



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 December 2025 at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Roberts (Chair), Abell, Dilly, Heath, Beard, Hector, Glossop, Hooton and A Hayward (Clerk)
Members of Public: 0

Public Session: None

145/25 **Chair's Welcome and Comments**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

146/25 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Vessey (work commitment)
Cllr. Derbyshire (illness)

Resolved: to accept the apologies and reasons given
Apologies were also received from District Cllr. Limber and County Cllr. Robertson.

147/25 **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

No further parish councillor applications had been received. It was agreed to advertise again in the village newsletter and Facebook pages.

148/25 **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

149/25 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2025 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

150/25 **Reports**

1. District and County Councillors' Report

District Councillor's Report

District Cllr. Limber had forwarded the following report:

Full Council Meeting — 24 November 2025

The **Full Council meeting on Monday 24 November** was the main strategic forum this month. A key focus was progressing proposals for **local government reorganisation** in Nottinghamshire — recognised as the most significant structural change to local governance in decades.

Local Government Reorganisation

Councillors debated and reviewed the **final submission for LGR proposals**, centred on a two-unitary authority model for Nottinghamshire.

Bassetlaw's support remained with **Option 1e**, which envisages a northern authority covering **Bassetlaw, Ashfield, Gedling, Mansfield and Newark & Sherwood**, and a southern authority comprising **Broxtowe, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe**. This model was endorsed for submission to government after thorough debate and amendments were considered. An amendment seeking a **public referendum** on the reorganisation was put forward but was **not supported** during the meeting. This discussion reflects broad engagement across parties and recognition of the need to balance service continuity with transformational reform in local government.

Council Decisions and Consultations

Policy Consultations Opened

A **public consultation** was launched on proposed amendments to the **Street Trader Policy**, inviting feedback on how mobile traders and street vendors can be licensed in the future.

The Council also launched its **Budget Conversation** in mid-November, encouraging residents and businesses to help shape how local funding is prioritised into 2026/27.

Community and Environment Updates

Garden Waste Collections

Final garden waste collections for the season were completed in late November. Residents were reminded to subscribe for the next season.

Remembrance and Community Events

Councillors and senior council representatives supported the **Remembrance Parade in Workshop** on 9 November — an important annual event that brought hundreds of residents, service members, and veterans together to honour those who served.

County Councillor's Report

County Cllr. Robertson had forwarded the following 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 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 my aspirations for getting a second crossing of the Trent.

COUNCILLOR UPDATES

CDF – My Councillor Divisional Fund is now fully allocated, so I don't have any further capacity to consider applications for grant funding. The fund will be open again in April 2026 and I would be happy to discuss any prospective grant requests.

County Councillor walk around – I have been completing walk arounds in the villages and hamlets in the division, and where I identify issues (potholes, footpath issues, signage, street lights etc) I report these. The walk arounds are an open invite to Parish Councillors and District Councillor to accompany me if they wish. I have undertaken this in Misterton, Ranskill, Walkeringham, Mattersey, Mattersey Thorpe, Torworth, Sutton, Clayworth and Wiseton so far. I will be postponing this until after Christmas/New Year, but I would like to arrange a walkaround in Scrooby in the new year if possible.

LOCAL MATTERS

A161 in Walkeringham has been entered as one of my candidates for 26/27 budget year for resurfacing. I am yet to receive confirmation.

I am awaiting feedback on the sluice enquiry for the FAS from Scott Stone. Scott has acknowledged receipt and advised he is looking into this and will provide a detailed response asap.

Still awaiting a date for siding up of footpath between Walkeringham and Misterton

I have chased the fallen footpath sign on South Moor. Rights of Way team have apparently missed this for inspection, so this is being expedited.

Repairs on footbridge over flood dyke to bungalows on High Street now complete.

2. Neighbourhood Plan Review

Cllr. Roberts reported that the Neighbourhood Plan review continued to progress well and the initial page-by-page review of the Neighbourhood Plan is on track to be finished at the next meeting.

3. Parish Council Email Addresses and New Website

Cllr. Heath reported that the new Parish Council website has now been handed over by Parish Online and is ready to be updated by the PC Administrators. The new website address is Walkeringham-pc.gov.uk. The current website will remain live until the new website has been reviewed and the content is at a satisfactory standard. The website content will be reviewed at the February meeting. Councillor email addresses are currently being set up, and old emails will be migrated across to the new email addresses shortly.

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Matters for Consideration**1. Flood Management**

- **Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Cllr. Heath reported that he had contacted Cty. Cllr. Robertson about the Parish Council's concerns and observations regarding the FAS who in turn has communicated with NCC Lead Flood Officer, Scott Stone. Questions have been asked about why the FAS was designed in a way that appears to prioritise the flow of water to the existing dykes during heavy rains.

- **Flood Signage Scheme & Training**

Cllrs. Dilly, Heath and Beard, PC Flood Wardens, are to undertake training on how to conduct road closures using appropriate signage provided by Viaem during periods of flooding. Viaem recently carried out a walkabout to identify the areas where this is likely to happen and to establish what signage will be required.

2. Christmas 2026 Decorations

There was some discussion about the provision of a new Christmas tree and other Christmas decorations going forward including possible new locations for various decorations. It was agreed that a small group of council members comprising of Cllrs. Heath, Hector and Glossop would explore options and report back based on the following criteria:

- Cost of new rooted tree, including maintenance requirements and other associated costs.
- Unrooted tree (to be replaced annually) and other 'artificial' alternatives
- Other possible options and alternatives including decorations on the Fountain Hill Road line of trees, the Community Garden and the Pinfold

3. 2026/27 Budget Setting

The Clerk reminded councillors that the 2026/27 budget setting meeting is to take place in January 2026 and to give some thought to possible projects ideas to be considered at the budget meeting.

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Consultations/Upcoming Events

15/01/26 – North East Bassetlaw Forum (NEBF) meeting

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Cemetery Matters

Income received (Nov): £450

The minutes of the Burial Board meeting held in November were unavailable, so it was agreed to defer approval of the minutes and budget 2026/27 proposals until the next meeting.

Cllr. Roberts commented that there was a discussion at the Burial Board meeting about the capacity of the cemetery and whether the cemetery regulations should be amended to exclude non-parishioners from purchasing plots. It was agreed to obtain estimates from the Secretary to the Burial Board on how long it is likely to take to reach capacity based on historical data. It was understood that the Secretary was also seeking advice from the ICCM.

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1. Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 17/12/2025:

Income for the financial year to date:	£44,665.15
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£40,901.52
Balance	£47,799.10

2. Payment Approval

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

Amount £	Payee	Matter
1,405.35	Staff	Salaries and expenses
50.00	Walkeringham Village Hall	Hall hire
920.53	HMRC	Quarterly PAYE/NIC
360.00	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
135.78	Cllr. Heath	PC Email/domain expenses

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Village Maintenance Issues**Priority List**

The priority list was review and updated accordingly in line with decisions made in the meeting.

Reports of New Faults, Repairs & Defects

- The grass verge in front of the nursing home requires reinstating. Clerk to write to the owners.
- Three leaning/wobbly streetlights on Mill Balk Road have been reported to NCC Highways. Their assessment was that no further action necessary. Clerk has written to Highways Officer for explanation as to why this is the case.
- All pavement/highways defects around the Moor were reported by Cty Cllr Robertson on the recent walk around.
- It was agreed to award the young person undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh award a small gift in the form of a £50 voucher as a thank you. It was commented that the planters and notice boards were looking much better after being cleaned.
- It was suggested that councillors do a walkaround the village before the April meeting to establish a state of play on currently defects etc.

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Planning Matters**New Planning Application**

None received.

BDC Planning Decisions**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

Decision: GRANT

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Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

NCC – Notification that the Lengthsman Scheme is to be extended until 2029

NALC – Details of upcoming training sessions

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Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda

None

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Date of the next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed as Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 9.16pm

Signed

Date