

WALKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 7:00pm, 8 December 2022, Walkington Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Mrs Swann (Chairman), Howard (Vice-chair), Mrs Holdorf and Waudby.
Ward Councillor Gateshill and Ms Rose (Clerk).

Absent: Councillors Appleton, Hearne and Waterland.

22.12.01 Apologies for Absence

Ward Cllr Mrs Stewart and Cllrs Appleton, Hearne and Waterland apologised for their absences.

22.12.02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest on items relating to the Sherwood and Waudby Charity and Walkington School.

22.12.03 Public Participation

22.12.04 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The minute of the meeting on the 3 November 2022 were approved.

22.12.05 Chairman's Communications

The Chairman congratulated the Pantomime Players for their performance, it was enjoyed by many. Congratulations were also sent to the Pond Committee for the excellent display. Complaints are still being received about the traffic in the village, this was discussed further in items 6 and 12b (below). Concerns were expressed about vacancies on the Parish Council, more councillors are needed and advertisements have been displayed. Looking back on 2022, the decorations for the Jubilee and the China mugs for the village children were well received, the Parish Council will discuss celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III in the New Year.

22.12.06 Matters for Ward Councillors

Church Walk footpath has been cleared by East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) and is much improved. ERYC are investigating the condition of several footpaths in the village and will report back findings after a complaint by a resident. A member from ERYC has been asked to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss traffic problems. Requirements for licence to house wild animals will be investigated in response to a query. Comments regarding the public right of way on Shire View in reply to a complaint were deferred until the next meeting.

22.12.07 Community Safety Matters

Humberside Police are implementing a new crime recording system and data is currently unavailable.

22.12.08 Planning Matters

Decisions – Refused: 22/02365/PLF 19 West End.

22.12.09 Tree Matters

Decisions – Granted: 22/03109/TPO 1 George Lane.

22.12.10 Delegations

The Parish Council approved the direct leasing of land for allotments by the Sherwood and Waudby Charity to the Allotment Association, rather than the lease going through the Parish Council on a sub-letting basis. The Parish Council has taken the matter under consideration and is satisfied that requirements are met by the availability of land at a reasonable fee.

22.12.11 Correspondence

- a. **Pest Control** - Pest Control contractors, East Riding Group have been taken over by Yorkshire Maintenance, the surveyor and existing pest technicians will remain the same. The Chairman will discuss the service provided with the Pond Committee.

- b. **Standing Orders Update** – Updates due to changes in legislation regarding the procurement of public contracts were approved.
- c. **Walkington Pre-School Coronation Celebrations** - The Pre-School Committee intends to run a royal themed scarecrow trail event from 6th to the 8th May 2023, the coronation weekend for His Majesty King Charles III.
- d. **Fence Between Paddock View and Redgates** – A resident asked if it might be beneficial to remove one of the fence panels between Paddock View and Redgates to allow pedestrian access. The Parish Council does not own the fence and therefore cannot give permission for it to be removed, the resident will be notified.
- e. **Developments in the Village** – A complaint was received from a resident regarding developments in the village and presentations by developers at Parish Council meetings, believing that such presentations are not open to the public. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and agendas are placed on the website and noticeboards. Potential developers are welcomed to inform residents and councillors of their proposals and for the developers to consider the needs of the parish before an application is submitted. The resident will be notified.

22.12.12 Village Improvements and Maintenance

- a. **Village Improvement Working Group Update** – Plans are in progress for a walkabout in the new year to inspect assets.
- b. **Speed Indicator Devices** – Types of devices available were discussed and will be further considered at the next meeting.

22.12.13 Finance

- a. **Finance Reports** – The report was approved and the precept demand form signed by the Chairman. The following changes to the structure of earmarked funds was approved, to be implemented at the beginning of the new financial year: The money in the Contingency Fund was originally put aside for the Youth Club which no longer exists, to ensure this money is still used for children in the village it will be renamed 'Youth Benefit Fund'. The Property Maintenance Fund will be renamed 'Contingency Fund' to better define that it is to be used for unplanned expenditures such as tree surgery, essential building repairs to the Village Hall, where funds cannot be met from other sources and unexpected expenditure involved with assets. £1000 will be added to this fund at the beginning of 2023-24 financial year, with a view to this amount being added annually.
- b. **Payments** – The following payments were approved:

Land registry fee and map	£44.89
Pest control	£62.90
Staff wages and expenses	£2248.74
Street Lighting	£64.98
Pond strimming	£84.00
Green Canopy tree guard	£168.30
Light bulbs for the pond display	£71.03
Church Clock repairs	£249.60

22.12.14 General Updates

The Smaller Authorities Appointments (SAA) has appointed PKF Littlejohn LLP as the external auditor for the Parish Council for 2022-2027.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm and the date of next meeting is 12 January 2023 at Walkington Village Hall

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Chairman