

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Tuesday 9 January 2024, 7:00pm Walkington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mrs Swann (Chairman), Boanas, Garnham, Hearne, Mrs Holdorf and Waterland. Ward Cllr Mrs Stewart. Ms Rose (Clerk).

Absent: Cllr Howard.

Public Participation – A developer of Mill Garage, Dinsdale Grove did not attend the meeting as planned to give an update on the development.

24.01.01 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Howard apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

24.01.02 Declarations of Interest

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

24.01.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 5 December 2023 were approved subject to minor amendments.

24.01.04 Chairman's Communications

The Chairman wished all residents a Happy New Year. Congratulations were sent to the Pond Committee for another fantastic display and the Father Christmas Event was well attended.

Much of the village has suffered with the recent rain fall, the Chairman congratulated residents who cleared leaves and debris from drain covers near their homes to help alleviate the problem.

24.01.05 Matters for Ward Councillors

- a. Zebra Crossing – The request from a representative of Age Concern for a splash barrier on the walkway and low-level lighting was rejected by East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC). Street lighting stated lighting at the newly positioned bus stop is adequate and will therefore not be taking any action.
- b. Devolution – Cllr Handley, ERYC Chairman, will be invited to attend an open meeting at 6:30pm on the 6 February 2024. Notices will be displayed accordingly.
- c. Church Walk – The weeds have been sprayed by ERYC but as the work is considered unsatisfactory Cllr Stewart will request for it to be looked at again.

24.01.06 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>

Applications

- a. **23/03267/VAR** Mill Garage, Dinsdale Grove. Variation of condition 14 (approved plans) of application reference 17/02706/VAR - Variation of Conditions 7, 8 and 9 (Level 6 of the Code for Sustainable Homes) of planning permission 09/03961/PLF to update the conditions to refer to the Level 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes to allow for minor alterations to the approved house type [AMENDED PLANS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS]. **Resolved:** Walkington Parish Council objects to this application to vary the conditions of the granted permission as it considers the proposed visual appearance, finishing materials and colour will stand out more against the landscape than the ones used in the original design. The original plans described blending into the surrounding area and it is felt that the proposed variations will not achieve this.
- b. **23/01766/VAR** Land North Of 46 Little Weighton Road Variation of Condition 14 (Approved Plans) of planning permission 21/04285/VAR (Variation of Condition 15 (approved plans - design change for Plot 5) of planning permission 20/03809/PLF (Erection of 9 dwellings and associated

infrastructure)) to allow for design changes to all the dwellings and amendments to the layout. (AMENDED DESCRIPTION AND PLANS). **Resolved:** The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Permissions Refused: 22/02365/PLF 19 West End. 23/03484/PLF 9 Waudby Close.

24.01.07 Delegations

The Village Hall Christmas decorations have been removed.

24.01.08 Correspondence

- a. **Devolution** - The public consultation on the proposals for devolution is now open and will run until the 27 February 2024. Residents can participate in the survey either online via the ERYC website or by visiting ERYC libraries or contacting ERYC Customer Services.
- b. **Albanwise Environment** – Following further tree surveys there are three or four more trees which need to be felled on their land. These do not include the very old trees which will be fenced off for the safety of the public when the weather improves.

24.01.09 Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update** – The Parish Council Cleaner/Handyman will be asked if he is able to carry out minor maintenance work on any of the village assets, the Parish Council approved a list to be given.
- b. **Speed Indicator Devices** - ERYC will be asked if the new zebra crossing will affect the potential location of any future rented devices.
- c. **Pegasus Group** – This matter was deferred to the next meeting.
- d. **Biodiversity Consideration** – The draft policy was approved.
- e. **Pond Maintenance** – The Pond Committee have found a willing contractor to carry out maintenance work and quotes for approval will follow.
- f. **Townend Pit Water** – Enquiries will be made to establish the reason for the diversion of water.
- g. **War Memorial** – Quotes to clean the memorial are being sought.

24.01.10 Finance

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

Staff wages and expenses, December	£2355.36
Stationery, subscriptions and admin	£33.50
Townend Pit, flailing	£216.00
Street lighting	£63.68
- c. **Village Hall Grant Application** – The Parish Council approved a grant of £803.12 towards the cost of new radiator cages. This amounts to 50% of the amount applied for, due to restricted finances the Parish Council is unable to offer the full amount. Cllr Hearne abstained from voting.
- d. **The Stephen Hughes Foundation Grant Application** – Cllr Mrs Holdorf declared a prejudicial interest and left the room for the discussion and voting of this item. The Parish Council refused the grant application but offered to pay the Village Hall rental fees for the afternoon and evening events, which is estimated to cost up to £150.00.
- e. **Land Assets** – This item was deferred to the next meeting.

24.01.11 General Updates

The following meeting dates were agreed pending confirmation with the Village Hall Booking Officer:
9 April 2024, Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
14 May 2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:15, the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 6 February 2024.

Approved: _____ Date: _____