

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Date of meeting:	22 June 2020
Venue:	Virtual Meeting
Start time:	19:00
End time:	22:00
Councillors present:	Councillors Drew (Chairman), Mrs Swann (Vice Chair), Mrs Boyle, Hearne, Mrs Holdorf and Waudby
Ward Councillors present:	Councillor Mrs Greenwood
Absences without apologies:	Councillors Collinson and Whistler
Also present:	Ms Rose (Clerk)

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

20.06.01 Apologies for Absence

The Parish Council approved any instances of absence by Councillors until May 2021 as recommended by ERYC due to the pandemic.

20.06.02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

20.06.03 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

20.03.04 Chairman's Communications

The Chairman would like to praise the efforts of all organisations and volunteers who are showing support in this difficult time and special thanks have been given to the Village Shop, Age UK and the local Pop-in Group. It appears the Village is coping well with the restrictions although there have been reports of loud music and gatherings and the Chairman has asked for consideration for others to be shown at all times.

During lockdown the responsibilities and duties of the Council were delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman. The attached Decisions and Activities Report was circulated to all Councillors and will form part of the minutes of this meeting.

20.03.05 Minutes of the Recent Meetings of the Parish Council

- a) Meeting minutes 3 March 2020 were approved.
- b) Meeting minutes 19 March 2020 were approved.
- c) There were no matters arising from the minutes.

20.03.06 Finance

a) AGAR Section 1 Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement was previously circulated to all Councillors for review.

Resolved: The Parish Council considered the findings of the review and approved the Annual Governance Statement

b) **AGAR Section 2 Accounting Statement**

The Accounting Statement was previously circulated to all Councillors for review.

Resolved: The Parish Council considered and approved the Accounting Statement.

20.03.07 Date and Time of Future Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14th July at 19:00. This will be a virtual meeting. For further details please contact the Clerk.

20.03.08 Discussions not on the Agenda

The following topics were discussed by Councillors as an exchange of information only without resolution.

a) **Planning Application 20/00541/OUT Killingwoldgraves Lane Bishop Burton**

Ward Councillor Mrs Greenwood informed the Parish Council that the application is to be considered by the Planning Authority on 23rd June 2020. The Parish Council discussed the effects of the development on an already busy roundabout and rural area.

b) **Kirk Lane Drains**

Councillors reported that the gas company (who have been carrying out works) has requested that Yorkshire Water Authority revisit the site as sewage is now oozing from the drain.

c) **Parish Council Expenditure**

Councillors expressed concern regarding the decreasing level of General Reserve and noted that expenditure has increased by £20,000 last year, mostly due to the Pond Renovation and increased Staff Costs to clear a backlog of work. Councillors volunteered to take on the remaining responsibility for documents stored in the Village Hall to save on staff costs in the coming year and recommended the precept be set more in-line with surrounding villages in the future to ensure continued maintenance and services for the village.

d) **Tree Inspections**

BHIB Insurance has forwarded information recommending bi-annual tree inspections citing the recent case Cavanagh v. Witley Parish Council where the Parish Council was found to be in "breach of duty". Councillors requested the Clerk ask ERYC for a map of trees owned by the Parish Council with a view to seeking quotes for inspections.

e) **Trees and Hedges Red Yates Paddock**

The Parish Council received a complaint from a neighbouring property reporting that the hedge is overgrown. Councillors requested the Clerk seek quotes for the work which will be discussed at a future meeting.

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Chairman