

# **WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the meeting of Walkington Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 9 September 2025 at the Village Hall.

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Councillors Present: R Burns, T Harrisson, K Hearne, G Holdorf, C Howard, K Pennock and V Swann (in the Chair).

Also in attendance: R Field, S Gibb, L Hewison and Ward Cllr Wilcox.

Clerk to the Council – A Thorogood.

## **25.09.1. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from M Gore.

## **25.09.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- RESOLVED:
- a) that Cllr Hearne declared an interest in the Village Hall Committee and the Sherwood and Waudby Trust;
  - b) that Cllr Howard declared an interest in the Playing Fields Association and the Sherwood and Waudby Trust;
  - c) that Cllr Holdorf declared an interest in the Village Hall Committee;
  - d) that Cllr Swann declared an interest in the Playing Fields Committee;
  - e) that the Clerk declared they were also Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) for Cherry Burton Parish Council.

## **25.09.3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

RESOLVED: that there were no members of the public in attendance.

## **25.09.4. MEMBERSHIP**

- RESOLVED:
- a) that the appointment of Russel Field as a Councillor be noted;
  - b) that the appointment of Martin Gore as a Councillor be noted;
  - c) that the appointment of Susan Gibb as a Councillor be noted;
  - d) that the appointment of Lynne Hewison as a Councillor be noted.



#### 25.09.5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

#### 25.09.6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that there were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### 25.09.7. **EAST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllrs were informed that the Headteacher had spoken with pupils regarding cycling and safety on Beech Walk.

Residents of Bramley Cottage had no objections to the planning application for a cottage to be built on the slope above them.

A Cllr queried the appointment of the combined authority Mayor. The combined Authority Mayor had no authority over Parish Councils and their role was to give guidance on funding.

##### Northgate Footpath

A Cllr queried why the Bishop Burton footpath had received £1.5million of central funding to create it, whilst the village was struggling to receive funding for footpaths repairs within the village. The Ward Cllr could not answer this.

Cllrs were informed that Leven, Middleton and Newbald Parishes were leaving Beverley Rural Ward, whilst Little Weighton and Rowley Parish and Watton Parish would join the Ward for the elections in 2027. This had been decided against the judgment of the Ward Councillors.

##### Dropped Kerb Townend Road

A Cllr raised the concern of the increased traffic volume and speed through the village particularly with the increase in housing in the village. It was felt that the introduction of yellow lines to prevent parking in key areas would benefit the village, however this had been refused by ERYC. The junction from Northgate was becoming particularly problematic alongside Farrow Drive due to inappropriately parked cars. Cllrs wished for yellow lines preventing parking close to all junctions. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with Streetscene for Cllrs to discuss road markings and traffic concerns within the village

##### Pear Tree Solar Farm

A Cllr enquired as to what stage the application had reached. Local response had not been positive however the decision would be made at Central Government. Tennant farmers were concerned by the application however many private farmers would benefit. East Riding councillors had been public in their support of farmers and their concern with solar farms.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk arrange a meeting with Streetscene for Cllrs to discuss road markings and traffic concerns within the village.

NOTE: Ward Cllr Wilcox left the meeting at this point.

#### 25.09.8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The formation of a Planning Committee was suggested to spread the load throughout the Parish Council members.

- i. 25 01647 PLF – 9 Huzzard Close, Conversion of garage to living space: NO COMMENTS;



- ii. 25 02052 TCA – 12 West End, Sycamore tree: NO COMMENTS;
- iii. 25 02220 TPO – 55 Manor House Lane, Sycamore tree; RECOMMEND ERYC TREE OFFICER VISIT, CLLRS FELT THE REMOVAL OF THE TREE WOULD NOT BE IN KEEPING WITH THE LOCATION;
- iv. 25\_01763\_PLF - Chestnut Lodge, Little Weighton Road, Sub-division of 1 no. dwelling to form 2 no. dwellings (Retrospective Application): NO COMMENTS;
- v. 25\_02046\_PLF - Westend Bungalow, Hunsley Road, Erection of a replacement custom-build detached dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and garage: CLLRS TO VIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENTS TO CLERK BY 19 September 2025.

RESOLVED: a) that the comments be uploaded to the Planning Portal;

b) that Cllrs view Westend Bungalow and provide comments to the Clerk by 19 September 2025.

#### 25.09.9. **FINANCE**

It was discussed that the current invoice and banking practices were not in line with the Standing Orders. A review was undertaken, and it was determined that best practice would be to follow the process set out within the Standing Orders moving forwards.

RESOLVED: that the following payments were approved:

INV 1151	LB Landscapes	£500.00
4624	Painless Payroll	£14.00
	HostWorld Website – A	£28.08
	Thorogood card payment	

#### 25.09.10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

##### Townend Park hedge cutting

A Cllr queried who would be removing the trees. Wold Trees would be undertaking the tree works.

##### Salt bins inspection

It was noted that two East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) salt bins were letting in water. The Parish Council were responsible for green bins whilst ERYC had responsibility for yellow. The Clerk would inform the local authority.

##### Poppy Wreaths

All Cllrs were in agreement to purchase one Poppy wreath from British Legion.

##### Planter at pond winter arrangement

All Cllrs were in agreement to have a winter flower arrangement. The Chair would speak with the company previously used.

##### Village improvements

A Cllr raised that the runoff and debris from the Risby Building site was increasing. The runoff had created a drain blockage during the heavy rain. It was suggested that Risby take responsibility for this. The Clerk would contact Risby Homes. It was noted that the wheel cleaning facility had not been put in

place. Cllrs also queried whether the proposed working hours had changed and asked that a new letter be produced for sharing on the village notice board. Cllrs were asked to consider projects that would benefit the village.

#### Merehead site meeting

Cllrs had met with the owner of Merehead to discuss future plans. The Clerk would investigate covenants on the land.

#### Chestnut House flooding

The Parish Council had been asked to commit that there would be no further flooding from the pond that would affect this property. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that they were unable to do that.

- RESOLVED:
- a) that one Poppy Wreath be ordered from the British Legion;
  - b) that the local authority be informed of the faulty salt bins;
  - c) that a winter flower arrangement be purchased;
  - d) that Risby Homes be contacted regarding site runoff and operational hours.

### 25.09.11. **ALL HALLOWS CHURCHYARD**

A Cllr challenged why the Sherwood and Waudby Trust could not support the churchyard. It was noted that Trust purpose was to support young people, as well as educational and sporting activities. It was proposed that the Parish Council give a grant of up to £3000.00, subject to a review of the All Hallows Churchyard accounts.

RESOLVED: that the All Hallows Churchyard accounts be reviewed before a grant was agreed.

### 25.09.12. **ALLOTMENTS**

Cllrs expressed concern that this was not moving as speedily as desired.

RESOLVED: that the Allotments update be received.

### 25.09.13. **DELEGATIONS**

#### Playing Fields Committee

The playground was in the process of being recommissioned and Alban Wise had cleared scrub land to allow the land to be rented for a car park extension. An application for Community Funds had not yet been submitted. A Cllr requested that the proposed playground plans be shared with the Parish Council.

#### Village Hall

The electrical works had been completed. The Clerk was awaiting invoicing.

RESOLVED: that the Delegations be received.

### 25.09.14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. Crossroads stop sign – Cllrs advised that this was a local authority decision;

- ii. Trundlegate Hill – Received;
- iii. Neighbourhood Policing Team – Received;
- iv. Noise Complaint Coppelflat – the noise complaint would be shared with the Police Constable;
- v. June Minutes Query - the Clerk would respond to the parishioner;
- vi. Parishioner issue raised with Auditor - Cllrs noted that the AGAR had not yet been returned by the auditors. The letter was addressed to the auditors and not the Parish Council and as such did not require a response.

RESOLVED: that the Correspondence be received.

#### 25.09.15. **MEETING VENUE**

It was discussed that the meeting room was on the smaller side for a full cohort of Cllrs. Cllrs considered moving to the downstairs room but noted this would require a later start time. It was raised that there was no disabled access for members of the public. The Methodist Church was suggested as a potential venue. The Village Hall would be contacted for availability of the main hall.

RESOLVED: that availability of the main hall be determined.

#### 25.09.16. **STANDING ORDERS**

RESOLVED: that the Standing Orders be reviewed at the October 2025 meeting.

#### 25.09.17. **DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING**

The Clerk requested that the Parish Council financially support the undertaking of the Introduction to Local Administration Certificate. The total cost was £120.00 plus value added tax (VAT) and the Clerk requested that the Parish Council contribute 50 percent, to be matched by Cherry Burton Parish Council. The Clerk would self-purchase and submit a claim for reimbursement. The Clerk issued Cllrs with a Skills Audit to undertake, which would help guide Cllrs towards appropriate training.

RESOLVED:


- a) that Cllrs agreed to reimburse 50 percent of the cost of the Introduction to Local Administration Certificate;
- b) that details of available Cllr training be received;
- c) that Cllrs would undertake a Skills Audit.

#### 25.09.18. **REVIEW OF ACTIONS**

RESOLVED: that the Review of Actions be confirmed and circulated to Councillors following the meeting.

#### 25.09.19. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at 7.00pm.

  
Chair's Signature – 14 October 2025.