



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 October 2025 at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Roberts (Chair), Abell, Dilly, Beard, Hector, Glossop, Hooton and A Hayward (Clerk)

Members of Public: 0

Public Session: There were no comments or questions from members of the public.

115/25 **Chair's Welcome and Comments**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

116/25 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Heath (family commitment)

Cllr. Derbyshire (family commitment)

Cllr. Vessey (prior commitment)

Resolved: to accept the apologies and reasons given.

Apologies were also received from District Cllr. Limber and County Cllr. Robertson who both had other meeting commitments.

117/25 **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

Two parish councillor applications had been received. After recent further information about the role one candidate has chosen to withdraw his application. The second applicant did not attend the meeting. Item deferred until the next meeting.

118/25 **To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, and to consider any applications for dispensations in relation to disclosable pecuniary interest.**

None

119/25 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2025 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

120/25 **Reports**

County Councillor's Report

No report received.

District Councillor's Report

District Cllr. Limber had forwarded the following report:

Local Government Reorganisation

There has been a lot of discussion recently about how local councils might be reorganised across Nottinghamshire. Over 11,000 people took part in a consultation to share their thoughts.

The strong message from Bassetlaw residents? Keep things local. Most people supported a "North-South" split if any changes happen, so that Bassetlaw can continue to have its own voice and identity.

Bassetlaw District Council is asking for the full report to be published, so everyone can see the options being considered.

Planning & Development

The Council has opened up a "Call for Sites" – this means landowners and community groups can suggest land that might be used in the future for things like housing, green space, or business use.

At the same time, some recent planning applications – especially in rural areas – have raised real concerns from residents. People are worried about things like:

- Flooding risks
- Traffic and road safety
- Strain on schools, doctors, and other local services

The Local Plan, which was adopted in 2024, is still in place to guide development. But it will be reviewed in the next few years to make sure it is still doing the job, especially as national planning rules change.

Environment & Recycling

Bassetlaw is getting ready for changes to the recycling system. From 2026, we will see the introduction of the **Simpler Recycling** scheme:

- Glass will be collected separately from other recycling.
- More materials will be accepted in the regular household recycling bin.

Also continuing is the **Green Doctor scheme** – a free service for council tenants that offers home energy visits. This has been helping residents reduce mould and damp, cut their bills, and make homes more comfortable.

Community & Business Support

The Council has been awarding small community grants to support local projects. These include:

- Activities for young people
- Local events and village displays
- Equipment for community groups

There has also been support for improving shopfronts in towns like Worksop, Retford, and Tuxford – helping make our high streets more welcoming and accessible.

Earlier this month, the North Notts Business Expo took place, giving local businesses a chance to connect and share ideas for future growth.

Neighbourhood Plan Review

Cllr. Roberts reported that it had been agreed by the NP Steering Group that the review of the Neighbourhood Plan would proceed without any further surveys at this stage. The review would consist of going through each section of the plan identifying where revisions and updates were required. There would be two mandatory public consultations before the reviewed NP could be adopted. It is unlikely that there would be any Government funding available to employ the services of a planning professional.

Village Walkabout

Three village walkabouts had taken place since the last meeting with the District and County Councillors and various NCC Officers. It was thought the at the walkabouts had been useful with many of the footpath, highways and dyke defects identified and reported. Riparian owners would be contacted as necessary regarding dyke maintenance work.

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Matters for Consideration

1. Christmas Tree

There were some discussions about replacing the Christmas tree in front of the bungalows on the High Street. Suggestions included removing the tree entirely and relocating it, purchasing an unrooted, temporary tree and considering other Christmas displays such as a nativity scene. Cllr. Hooton agreed to speak to the residents of the bungalows to gauge their feelings on these ideas.

It was agreed that for Christmas 2025 the existing tree would be decorated as previously done. It was agreed to discuss again early in 2026 with a view to making decision about Christmas 2026 decorations.

2. Lamppost Poppies

The poppies were split and various councillors agreed to put them up late October/early November.

3. Public Footpath Disability Access

A member of public had enquired about the feasibility of creating disability access to some of the village public right of ways. It was agreed to refer this to the PROW Officer for comment and advice.

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Consultations/Upcoming Events

16/10/25 - Northeast Bassetlaw forum. Cllr. Hector expressed his intention to attend future meetings.

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Cemetery Matters

Income received (Sept): £250

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1. Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 15/10/2025:

Income for the financial year to date: £44,137.43

Expenditure for the financial year to date: £36,309.84

Balance £51,853.06

2. Payment Approval

The following payments were proposed, seconded, voted and agreed.

Amount £	Payee	Matter
1,300.05	Staff	Salaries and expenses
20.00	Walkeringham Village Hall	Hall hire
360.00	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
2,540.00	K B Gardens	Dyke maintenance
201.94	Anglian Water (Wave)	Water rates (Community Garden)

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Faults and Repairs

- Footpath and highways defects were reported during the recent councillor walkabout.
- The state of the footpath along Fountain Hill Road required reporting.
- The dyke and hedges at School House Lane have been cleared and tidied by Bassetlaw DC. This work is now on their annual maintenance schedule.

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Planning Matters**New Planning Application**

None

BDC Planning Decisions**Bassetlaw District Council Planning Decisions****Single Storey Rear Extension**

2 Orchard Close Walkeringham Nottinghamshire DN10 4FY

Ref. No: 25/00809/HSE

Decision: **GRANT**

Change of Use of Granny Annex to Holiday Let.

Lilac Barn Caves Lane Walkeringham South Yorkshire DN10 4LS

Ref. No: 25/00771/COU

Decision: **GRANT**

Two-Storey Rear Extension and Re-Location of an Existing Garage

Royston House Stockwith Road Walkeringham South Yorkshire DN10 4JD

Ref. No: 25/00699/HSE

Decision: **GRANT**

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Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

None

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Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda

Agenda Item: Development of a Priority List to rank outstanding jobs and set time limits for completion.

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Date of the next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed and confirmed as Wednesday 19 November 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 9.41pm.

Signed

Date