

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Tuesday 6 February 2024, 7:00pm Walkington Village Hall.

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

Absent: All Councillors were present.

Public Participation – A representative from Risby Homes attending the meeting to discuss planning application 23/03778/PLF.

24.02.01 Apologies for Absence

All Councillors were present at the meeting.

24.02.02 Declarations of Interest

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

24.02.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 9 January 2024 were approved.

24.02.04 Chairman's Communications

The pothole on the Main Street near the Northgate junction has been repaired. Spring is approaching, snowdrops and daffodils are beginning to show around the village.

24.02.05 Matters for Ward Councillors

There were no updates.

24.02.06 Planning

In order to adhere to deadlines comments were submitted between meetings on the following applications: 23/03558/PLF Woodlands House 77a East End. 23/03594/PLF 15 Middlehowe Green. 23/03620/PLF 12 Birch Lea. Comments can be viewed at <https://newplanningaccess.eastriding.gov.uk>

a. Applications

- i. **23/03778/PLF** Land to rear of Village Hall, 21 Main Street. Erection of 17 dwellings and garages, conversion of existing building to form 5 dwellings with external alterations and construction of porches to front, and provision of associated parking and infrastructure.

Resolved: The Parish Council does not object to the overall design of the development but has serious concerns regarding the following:

- The village is already prone to flooding as the drains cannot cope with the existing rainfall. Although the developers have considered this and have implemented measures to use borehole soakaways the Parish Council would like this matter to be reviewed and given serious consideration to ensure the problem is not exacerbated.
 - The Parish Council would have preferred a play area to be installed on site rather than funds be given to commuted sums.
 - The proposal to lease a section of land adjacent to the Village Hall, to the Parish Council will need further negotiation and may not be approved. The length of the proposed lease and the responsibility and financial burden for the Parish Council to maintain the property is a major concern. The Parish Council will need to discuss this matter and vote at a future date.
- ii. **24/00149/TPO** The Pigeon Loft 16B East End TPO - WALKINGTON NO. 32 - 2004 (REF 893) G1. WALKINGTON CONSERVATION AREA - Fell 1 no. Beech tree (T2) as it is growing in very close proximity to the dwelling and considered to be outgrowing its situation and is causing damp ingress to the roof through blocked gutters, significant leaf drop causing gutters to fail regularly, squirrels are jumping from the tree to the house causing damage to TV aerial, cable and

structural lead, and slippery surfaces due to shading and leaf drop; Fell 1 no. Whitebeam tree (T3) due to poor shape and form, and is growing over roof contributing to the same issues identified with T2. **Resolved:** The Parish Council has concerns regarding the felling of these trees and requests that the tree officer meets with Councillors on site to further discuss.

- iii. **23/01448/PLF** Broadgate Reservoir, Broadgate. Change of use of former reservoir to dwelling, erection of first floor extension and creation of earth bund to height of 2m. **Resolved:** The Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the grounds that the development is outside the village boundary. The ramifications of agreeing to the establishment of a development outside the village envelope would create great pressure for the extension of the village limit and further development. It is essential that the principles of development control and scrutiny are assiduously pursued by the representatives of local government if the village is to retain its proportions and avoid over-exploitation to destroy the factors which threaten its integrity. The Parish Council asks that, if the officer is recommending approval, it be referred to the ERYC planning committee for further consideration/decision.
- iv. **24/00176/TCA** 15 Kirk Lane. WALKINGTON CONSERVATION AREA – Remove a yew tree (T1), fell a weeping birch (T2) and 3 Lawson cypress trees (T3, T4, T5), crown reduce a golden leylandii tree (T6) by half a meter (20%) in height and shape. **Resolved:** The Parish Council would like the tree officer to make a decision on this application.

b. **Decisions** - Permission granted: 23/03594/PLF 15 Middlehowe Green. 23/03620/PLF 12 Birch Lea.

24.02.07 Delegations

Dogger Bank South Wind Farm Liaison Committee – The Parish Council appointed Cllr Garnham as a representative for the committee with Cllr Mrs Swann to act as a second.

24.02.08 Correspondence

- a. **Local Plan Sustainable Transport Draft Supplementary Planning Document Update** – The documents were read and noted, no comments will be submitted.
- b. **Council Tax Support Review Panel** – The letter was read and noted, no comments will be submitted.

24.02.09 Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update** – The Parish Council Cleaner/Handyman is reviewing assets for repair. The Parish Council received a copy of Public Liability Insurance for WEH Enterprises Ltd and approved an estimated cost of £300 for gardening services at the pond.
 - b. **Townend Pit Water** – Comments from East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) regarding the water diversion were noted, this matter will be referred to the Ward Councillor for further investigation.
 - c. **Red Yats Paddock** – The Parish Council is seeking quotes for work needed to hedges and trees.
- Cllr Howard left the meeting at 8:43pm*
- d. **War Memorial** – The Parish Council approved a quote from Greenleaf Contractors Ltd for £450 plus VAT to clean the war memorial, the cost will be taken from the earmarked fund for war memorial maintenance.
 - e. **Speed Indicator Devices** – Results of a traffic survey by ERYC which took place in late November to early December on Broadgate showed the average speed to be 37.9mph, the speed limit at this location is 40mph. The outcome of the assessment is that Broadgate does not require further intervention from the Traffic Management department, however the Parish Council may rent Speed Indicator Devices. The Parish Council is waiting for confirmation that sites for devices will not be affected by the new zebra crossing.
 - f. **Pegasus Group** – The request for feedback on the potential use of land surrounding the village was discussed, a resident with knowledge of biodiversity matters will propose ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

24.02.10 Finance

a. **Finance reports** - The report and budget review were approved.

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

Staff wages and expenses, January	£1545.00
Stationery, subscriptions and admin	£12.50
SLCC membership	£138.04
Pest control, December and January	£131.48
Meeting room hire	£60.50
Tree works as per inspection	£1,140.00
Village Hall donation	£803.12
Deep water sign	£36.00

c. **Land Assets** –This item was deferred to the next agenda after councillors have visited the sites for review.

24.02.11 General Updates

Following a complaint regarding increased dog waste in the village the Parish Council will request an article in the village newsletter respectfully asking dog owners to pick up waste.

An incident on Middlehowe Green was reported to a Councillor, it was stated that a gentleman connected a hose pipe to a fire hydrant, cleaned a section of a driveway and asked for payment to clean the remainder of the drive. The house owner believed this was not a genuine contactor and wanted other residents to be aware. This will be forwarded to the village newsletter to see if it is appropriate for inclusion.

The following meeting dates have been confirmed:

9 April 2024, Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

14 May 2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Village Hall has now secured a weekly booking for the downstairs room and therefore future Parish Council meetings, with the exception of the Annual Parish Meeting, will be held in the upstairs room, unless disabled access is required, if so, the stage area downstairs will be used.

The meeting closed at 21:15 and the next meeting is Tuesday 5 March 2024.

Approved: _____ Date: _____