

# **WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held at 7:00pm on 12 November 2024, in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Chairman Mrs Swann, Vice-chair Howard, Boanas, Garnham, Hearne and Mrs Holdorf. Ward Councillor Stewart, Cleaner and Handyman Mr Hardy and Clerk Ms Rose.

Absent: All Councillors were present.

**Public Participation.** No items were raised.

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Boanas declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Village Hall and a prejudicial interest in the Pot and Ladle Pit. Councillor Hearne declared a pecuniary interest in the Bowling Club and prejudicial interests in the Village Hall, Sherwood and Waudby Charity and the Village Pond. Councillor Howard declared non-pecuniary interests in the Playing Field Association and the Pavilion Fund Charity, and prejudicial interests in the Sherwood and Waudby Charity and the School. 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 8 October 2024 were approved.

## **4. Chairman's Communications**

The hanging baskets have been collected and the new winter planter is on display at the pond. The Chairman congratulated the Pond Committee for an excellent Remembrance Day display, there has been many positive comments. Congratulations were sent to the Lifestylers' for reaching the final of the competition. Councillors passed on comments from residents to the Handyman for his excellent work preparing Memorial Wood for the Remembrance Day Service. The Neighbourhood Policing Team will be contacted to report repeated fly-tipping and bonfires on the wood.

## **5 Matters for Ward Councillors**

East Riding of Yorkshire Council stated that due to limited budgets, it has no funding for aesthetics and therefore cannot contribute towards the cost of painting the railings at the pond. They will be asked how much it would cost the Parish Council if the painting was done at the same time as the proposed amendments to the drainage.

## **6 Planning**

### **a. Applications**

- i. **24/03092/TPO, 55 Manor House Lane.** Tree Protection Order WALKINGTON – 1972, (REF 262), G7 AND G8. Crown lift a sycamore tree (T01) to 5 metres to increase the clearance above the highway and to increase light into both the garden and western-facing floor windows. Crown reduce a sycamore tree (T03) by 3 metres, (northeast and south-east facing canopy) to separate the tree canopies and increase the light into both the garden and western facing ground floor windows. Crown reduce a sycamore tree (T04) at 6 metres by 3.5 metres (southeast and south-west facing branches only), to reduce detritus in the roof valleys and gutters; by 3 metres at 3 metres (north facing branch only); by 4.5 metres at 3.5 metres (north-west facing branch only) to pull the canopy back to the verge edge from over the highway; and by 2.5 metres at 5 metres (north-east facing branch only) to restore the overall canopy profile. The Parish Council deferred the decision to the tree officer.

- ii. **24/03184/TPO, 1 Hayride Close.** Tree Protection Order - WALKINGTON - 1972 - (REF 262) G3. Crown lift and reduce a sycamore tree (T1) by 2 metres and a sycamore tree (T2) by 3 metres to provide clearance from the roof and guttering. The Parish Council deferred the decision to the tree officer.
- iii. **23/03778/PLF, Land to rear of Village Hall, 21 East End.** Erection of 15 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. Amended description and plans. The Parish Council has no objections to this application.
- iv. **24/03268/TCA, 36 West End.** WALKINGTON CONSERVATION AREA. Crown reduce a group of laurel trees (G007) to 3 metres and crown clean, consisting of the removal of crossing and rubbing branches due to dense planting with many of the stems contributing to light issues with the neighbouring house. Crown reduce a maple tree by 2 metres, (branches in southern direction) to balance the crown and promote uniformed growth following previous works to the northern side of the tree. Crown reduce a cherry (T003) tree by 3 metres, (back to the original position in 2021) to maintain the shape and balance; and fell a beech tree (T001) due to being in close proximity. The Parish Council deferred the decision to the tree officer.
- v. **24/03229/TPO, 36 West End.** Tree Protection Order, WALKINGTON 1972, (REF 262) G11. Crown reduce 2 lime trees (T004 and T006) to 3 metres, (lower canopy only) and 1 beech tree (T005) to 3 metres, (lower canopy only), consisting of the removal of secondary branches or the shortening of branches due to the low canopy hindering the usage of the driveway and pavement. The Parish Council deferred the decision to the tree officer.
- vi. **24/02949/PLF, 7 Ferguson Road.** Erection of single storey rear extension to rear, following demolition of existing extension and construction of extension to existing dormer to front. The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

b. **Permission Granted.**

24/02167/PLF, 12 All Hallows Road. 24/02477/TPO, 68 East End. 24/02482/TPO, 26 West End. 24/02448/REG3, 2 Autherd Garth. 24/02597/TPO, 7 Hayward Close. 24/02519/PLF, The Pigeon Loft, 10B East End. 24/02886/TCA, 103 All Hallows Road. 24/02895/TCA, 74 All Hallows Road. 24/02822/TCA, 72 All Hallows Road. 24/02897/TCA, 107 All Hallows Road. 24/02912/TCA 22 East End.

- c. **East Riding Design Code.** East Riding of Yorkshire Council are consulting on a draft Design Code until 2 December 2024. All residents are invited to complete the survey online at [www.eryc.link/designcodesurvey](http://www.eryc.link/designcodesurvey) , paper copies of the code can be viewed at libraries and customer service centres.

## 7 Finance

- a. **Monthly Report and Draft Budget.** The report and draft budget were approved and bank reconciliation signed. The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed pay rates from 1 April 2024, to 31 March 2025, for all grades up to scale point 43, the agreed increased amount is £0.63 per hour.

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

Pest control	£68.70
Rent for Bus shelter and Allotments	£150.00
Gardening Services at Red Yats Paddock	£300.00
3-tier Winter Planter	£420.00
Liability signs	£292.80
Street lighting	£58.81
Meeting room hire	£57.75
Stationary	£39.95
Staff wages and expenses	£1536.14

- c. **Land Assets.** Councillor Boanas was given permission to remain in the room but not to speak or vote. A formal valuation has been received for the Pot and Ladle Pit, the Parish Council is awaiting valuations on the rest of the land owned.
- d. **Lifestylers.** This item was deferred until the next meeting.

## 8 Correspondence and Matters Arising

- a. **Memorials Policy.** The policy was approved.
- b. **Meeting Venue.** The Parish Council discussed alternative venues for meetings and voted to remain in the Village Hall. The Village Hall will be asked again for a copy of the Fire and Safety Risk Assessment for the upstairs room.
- c. **Rough Sleeper Survey.** Councillors will inform the Clerk of any rough sleepers seen in the parish on the evening of 21 November into the morning of 22 November 2024.
- d. **80 Anniversary of VE Day 8 May 2025.** Ideas were discussed for this day of celebration.
- e. **Land and Tree Issue, East End.** A resident reported an issue with a tree touching telecom cables and shared copies of previous correspondence with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The resident will be encouraged to inform the relevant telecommunications company.
- f. **Parish Council Website.** The website has been upgraded to the latest version and all essential content has been uploaded, although some older minutes and agendas have not been included.
- g. **Remote Meetings Consultation.** The Government are running a consultation until 19 December 2024, for views on Parish Council remote meetings. Further details are on the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings>
- h. **Red Yats Paddock, Residents' Concerns.** A resident expressed concern that recent work at the paddock has not included the overgrown trees and shrubs adjacent to their property. The Parish Council will seek quotes for the extended work.

## 9 Village Improvements and Maintenance

Village Improvement Working Group Update – There was no update.

## 10 Delegations

- a. **Allotment Lease.** New information from the Solicitors acting for the Sherwood and Waudby Charity, indicates that the Charity intends to substantially increase the rent for the land and a fairly substantial redrafting of the lease may be needed. The Parish Council solicitor estimates the cost of the re-drafting to be between £2,500 and £3,000 excluding VAT. The Parish Council will ask for details of the intended rental cost for the land before a decision can be made whether to go forward. An interim invoice for work already carried out by the Parish Council solicitors of £1000 excluding VAT, was approved for payment.
- b. **Noticeboard.** Councillor Swann will take over displaying notices on the Broadgate noticeboard.
- c. **Village Hall.** The Village Hall is proudly displaying a new flag and the portrait of King Charles III has been hung on the wall.
- d. **Playing Field Association.** Plans are being made towards improvements on the field and to move the play area.

## 11 General Updates

The Parish Council works very hard to provide and maintain a pleasant looking village for its residents and politely asks that all waste bins are kept either at the back of properties or out of sight, when they are not being emptied.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm and the next meeting is on 10 December 2024.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_