

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes taken by Vice Chair
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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm, 10th June 2025, Walkington Village Hall.

Councillors: Councillors Mrs Swann (Chairman), Howard (Vice-chair and minutes), Hearne and Mrs Holdorf.

Four members of the public were present

Note: These minutes will require approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council

25.06.1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

25.06.2. Public Participation

Mr. S. Dowler was invited to speak about the matter of flooding alleviation near the pond. The pond drainage work carried out by ERYC seems to be working. The pipe running from the pond, beneath the road and then to the dyke the other side of the Crayke Wells development, needs to be surveyed. Flood alleviation have been asked to conduct this survey although the pipe appears to be OK for the time being. There is a lack of maintenance of both the pipe and dyke at the eastern end near to Bentley Road. The landowner is responsible for the maintenance of the drain which needs to be cleared. The landowner is to be clarified and asked to clear the drain in September.

25.06.3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hearne – Sherwood and Waudby trust, Village Hall committee
Councillor Howard – Sherwood and Waudby Trust
Councillor Mrs. Swann
Councillor Mrs. Holdorf

25.06.4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of that meeting, The chair was authorised to sign.

25.06.5. Matters arising from the Minutes

Insurance – the planter is to be included in the council's assets
Membership of ERNLCAA is to be renewed

25.06.6. Chairman's Communications

Hanging baskets. The firm which has supplied the hanging baskets can no longer do this but have donated the three tier planter to Walkington. This has now been planted up with summer flowering plants.

The pond railings are now painted by Pittaways. The cost was far less than the local authority would have charged.

An item will be put in the newsletter asking people to keep hedges cut back to allow full use of footpaths.

An item will also be put in the newsletter asking residents to keep bins out of view as

much as possible when their bins are not due to be emptied.

25.06.7. Planning

- a. 16 East End – Request for removal of trees. Request the tree officer visit to inspect and give advice. Councillors are asked to be present to discuss the issue with the tree officer
- b. Risby Homes development to rear of village hall. Raise concern that the change to the design of the garages will adversely affect the visual amenity of the North end of the development for adjoining property owners. Request that original design is maintained.

25.06.8. Matters for Ward Councillors

No matters were raised to to absence of ward councillors.

25.06.9. Finance

- a. Monthly report Payments

ERCC (Job advert)	£60.00
WOLD TREES	£900.00
YORKS MAINTENANCE	£71.78
PITTAWAY (Pond fence)	£1770.00
TIM HARDY (Wages)	£130.76
Chris Howard (VE day flags)	£32.85

All payments were approved

- b. The Parish Council has now engaged the services of “Painless Payrole” to process employee payments.
- c. The plant stand at pond is now ours and will be planted for winter at the end of the summer when appropriate.
- d. VE / VJ Day 80th anniversary fund. Grant needs chasing.
- e. Land Assets Update. It was decided to leave this matter for a couple of months until after the appointment of a new clerk.
- f. Account Balance. The account is healthy at the moment. We need to put a plan of expenditure together with items of village improvement included.
- g. Investment policy. One of the first tasks for the new clerk will be to formulate an investment policy in order to make the most of the positive balance we hold.

25.06.10. Correspondence and Matters Arising

- a. Pond. The issues at the pond had been covered by Mr. Dowler. The main issue is to find out the owner of the land that the drain passes over.
- b. Councillor recruitment. Three of the members of the public present expressed an interest in becoming councillors. This item to be followed up and further members encouraged.

25.06.11. Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. Village improvement working group update. Tim holds a book recording current and developing issues within the village. A salt bin was full of water, this is now cleared. Townend park tidied.
- b. Kirk Lane. Wold trees have cleared as requested. George Foster is to clear shrubbery further.
- c. Red Yats Paddock.

- d. Dead tree in Townend Park. Wold trees to look at this and two further trees and provide quote.
- e. Village improvements programme. Potential activities over next 12 months are to be proposed.

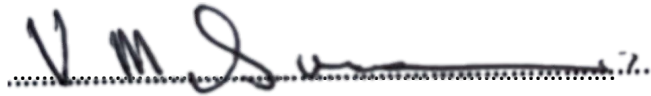
25.06.12. **Delegations**

- a. Allotment Lease Update. Still chasing solicitors which should greatly enhance that area of the playing fields.
- b. Village Hall. A fundraising event is being held to generate funds for both the village ahl and prostate cancer. Proceeds will be split 50/50. The village hall has submitted a grant request for the replacement of the hall consumer unit. Because of the amount, the parish council has requested the Village Hall to confirm that three quotes have been obtained for the work. CJH to contact Mike Gray to confirm the three quotes.
- c. Playing Fields. The playing fields have been offered the cleaning / tidying of the MUGA / Tennis courts area

The meeting closed at 20:35.

The date of the next meeting is 8th July 2025

Signed as true and correct



Dated

15 July 2025.....