

Walkington Parish Council

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Walkington Parish Council – Minutes of the meeting held on **the 14th of April 2026 at 19:50** in the Village Hall, East End, Walkington.

Present

Cllr. Vivien Swann	VS	Chairman
Cllr. Chris Howard	CH	Vice Chairman
Cllr. Gail Holdorf	GH	Councillor
Cllr. Martin Gore	MG	Councillor
Cllr. Sue Gibbs	SG	Councillor
Cllr. Ken Hearne	KH	Councillor
Cllr. Russel Field	RF	Councillor
Cllr. Lynn Hewison	LH	Councillor
Cllr. Yvonne Ablett	YA	Councillor

Attended by

Officers

Catherine Simpson	CS	Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council
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Action

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25/26-58 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No issues were raised.

25/26-59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ward Cllr. Diana Stewart.

25/26-60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were noted:

Cllr. Ken Hearne – Sherwood Waudby Trust, Village Hall and pond

Cllr. Sue Gibbs – Sherwood Waudby Trust and allotments

Cllr. Vivien Swann – playing fields

Cllr. Chris Howard – Sherwood Waudby Trust and playing fields

Cllr. Russel Field – Village Hall

Cllr. Martin Gore – Village Hall

25/26-61 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. There were no observations from the minutes of the meeting of the 10th March.
- b. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes of the above meeting as a true record.

25/26-62 CO-OPTION

RESOLVED: to co-opt Yvonne Ablett as councillor.

25/26-63 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

In the absence of Cllr. Stewart no update was available.

25/26-64 FINANCE

- a. **RESOLVED:** to approve the accounts to the end of March. The bank reconciliation was signed by the Chairman.
- b. **RESOLVED:** to approve the following payments:

Tim Hardy	Redacted	Payroll
Catherine Simpson	Redacted	Payroll
HMRC	Redacted	PAYE
Village Hall	£90.00	Room hire
Scribe	£44.40	Subscription
ERYC	£396.00	Salt bin maintenance
ERNLLCA	£885.56	Subscription
Yorkshire Maintenance	£71.78	Pest control

- c. Cllr. Gore offered to work on a document outlining Council's reserves.

25/26-65 PLANNING

1. 26/00634/TPO – Broadgate Hospital

Proposal: Crown reduce 1 Beech tree (T1) by 2.5 metres
Crown reduce 1 Whitebeam tree (T2) by 3 metres and remove 1 limb at 2 metres due to overhanging in neighbouring garden.
Crown reduce 1 Cherry tree (T3) by 3 metres, remove 1 limb at 1 metre due to overhanging in neighbouring garden and proximity to fence. Also crown lift limbs overhanging towards neighbouring conservatory at 3-4 metres (as illustrated)
Location: 25 Hayward Close
Application type: works to protected trees

RESOLVED: to refer this application to the ERYC Tree Officer.

2. 25/03501/PLF – Hornby Close

It is noted that the erection of 2 semi-detached houses with associated detached single garage was refused(matters decided) in respect of land north of 1 Hornby Close.

25/26-66 PLAYING FIELDS

- 1. **RESOLVED:** to contribute £8,000 to cover the cost of a piece of play equipment.

25/26-67 MAINTENANCE

- 1. Kirk Lane tree work: **RESOLVED:** to request that the Oak tree be inspected and also to request a quotation for a full inspection of all the trees.
- 2. Broadgate notice board: this has been repaired and it was acknowledged that a first class job had been done.
- 3. Pond planter: **RESOLVED:** to accept the quotation to fill the planter.

25/26-68 HIGHWAYS

1. Increase in village traffic: it was agreed to wait until Wold Road re-opens and then monitor the situation.
2. Footpath from Crayke Wells to the school: in the absence of Cllr. Stewart no update was available.
3. Potholes on Ferguson Road: some of these have been repaired, however, more repairs are needed from number 7 onwards.
4. Parking restrictions outside Ferguson Fawcett: this is a private, unadopted road therefore no authority exists to do anything.
5. Signage: **RESOLVED:** to approve the quotation in respect of the signs for Friars Copse and Memorial Wood.

25/26-69 PROJECTS & EVENTS

1. Community coffee morning: this is to be rearranged.
2. New website & email addresses: this is work in progress

25/26-70 POLICIES & PROCEDURES

1. Safeguarding Policy: in the absence of Cllr. Burns this will be carried forward to the next meeting.
2. Standing Orders: Councillors were reminded that should they wish to speak they should raise their hands.
3. It is also noted that meetings should not exceed two hours.

25/26-71 VILLAGE HALL

1. Following the informal meeting between the Village Hall Committee and some members of the Council it is noted that the Committee is struggling financially. A set of accounts has been requested together with a list of any high-risk expenses due.
2. Cllr. Martin Gore requested a dispensation to allow him to speak on this issue. The Clerk advised that this ought to have been requested prior to the meeting, however, Council agreed to allowed this. A plan will be put together by Cllr. Gore outlining a potential £7000 in earmarked reserves,

25/26-72 EXTERNAL MEETINGS

None.

25/26-73 CORRESPONDENCE

Relevant emails have been circulated.

25/26-74 COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Any items for the next agenda should be sent to the Clerk seven days in advance of the next meeting.

25/26-75 CONFIDENTIAL

RESOLVED: that due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting (Section 1(2)) Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

1. Allotment lease: this was agreed, signed and witnessed.
2. Pot and Ladle pit: the estate agent has asked for a copy of the deeds showing the boundary, which has been requested from the solicitor.
3. Human Resources: this will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 21:12

Signed: by the Chairman: