of 23/01448/PLF). The Parish Council had no further comments for submission, all representations made at the application stage will be considered.
- c. **Permissions Granted. 24/03023/TPO Court Oak, 81 East End. 24/03092/TPO 55 Manor House Lane. 24/03268/TCA 36 West End.**
- d. **Dogger Bank South Consultation.** The Parish Council had no comments on the proposed changes.

7. Finance

a. **Monthly Report.** The report was approved and bank reconciliation signed.

b. **Payments.** The following payments were approved:

Pest control	£68.70
Solicitors fees	£1320.00
Staff wages and expenses	£2046.32
Postage	£13.20

c. **Precept Demand.** The Chairman signed the 2025-26 precept demand letter in accordance with the approved budget.

8. Correspondence and Matters Arising

a. **Residents Complaint Regarding Fireworks at the Playing Field.** The Parish Council was copied in to a letter to the Playing Field Association regarding the firework display. The Clerk has spoken to a member of the Playing Field Association and the matter is being dealt with.

b. **Gov.UK Domain.** Parish Council considered changing to a gov.uk domain extension, due to the increased cost it will remain with the existing .co.uk domain extension for the time being.

c. **20mph Speed Limit Trials.** Unfortunately, the proposal for a 20mph zone in Walkington has not been chosen for the trial. Successful sites were Hedon, Swanland, Beeford and Flamborough. Wilberfoss and Patrington are in reserve should there be an underspend.

d. **Land Adjacent to the Village Hall.** Rental of the land was discussed after requests from several Councillors to reconsider the offer, no change was made to the initial decision made at the October 2024 meeting, minute reference number 9b.

e. **Bullying and Anti-harassment Policy, including Sexual Harassment.** The draft policy was approved.

f. **Grievance Policy and Procedure.** The draft policy was approved.

9. Village Improvements and Maintenance

Village Improvement Working Group Update. The Parish Council Cleaner and Handyman will be asked to clean the Broadgate noticeboard, overtime expenses were approved.

10. Delegations

a. **Allotment Lease.** The Parish Council is waiting for information on the future rental cost for the land before a decision can be made whether to go forward.

b. **Village Hall Risk Assessment.** The assessment was read and noted.

11. General Updates

There were no updates.

12. Confidential Matters.

The public was excluded from the meeting for a confidential discussion. A pay increase of 63 pence per hour with effect from 1 April 2025 was approved for the Parish Council Cleaner and Handyman.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm and the next meeting is on 14 January 2024.

Approved: _____ Date: _____