Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 November 2025 at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Roberts (Chair), Vessey, Abell, Dilly, Heath, Derbyshire, Beard, Hector, Glossop, Hooton, Cty. Cllr. Robertson and A Hayward (Clerk)
Members of Public: 0

Public Session: Although there were no members of public present at the meeting, some councillors had received communication from residents voicing their concerns about the performance of the Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) during the latest heavy rains. Again, it was observed that the FAS appeared not to be as effective as it should be. It was again suggested that some reconfiguration of the weir be considered such that more of the flow of water (if not all) is diverted to the FAS during heavy rains.

Cllr. Robertson agreed to pursue this with the NCC Flood Officers. Information gathered including flow maps and photographs showing the flow of the water during heavy rain, the state of the FAS during heavy rains and pinch points would be forwarded to Cllr. Roberton.

130/25 **Chair's Welcome and Comments**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

131/25 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from District Cllr. Limber who had another meeting commitment.

132/25 **Parish Councillor Vacancy**
No further parish councillor applications had been received. It was agreed to further advertise in the village newsletter and Facebook pages.

133/25 **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

134/25 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2025 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

135/25 **Reports**

1. **District and County Councillors' Report**

District Councillor's Report

I'd like to give my monthly update on the key developments across Bassetlaw District Council through October and into early November. It's been a busy period, with important progress on waste services, planning, housing standards, and community engagement — as well as some lively debate in this chamber on parking policy.

First, on **waste and recycling**, residents will start to see changes over the coming weeks. The final **garden-waste collections** of the year will take place between the 17th and 28th of November, and during the same period, households will begin to receive the new **black glass-recycling bins**, ready for the launch of kerbside glass collections next March. This is a significant environmental step forward and one many residents have asked for. It will make recycling easier and reduce what goes to landfill — though we'll all need to make sure people are clear on what goes in which bin.

Second, on **parking**, there was an important debate at our recent Council meeting.
The **Reform councillors brought forward a proposal to stop the planned parking charge increases**, arguing that higher fees would discourage visitors to our town centres and put more pressure on small businesses. However, **that proposal was defeated**, and the **parking increases will now go ahead**.
I understand the need to raise revenue for essential services, but I share concerns that increasing charges at a time when so many are feeling the cost-of-living pressures could risk undermining the recovery of our high streets.
It's something I'll be monitoring closely, and I'll continue to push for a balanced approach that supports both residents and local traders.

Third, on **community life**, October and November have seen a host of positive local events and initiatives. Remembrance services across the district were well attended, showing the strong sense of community, we share.
New play equipment is being installed at Rainbow Park in Manton — a welcome investment in local families — and the 2nd Ranskill Scout Group received a Council grant to support youth outdoor activities.

County Councillor's Report

CHAMBER

At Full council on 20/11/2025, the council debated and voted on the adoption of the resolved LGR plan, drafted as the Greater Nottinghamshire plan. This passed and will now be put to central Government by 28/11/2025. The County position is to form a unitary authority by combining Nottingham city, Gedling Borough and Broxtowe District, with a separate unitary being formed by the other constituent parts of the County. A debate was also held to discuss the Nottinghamshire plan, which is the County 5-year strategy for how services will be delivered.

OTHER NEWS

Funding has been allocated by Government to undertake the improvements to the A614/A6097 at Ollerton roundabout, and also the improvements to the A46 bypass of Newark.

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Highways review were published on the council website. Savings of £45 million have been forecast across the four-year budget of the administration, and a tangible £739,000 have been saved by reviewing how pensions are invested.

School applications for reception and year 3 pupils are now open. These will be open until 15/01/2026. Parents have 4 options on the portal, and they are encouraged to research schools and complete all 4 options. Filling out 1 field does not guarantee that school and can have additional issues if no alternatives are elected.

The Leader of the County Council recently visited the division on 8th November. He was shown around the whole Misterton division, its amazing character, key challenges and needs for the future. He was very interested to hear about the diverse history of the area and also my aspirations for getting a second crossing of the Trent.

COUNCILLOR UPDATES

CDF – My Councillor Divisional Fund is open for applications. I have approved grants totalling £2800, so £200 of funds still available. If any community group wishes to make a grant application, please feel free to get in touch.

Match my project initiative – Initiative designed as a marketplace platform designed to pair businesses with community driven projects needing support and resources. This is an opportunity for suppliers and employers to demonstrate their commitment to improving community wellbeing and addressing social issues. It's a partnership approach with EMCCA and the 4 constituency local authorities, is funded by EMCCA, so is free for community organisations and suppliers to use.

County Councillor walk around – I am arranging walk arounds in all villages and hamlets in the division, and where I can identify issues (potholes, footpath issues, signage, street lights etc) I will report these. When I plan the walk around, I extend an invite to the relevant PC chair and District

Councillor to accompany me if they wish. I have undertaken this in Misterton, Ranskill, Walkeringham, Mattersey, Mattersey Thorpe, Torworth and Sutton so far.

LOCAL MATTERS
Flood Alleviation – I will be picking up with the County flood manager about how water can be better directed into the FAS rather than follow the village dyke.

A161 – I have secure this on candidate list for next years capital highways plan for resurfacing

Cllr Limber (District) and I have been pushing for the repair to the footbridge to bungalows on high street. This has now been actioned and in the process of repair.

I approved a £250 Councillor Divisional Fund grant for the village senior citizen Christmas lunch

2. **Neighbourhood Plan Review**
Cllr. Roberts reported that the Neighbourhood Plan review was progressing well and the Steering Group was currently making a list of suggested amendments and updates. As there was no Government funding available, the Steering Group would be looking to the Parish Council to finance the cost of a planning consultant to write up the findings of the review before going out to public consultation. A better feel for the scope of the task would be known once the initial review was complete at which time quotes would be sought.

136/25 **Matters for Consideration**

1. Digital Presence - New Statutory Requirements and Assertion 10 Compliance
Cllr. Heath gave a brief presentation of a proposal put together by a company called Parish Online in terms of creating a new, compliant PC website and a GOV.UK domain. Parish Online is a specialised, not-for-profit supplier to local governments and is endorsed by NALC. The quoted prices for the work are as follows:

Website, email hosting and GOV.UK domain - £420.00 year
Redirecting of existing domain - £30.00 year
Current estimated annual costs for website, domain and email hosting are £307.56/year
Resolved: to progress with the proposal.

Mapping Service – a mapping service could also be provided at a cost of £132.00/year. This would be of some use particularly during the Neighbourhood Plan review and reviewing planning applications.
Resolved: to subscribe to the mapping service.

2. Creation of a 'Priority List'
It was agreed to create a priority list of outstanding actions/projects. This would be a standing item on future agendas for monthly review.

3. Christmas Tree Decoration Arrangements
It was agreed to remove the current Christmas tree and replace it with a temporary, unrooted tree which had been kindly donated to the Parish Council. The Christmas tree and lights for the tree and those in the community garden would be installed on the weekends of 6/7th and 13/14th December.

By way of information, Cllr. Dilly reported that there would be a traditional carol service including readings on Sunday 14th December at 4pm in the village hall.

137/25 **Consultations/Upcoming Events**
15/01/26 – North East Bassetlaw Forum (NEBF) meeting

138/25 **Cemetery Matters**
Income received (Oct): £250.00
It was noted that the annual Burial Board meeting is to take place on 26th November 2025

139/25 **1. Financial Matters**

Financial Report as at 19/11/2025:

Income for the financial year to date:	£44,179.88
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£37,807.58
Balance	£50,407.27

2. Payment Approval

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

Amount £	Payee	Matter
1,096.78	Staff	Salaries and expenses
10.00	Walkeringham Village Hall	Hall hire
360.00	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting

Cllr. Dilly left the meeting.

140/25 **Faults and Repairs**

It was reported that more stickers had appeared on signs around the village.

3 wobbly streetlamps on Mill Baulk Road had recently been reported through the MyNotts App. There was some concern that the response had been that no further action would be required. Clerk to follow up.

141/25 **Planning Matters**

New Planning Application

Erect Single Storey Side Extension and Construct Pitched Roof to Existing Garage (Ref. 25/01098/HSE)
Oaklands 14 Sidsaph Hill Walkeringham South Yorkshire DN10 4HP
Resolved: No objection or comments to make

Conversion of Open Flat Roofed Cart Shed into Pitched Roofed Garden Room Ref. 25/00988/FUL
Moor End Farm North Moor Road Walkeringham South Yorkshire DN10 4LW
Resolved: No objection or comments to make

BDC Planning Decisions

Residential Development of 17 Dwellings Including Infrastructure and Associated Works
Land At High Street Walkeringham South Yorkshire
Ref. No: 24/01412/FUL
Decision: REFUSE

Clerk to enquire about the status of application number 17/00353/OUT in particular whether the developer will be required to provide further information about proposed surface water drainage.

142/25 **Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)**

None

143/25 **Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda**

None

144/25 **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed as Wednesday 17 December 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 9.00pm

Signed …… Date …….

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