

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors: Chairman Mrs Swann, Vice-chair Howard, Boanas, Hearne and Mrs Holdorf.
Ward Councillors: Mrs Stewart and Wilcock. Four members of the public and Clerk Ms Rose.

Absent: Councillor Garnham.

Public Participation. A representative from the Pond Committee attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council that East Riding of Yorkshire Council are looking at installing improved flood prevention measures. Representatives from Risby Homes attended to discuss amended plans for the development to the rear of the Village Hall, the amendments include a proposed new access point adjacent to the Ferguson and Fawcett.

Members of public left the room and the meeting opened at 7:55pm.

24.09.01 Apologies for Absence

Ward Councillor Smith and Councillor Garnham apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

24.09.02 Declarations of Interest

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 a 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.

24.09.03 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2024 were approved.

24.09.04 Chairman's Communications

The Chairman is concerned at the low number of members on the Parish Council. Walkington is a large village, the Parish Council is responsible for many areas of land and assets as well as ensuring the village is kept tidy and liaising with East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding their responsibilities, the Chairman encouraged residents to consider becoming members to assist with looking after their village.

The hanging baskets and D-day planter have looked extremely good this year, thanks will be sent to the supplier. Many thanks are sent to the group of children in the village who did an excellent job of re-spraying the 'no dog fouling' signs on the pavements, as part of their Lifestyle Project.

24.09.05 Matters for Ward Councillors

Ward Councillor Stewart will look into the lack of streetlights and footpaths at Townend Road. Councillors asked if East Riding of Yorkshire Council could look in to the adoption of the planned access road to the proposed development behind the Village Hall. East Riding of Yorkshire Council will remove the fly-tipping of garden waste from Beech Walk.

Ward Councillor Wilcock stated that Devolution is currently on hold. Councillor Hammond has been appointed as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. The Village Task Force process will be discontinued as the majority of issues can now be reported online by residents. East Riding of Yorkshire Council are looking in to using volunteers as Snow Wardens and Flood Wardens, further information is to be publicised.

Ward Councillors left the room at 8:20pm

24.09.06 Planning

- a. **Comments submitted between meetings** (to adhere to deadlines)
24/02041/PLF, 10 West Mill Rise. 24/02019/PLF, 8 Crake Wells. 24/02127/TCA, Squirrels Leap.
24/02167/PLF, 12 All Hallows Road.
- b. **Applications**
- i. **23/03778/PLF, Land to the rear of the Village Hall, 21 East End.** Erection of seventeen dwellings and garages, conversion of existing building to form five dwellings with external alterations and construction of porches to front, and provision of associated parking and infrastructure, (amended plans). The Parish Council had no objections to the overall design of the development but stated it would like the road to be adopted by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, if possible, if this is not possible the Parish Council would like assurance from East Riding of Yorkshire Council that all household waste bins will be collected from outside each house and parking restrictions will be introduced on the main street to prevent overflow parking from the development and or the Ferguson Fawsitt.
 - ii. **24/02432/TPO, 66 East End.** TPO - WALKINGTON - 1972 (REF 262) G16 & W4. Crown lift three oak trees, T1, T2 & T3, by two metres over highway to provide clearance from high vehicles, crown lift by two metres over garden side to rebalance and crown reduce by two metres away from property by approximately two meters, crown lift one beech tree, T4, by one and a half metres to remove lowest limb. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
 - iii. **24/02482/TPO, 26 West End.** TPO - WALKINGTON - 1972 - (REF 252) W2. Fell one holly tree, T1, due to overhanging and resting on the neighbouring fence to the north and is restricting access and crown reduce one sycamore tree, T2, by removing one limb due to overhanging the neighbouring garden on Hall Walk. The Parish Council deferred the decision on this application to the Tree Officer.
 - iv. **24/02448/REG3, 2 Autherd Garth.** Erection of single storey extension to side following demolition of existing garage, (revised scheme OF 24/01289/REG3). The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
 - v. **24/02477/TPO, 68 East End TPO - WALKINGTON - 1972 - (REF 262) G16.** Crown lift one oak tree, T1, over the highway to four metres by removing lowest limbs and re-balance due to overhanging the road and interfering with the traffic. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
 - vi. **24/02519/PLF, The Pigeon Loft 16B East End.** Erection of detached garage. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
 - vii. **24/02597/TPO, 7 Hayward Close.** TPO – BROADGATE HOSPITAL – 1987 – (ref 259) A1. Crown thin three sycamore trees, T1, T2, T3 and T4, by 15% and crown clean to allow for better air flow, increased light and less sail. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- c. **Permissions Granted.** 24/01611/TPO, 7 Waudby Close. 24/01856/TCA, 15 Kirk Lane.
24/01811/TPO, Coed Y Ffin 23 George Lane. 24/02127/TCA, Squirrels Leap 16A East End.
24/02019/PLF, 8 Crake Wells.

24.09.07 Finance

- a. **Monthly Report and Budget Review.** The reports were approved and bank reconciliation signed.
- b. **Payments.** The following payments were approved:
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| ERNLLCA subscription | £561.00 |
| Gardening services at the pond | £750.00 |
| Village Hall, room hire | £36.50 |
| Pest control, (two months) | £137.40 |
| Staff wages and expenses, (two months) | £3274.53 |
| Website hosting | £52.80 |
| Flailing at Townend, Red Yats and Kirk Lane | £408.00 |
- c. **Land Assets.** This item was deferred to the next meeting.

- d. **Financial Regulations.** This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- e. **All Hallows Grant Application.** The Parish Council approved a grant of £2000 towards grounds maintenance.
- f. **Church Clock Service.** The Parish Council approved the cost of servicing the church clock for £240 plus VAT, and also approved to meet the future costs of clock repairs estimated at £250 per year plus VAT.
- g. **Village Hall Room Hire Payments.** The Village Hall Committee discussed the Parish Council request for free room hire and voted not to change the pricing arrangement at this time.

24.09.08 Correspondence and Matters Arising

- a. **Memorials Policy.** This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- b. **Website Accessibility Review.** The Parish Council assessed that a detailed audit of the website by an external supplier would be a disproportionate financial burden, therefore the Clerk carried out a basic check for accessibility and updated the accessibility statement. The statement was approved by the Parish Council. The Parish Council approved the upgrade of the website software and at cost of £78 per year to achieve improved compliance.
- c. **Safety of Lithium Batteries.** The Parish Council will write a letter of support for a campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal by Lord Foster.
- d. **Robin Trail.** A request to reconsider a previous decision was received. The importance of consistency of the previous decision not to allow any more furniture at the pond was discussed, as it would be unfair to refuse some requests and not others regardless of the category of furniture, any change in policy could cause great upset to the families of those who have previously been refused, therefore the original decision stands.
- e. **GRAHAM Update.** The contractors provided ideas on flood prevention but are unable to support any projects.
- f. **Council Tax Support Review.** East Riding of Yorkshire Council wants as many people as possible to submit their views on proposed changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme. The consultation can be found at [https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/council/consultations/?entry=council tax support review](https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/council/consultations/?entry=council%20tax%20support%20review) . Customer Service Centres will happily help anyone to complete the questionnaire. To request a paper version of the questionnaire, or a version in another language or format, please ring (01482) 393939 or email benefit.assessments@eastriding.gov.uk
- g. **Dogger Bank D.** A consultation event will be held in the Village Hall on 27 September, 2 to 7pm. Open consultation on project proposals will run until to 22 October 2024, further information and a feedback form is available at www.doggerbankd.com

24.09.09 Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update**
 - **Three-tier Planter.** The cost of a winter three-tier planter for £350 plus VAT, and a summer planter for 2025 for the same price were approved.
 - **Protective Workwear.** The purchasing of a high visibility vest for the Parish Council Handyman was approved at an estimated cost of £10.
 - **Red Yats Paddock.** A quote for tidying the paddock from Compton Garden Services for £300 was approved, the contractor has supplied evidence of Public Liability Insurance.
 - **Pond Pump.** The cost of a replacement pump for the pond was approved estimated at £550 plus VAT. The Parish Council Handyman will take a look at the sluice arrangements in the pond to see if a secondary gate can be implemented. Complaints have been received regarding current low water levels at the pond, which were due to restrictions put in place by East Riding of Yorkshire Council when repairing the boardwalk, it is anticipated that levels will soon recover with the forecast rain.
 - **Daffodils.** The cost of purchasing new bulbs for volunteers to plant around the village was approved, estimated at a maximum cost of £100.
 - **No Dog Fouling Stencil.** The cost of a replacement stencil estimated at £25 was approved.

24.09.10 Delegations

- a. **ERNLLCA Voting Representatives.** This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- b. **Delegations Review.** This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- c. **Allotment.** Answers were provided to questions regarding the proposed lease and will be forwarded to the Parish Council solicitors.
- d. **Playing Field Playground.** A complaint was received regarding the condition of the equipment in the playground causing safety concerns. The Playing Field Association will be informed of the complaint.
- e. **Village Hall.** A nest of wasps has been reported at the entrance to the Hall, members of the Village Hall Committee are unavailable due to holidays. As this was considered an emergency in unusual circumstances, the cost of pest control measures by East Riding of Yorkshire Council was approved estimated at £61.
- f. **Remembrance Day.** The cost of purchasing a wreath from the Royal British Legion was approved estimated at £25.00

24.09.11 General Updates

The poor condition of the path and land adjacent to Broadgate Playing Field was reported, the Clerk will contact East Riding of Yorkshire Council

The shortened zig-zag road markings at Crake Wells were reported to be dangerous, the Clerk will contact Ward Councillor Stewart to discuss.

24.09.12 Confidential Matters

The public was excused for a discussion of Confidential Matters.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm and the next meeting is on 8 October 2024.

Approved: _____ Date: _____