

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held at 7:00pm on 11 February 2025, in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Chairman Mrs Swann, Vice-chair Howard, Boanas, Hearne and Mrs Holdorf.
Six representatives from Orsted, one member of the public and Clerk Ms Rose.

Absent: Councillor Garnham.

Public Participation. Representatives from Orsted attended the meeting to give a short presentation on the proposed Kingfisher Solar Farm. Residents are invited to provide their feedback on the proposals during an early phase of non-statutory consultation which runs until Sunday 9 March 2025. More information and feedback can be submitted on the project website kingfishersolarfarm.co.uk

The meeting opened at 7:20pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Garnham apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hearne and Councillor Howard declared prejudicial interests in the Sherwood and Waudby Charity. Councillor Swann declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Playing Fields Association and Councillor Holdorf declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Stephen Hughes Foundation.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2025 were approved.

4. Chairman's Communications

There are signs of spring in the village with snowdrops beginning to show. Improved drainage work has been completed at the pond and it is hoped it will make a good improvement. Building has begun at the Risby Homes development. Residents are asked to be vigilant regarding Avian flu and to please contact DEFRA for advice if necessary. Councillors and residents are asked to read any information received regarding the Mayoral Election in May and to use their power to vote for a Mayor of their choice.

5. Matters for Ward Councillors

No matters were discussed.

6. Planning

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

24/03563/PLF Coxwold 83A East End.

25/00054/PLF Land north of Bramley Cottage 37a East End.

b. Applications for discussion

- i. 25/00167/TPO 9 The Haven. Tree protection order, BROADGATE HOSPITAL 1987 (REF 259) A1. Crown lift 2 horse chestnut trees to 5 metres and laterally reduce by 3 metres due to extending over the neighbouring garden. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- ii. 25/00176/TPO 25 George Lane. Tree protection order, BROADGATE HOSPITAL 1987 (REF 259) A1. Crown reduce a conifer tree (T2) by 2 metres in height and 1 metre in width due to branches overhanging the driveway resulting in restricting access, and has made it difficult for vehicles to pass through comfortably. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- iii. 25/00056/TPO All Hallows Church. Tree protection order, WALKINGTON - 1972 (REF 262) A4, WALKINGTON CONSERVATION AREA. Fell a red horse chestnut tree (T1) as it is in severe decline and is at risk of falling onto the footpath, churchyard, or rectory due to burrs and bleeding canker; remove epicormic growth at base of a red horse chestnut tree (T3) to allow

for the full inspection of the trees; remove epicormic growth at base of two small-leaved lime trees (T4 and T5) to allow for the full inspection of the tree; fell a small-leaved lime tree (T8) due to it suffering from bleeding canker and bark loss at the main fork, with the tree in decline and could fail at the main fork; fell a weeping ash tree (T10) as it has severe ash dieback with a large amount of the tree being dead. The Parish Council deferred the decision to the Tree Officer and would like to ensure graves are safeguarded.

- iv. 25/00100/TPO All Hallows Church. WALKINGTON CONSERVATION AREA. Fell a Lawson's cypress tree (T7) as there is a split from the main fork to ground level which could lead to the tree failing; crown reduce a lodgepole pine (T9) via removing five branches to a height of 1.2 metres on the south as they are growing into and rubbing on the railings; crown reduce a small-leaved lime tree (T14) by removing previous pruning stubs with a crown thin by 10% removal of crossing branches as the crown is congested, with damage from previous pruning works. The Parish Council deferred the decision to the Tree Officer and would like to ensure graves are safeguarded.
- v. 25/00243/TCA 43 West End. WALKINGTON CONSERVATION AREA. Crown reduce 15-16 leylandii trees (G01) to 6.5 meters above ground level and reduce by 2 meters to pull back from the road and drive verge edge to restore back to a manageable boundary hedge. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- vi. 25/00279/TPO 43 West End. Tree protection order, WALKINGTON NUMBER 33, 2005 (REF 989) G1. Pollard a weeping willow tree (T09) at 6.5 meters, reducing the overall height of the crown by 8 meters, to restore canopy form to weeping habit, amended description. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- vii. 25/00331/TPO 43 West End. Tree protection order, WALKINGTON NUMBER 33, 2005 (REF 989) G1. Crown reduce a leylandii tree (T07) to 10 meters above ground level to facilitate future management, minimising the impact of failing stems and branches onto nearby utility cables and improve visibility of the westbound carriageway for vehicles exiting the property. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- viii. 25/00292/TPO 9 The Haven. Tree protection order, BROADGATE HOSPITAL 1987 (REF 259) A1. Crown reduce a horse chestnut tree (T1) by removing three limbs due to overhanging the neighbouring garden and restricting sunlight; and repeat removal of epicormic growth as stated on 21/03819/TPO. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- ix. 25/00107/PLF Chestnut Lodge, Little Weighton Road. Erection a detached carport. The Parish Council will make a decision on this application when further information is available.

c. **Permissions granted**

24/03499/TPO Foxhollow 64 East End
24/03522/PLF 15 Beech View

7. Finance

a. **Monthly report and budget review.** The reports were approved and bank reconciliation signed.

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

Pest control	£68.70
Website hosting	£78.00
SLCC	£136.80
Gardening services at the pond	£250.00
Meeting room hire	£82.50
Staff wages and expenses	£1599.91

c. **Bank mandate changes.** The bank confirmed safeguarding checks are complete and a new mandate form was signed to increase the number of signatories on the account. Once the mandate is changed application will be made to change the Service Administrator.

d. **Grant application from The Stephen Hughes Foundation.** The Parish Council is pleased to see fund raising is going well and congratulated the charity on its efforts, the Parish Council was happy to assist in the initial stages of the venture but denied the application this time, and

requested that another application be submitted should the project ever struggle.

- e. **Pest Control.** The existing contract for pest control was renewed at £747.89 for the year, in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.15, which allows the Chairman and Clerk to approve expenditure already budgeted for.

8. Correspondence and Matters Arising

- a. **VE and VJ Day 80 anniversary fund.** East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) announced a fund of up to £500, the Parish Council will submit an application for a summer 3-tier planter of red, white and blue flowers to be placed near the pond, bunting and a sign for the rear of the pond to be lit by a spotlight as on previous occasions.
- b. **Robin Trail request.** The Parish Council declined an application to place a sign at the pond.
- c. **Data protection and confidentiality.** Councillors were reminded of the continuing need regarding data protection and confidentiality. Prices for individual Parish Council email addresses will be researched and data protection training.

9. Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village improvement working group update.** There was no update.
- b. **Kirk Lane trees update.** A contractor is meeting with the Chairman tomorrow to discuss necessary work on the trees and vegetation.
- c. **Painting of the pond railings.** ERYC were unable to paint the railings at the pond at the same time as the drainage works due to risk of contamination of the paint with debris, a further quote was issued for £3,567.81 for the work to take place after completion of the drainage work, the Parish Council declined the offer and will look into alternative providers when the weather improves.
- d. **Northgate footpath.** ERYC confirmed improvements to the footpath will be added to the works list for 2025-26
- e. **Village improvements programme.** The implementation of a list of improvements was approved, suggestions and prioritisation will be considered at the next meeting.
- f. **ERYC Bus Shelter Programme.** ERYC are offering a programme of funding for bus shelter purchases and repairs. The Parish Council would need to make a contribution towards the cost, maintain the shelters and ensure adequate insurance is in place, in the case of new shelters, the Parish Council would need to carry out a public consultation survey. The Parish Council resolved it will not be applying for funding at this time.

10 Delegations

Allotment Lease. The Sherwood and Waudby Charity confirmed they will discuss the value of rent to be charged for the land currently used as allotments at the next meeting, with the request to consider renting the land directly to the Allotment Association rather than via the Parish Council. Comments from a resident regarding the cost of legal fees for the lease were discussed and will be taken in to account when future decisions are made.

11. General Updates

A Councillor asked if training for the use of the defibrillator could be considered, it will be added to the list for village improvements above.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm and the next meeting is on 11 March 2025.

Approved: _____ Date: _____