

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held at 7:00pm on 14 January 2025, in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Chairman Mrs Swann, Vice-chair Howard, Boanas and Mrs Holdorf.
Clerk Ms Rose.

Absent: Councillors Garnham and Hearne

Public Participation. PCSO Legrove attended the meeting to discuss issues give an update on crime statistics which are low in the village, he reported a zero antisocial behaviour record for the village last year. Residents were encouraged to sign up to My Community Alerts at <https://www.mycommunityalert.co.uk>

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Garnham and Hearne and Ward Councillor Mrs Stewart apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Howard declared a prejudicial interest in the Sherwood and Waudby Charity.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2024 were approved.

4. Chairman's Communications

The Parish Council wishes all residents a Happy New Year. Christmas events in the village went well and thanks were sent to the Pond Committee for an excellent display. Thanks, were also sent to the maker of the covers for the post box outside the post office, the work is stunning and greatly appreciated by many.

There is currently standing water at Townend Park, parents are asked to ensure children do not play in the water, or on the water when frozen. The Parish Council Handyman was thanked for clearing a fallen tree on Townend Park.

5. Matters for Ward Councillors

No matters were discussed.

6. Planning

In order to adhere to deadlines comments were submitted between meetings on the applications 24/03522/PLF, 15 Beech View, and 24/03680/TPO Foxhollow 64 East End.

The Parish Council was notified of Permissions Granted for applications 24/03226/TCA 36 West End, 24/02949/PLF 7 Ferguson Road, 24/02549/PLF Field at grid ref 499393 Burton Gates, 24/03369/TPO 89 Megson Way, 24/03184/TPO 1 Hayride Close. Permission Refused for application 24/02147/PLF The Stables, Walkington Heads.

7. Finance

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

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

Pest control	£68.70
Councillor Training	£36.00
Staff wages and expenses	£1794.91
Village maintenance expenses	£10.14

c. **Land Assets Update.** The Parish Council is waiting for information from the surveyor.

8. Correspondence and Matters Arising

Community Governance Review. Final recommendations of the review states the number of Parish Council seats will remain at 11 and all houses in Broadgate are to become part of Walkington. The changes will come into effect in early 2027.

9. Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update.** An estimate was received of £215.15 for clearing rubbish from Memorial Wood, disposal of the fallen tree at Townend Park and cleaning Broadgate noticeboard. In accordance with Standing Order 3y the RFO approved the ordering of the work. The Parish Council ratified the decision. The Parish Council approved the cost of purchasing a leaf blower up to £200.00 plus VAT.
- b. **Kirk Lane Trees.** Notification was received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) saying that several trees along Kirk Lane are now below the minimum height of 5.2 meters above the carriageway and that there is vegetation growing in to the roadway. Contractors have been contacted to carry out the work and apply for any planning permission needed. The Parish Council approved the ordering and costs of the work as necessary.
- c. **Painting of the Pond Railings.** The Parish Council approved a quote provided by ERYC for £1,622.50, work to be carried out at the same time as the planned improvements to the drainage which are due to start on 20 January 2025 and are expected to be completed in two weeks.

10. Delegations

Allotment Lease. Councillor Howard declared an interest and was given permission to discuss the issue, no decision was made as the Parish Council is waiting for information from Sherwood and Waudby Charity on the value of rental increase for the land currently used as allotments.

11. General Updates

A representative from the Kingfisher Solar Farm will be invited to attend a meeting to give an update on the project.

The condition of Northgate footpath has deteriorated due to the recent frost and will be reported to ERYC.

HSBC bank contacted the signatories asking for safeguarding checks, once these are completed satisfactorily consideration will be given to adding more signatories to the account.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm and the next meeting is on 11 February 2025.

Approved: _____ Date: _____