

# **WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held at 7:30pm on 8 April 2025, in the Village Hall.

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

Absent: Councillors Garnham.

**Public Participation.** Members of the Allotment Association attended the meeting to discuss the annual rent and asked if any necessary increases could be scaled over several years. The Parish Council was asked to take into account the facts that the Association manages the allotments at no cost to the Parish Council, pays for its own water supply and often contributes to costs for maintenance of the land and trees when considering any increases.

A representative from Wride Homes attended the meeting to discuss the planning application for Stoneleigh, 1 Kirk Lane (below) Large hard copy plans of the proposals were given to the Parish Council and an explanation of the design rationale used.

The meeting opened at 8:00pm.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Garnham apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Hearne declared a prejudicial interests in the Village Hall, Sherwood and Waudby Charity and the Village Pond. Councillor Howard declared a prejudicial interest in the Sherwood and Waudby Charity. Councillor Mrs Swann declared non-pecuniary interests in the Playing Field Association.

## **3. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2025 were approved.

## **4. Matters for Ward Councillors**

The Ward Councillor was asked to report several potholes near the junction of Ferguson Road and All Hallows Road.

## **5. Planning**

### **a. Comments submitted between meetings (to adhere to deadlines)**

25/00601/PLF 6 Waudby Close

25/00458/PLF Westmore, 18 Oriel Close

### **b. Applications for discussion**

25/00160/PLF Stoneleigh, 1 Kirk Lane. Erection of residential development with associated garages and associated works and infrastructure following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. The Parish Council had concerns regarding the increased traffic in the centre of an already busy central part of the village and stated that the access road needs to be wide enough for refuse collection lorries and other delivery vehicles at least back in and deliver/collect waste from each house individually. The Parish Council requested that East Riding of Yorkshire Council adopts the road and it would like to see bricks removed from the existing building to be re-used on the frontage of the development, subject to condition of the bricks.

### **c. Permissions granted**

24/03563/PLF Coxwold, 83A East End

25/00292/PLF 9 The Haven

### **d. Permission refused**

24/00147/PLF Chestnut Lodge, Little Weighton Road

## 6. Finance

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

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

Pest control	£209.18
Meeting room hire	£74.25
Chairman's Allowance	£100.00
Staff wages and expenses	£2455.89

Two Councillors proposed to refuse part payment of staff expenses; the majority of Councillors disagreed with the proposal as the expenses form part of the employee's employment contract and are claimed to reimburse already incurred expenses. The employee offered to add a contract review to the next agenda, this was declined as the contract was recently reviewed and no changes were deemed necessary. All payments above were approved.

c. **Walkington News Grant Application.** The Parish Council approved a grant of £1200.

d. **VE and VJ Day 80 Anniversary Fund update.** The application to the fund for £500 towards the costs of village decorations has been successful and the award accepted. Payment will be made on completion of the project.

e. **Land Assets Update.** The Parish Council is waiting for the information from the surveyor. The Chairman confirmed action to follow up.

## 7. Correspondence and Matters Arising

a. **Items arising from Public Participation.** Decisions on items discussed with the Allotment Association were deferred to the next meeting.

b. **Parish Precept Query.** This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

## 8. Village Improvements and Maintenance

a. **Village improvement working group update**

The working group approved 11 hours overtime for the Cleaner/Handyman for repairing village signs, clearing fly tipping at Memorial Wood, cleaning benches, treating wooden bollards and weeding. £90 expenses for materials were also approved.

b. **Red Yats Paddock.** The Parish Council received a quote for maintenance to the paddock, the initial visit would cost £1200, quarterly visits thereafter would be £600. A second quote was given for the removal of the existing vegetation and planting a hedge of native hornbeams, £3180. The Parish Council is unclear on the details of the quotes and will arrange a site meeting with the contractors to clarify matters.

c. **Pond Railings.** The Parish Council approved a quote by the Pittaway Decorative Group Ltd for £1475 not including VAT for preparing and painting the pond railings.

## 9. Delegations

No matters were raised

## 10. General Updates

There were no updates.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm, the next meeting is on 13 May and will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Approved:  Date: 13 May 2025