



Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2026 at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Hooton (Chair), Dilly, Vessey, Heath, Hector, Derbyshire, County Cllr. Robertson (part of meeting), District Cllr. Limber (part of meeting) and A Hayward (Clerk)

Members of Public: 2

Public Session: A member of public made a comment about the state of the overgrown grass verges and pavements (Cty. Cllr. Robertson agreed to follow up on this). He also requested that a 'traditional' font be used on the finger post which the Parish Council was in the process of refurbishing. Finally, he drew the Parish Council's attention to the age of the road survey quoted in the appeal application in relation to 24/01297/COU (see below). He believed it was over 3 years old.

The Parish Council had taken up an offer made by a resident to refurbish the red telephone which had recently been relocated. The resident attended the meeting to outline her plans for a themed telephone box. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for the necessary materials. The Clerk to forward details of a website which specialised in spare parts and materials for the K8 telephone box.

Members of the public were thanked and they left the meeting.

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Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Apologies for absence

Cllr. Glossop (family commitment)

Cllr. Abell (family commitment)

Cllr. Beard (work commitment)

Resolved: to accept the apologies and reasons given

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Parish Councillor Vacancies

No Parish Councillor applications had been received.

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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 received.

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Approval & Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2026 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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Councillors' Reports and Updates

County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Robertson gave the following report:

COUNCIL

Consultation still open on discretionary school transport for faith schools. This does not affect statutory home to school transport but is a discretionary scheme the council has run to support families who make the choice to send children to faith schools that are not their local catchment school. Members of the public can give feedback by filling in the consultation questionnaire on the council's website.

LCF grant applications can still be made up to 24th July. Community groups are encouraged

to look at applications that may support the delivery of community activities.
Recycle scheme funding available for community projects that reduce waste or promote recycling – Up to £1000 grants. Details on council website

COUNCILLOR

Following numerous correspondence to police inspector for Bassetlaw rural team about lack of a beat officer, I am pleased to advise we now have an officer assigned. Contact details for PC Sam Wood are available on police website

Councillor Divisional Fund – All allocated. This is benefitting 11 community groups, including Walkeringham village hall committee to facilitate some community events, Beckingham gardeners' society and Misterton adult swimming club

I recently walked the 30-mile Nottinghamshire length of Chesterfield canal in support of Sheffield Children's Hospital.

VILLAGE

- The start date for the A161 road resurfacing has now been planned for 03/08/26 and work will be completed by 14/08/2026
- I arranged a visit to the village of VIA's MD and senior operations director. This was to discuss whether resurfacing would extend into side roads at the junction. This has now been incorporated into the plan.
- Bus stop adjacent to the sports field is being invested in as part of bus service improvement plan works.

Cllr. Robertson left the meeting.

District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Limber reported as follows:

Bininfrastructure

Bassetlaw Council is doing an audit of bins within the district to assess the usage and ascertain whether they are being used effectively in the locations that they are placed. They are considering the option of 'Smart bins' that signal when they need to be emptied. I will watch this to make sure it doesn't impact Walkeringham and Beckingham in a negative way.

Wheelie bins collections have been an interesting subject for residents lately in terms of their scheduled collection days with some being done late for various reasons. The council have announced a new Binforation App. in which you put your address and it gives your bin collection days.

The Council is trying to get honesty boxes and cake cupboard businesses from homes to pay for a street trading licence costing £1007. I feel this is disproportionate and I am opposing this. The council had suspended the licence due to public concern, and the outcome is to be decided.

Bassetlaw are planning to give a building in Worksop Town centre to Nottinghamshire Police which is to become a new police station. There are no plans to have a custody suite, so I am seconding a motion at full council to request one is included. It may not seem relevant at first for Walkeringham and Beckingham, but Nottinghamshire has two Custody Suites, Mansfield and Nottingham City Centre and suspects are transported to these from Bassetlaw taking officers out of area for long periods. I feel that has an even further negative effect of policing rural villages.

Cllr. Limber left the meeting.

BDC Joint Forum

Cllr. Hooton gave the following report:

The meeting was chaired by Jonathan Brassington, Head of Performance and Engagement for BDC.

Abbi Manwood – Head of Planning was the first speaker and had been in post three months. She is responsible for Planning, Enforcement, Neighbourhood Plans, Policies, Conservation and Heritage and is keen to work with Parish Councils.

She explained that there is a new Enforcement Manager, who has been in post three months, Victoria Penney. They recognise that there has been an issue in the past, with the speed of enforcement issues being delayed, so enforcement is being targeted, and they intend working swiftly to deal with all enforcement issues.

Know your Place – Will Wilson explained that BDC were working as part of a Trent Supercluster, looking at new opportunities to work with communities on how they would like the Trent Valley to develop, over the coming years, up to 2040. They see Community engagement as a priority. A team will be visiting 63 Parishes doing a SWOT analysis, from June to August. The initiative is being backed by the East Midlands Combined Authority & will be publicised widely. Information about the events will be sent to all Parish Councils.

Local Government Reorganisation – Jonathan Brassington explained that the Government will have made their decision as to which model, of the three put forward, for reorganisation, will be accepted for Nottinghamshire. Following this, in late 2026, a Structural Change Order will be issued, followed by a Shadow Election. Elected members will serve for five years, and work towards Councils being abolished. 1st April 2028 is when the new councils will be appointed.

The reorganisation will mean that Parish Councils will have to do more for the Community, due to the arm's length management from Unitary Headquarters. Boundaries may also have to change.

The next meeting, for which a date has not yet been set, will include a representative from the Police, as the Role of Police Commissioner is being abolished.

Rooted Christmas Tree

Cllr. Heath reported that BDC had not yet responded in relation to a request for a utility map and permission to plant a replacement Christmas tree on the grass in front of the bungalows on the High Street. It was agreed that a second location be considered if this information is not forthcoming by the next meeting.

It was suggested that a possible new location could be the village hall grass verge fronting the village hall. To be looked at after the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan Review

The Clerk reported that was progressing steadily. The site allocation feedback form would be shortly going out to landowners with allocated sites in order to obtain updates in terms of the status and aspirations for their sites. Work was ongoing on other areas of the NP including updating the Projects section, Biodiversity section and producing new photographs. It had also been agreed that a public meeting would be organised to bring residents up to date with the NP review process so far. It would also be an opportunity to obtain more feedback from residents.

New PC Website

Cllr. Heath presented the new PC website which was now live. There was still some work required but the statutory documents, minutes, agendas and financial information had now been added to it.

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Matters for Consideration

1. Adoption of Biodiversity Policy

It was **resolved** to adopt the draft Biodiversity Policy. This would be put on the PC website.

2. Replacement Emergency Store

It was understood that the current emergency store container had been provided by Bassetlaw District Council when the emergency plan was being developed. In view of this, the Clerk had contacted Bassetlaw District Council to ask whether they still provided emergency stores and, if so, whether a 20' container was available. Clerk to follow up on this request.

Cllr. Heath had made enquiries about the cost of purchasing a 20' container. A quote of £1,250 for a used container plus £320 for transport had been received.

Enquiries would also be made with NCC in relation to provision of emergency store containers and availability of grants.

It was agreed that a decision about the acquisition of a larger container would be made at the next meeting.

3. Asset Register Review

The asset register was reviewed, and it was noted that the cemetery equipment was not on the list. It was agreed to carry out an inventory of the cemetery equipment and add it to the register.

4. Proposed New Benches and Table

Cllr. Hooton reported that the total cost of the new benches and table would be £2,556, before fitting. Sponsorship for two of the benches had been obtained, reducing the cost to £1,566. These were for the cemetery and the verge next to the school. Cllr. Hooton would try to seek further sponsorship for the other benches and table.

5. Review of Current Communication Methods

Newsletter

Going forward, Cllr. Vessey confirmed that she would produce a newsletter on a quarterly basis. The format of the newsletter is to be changed and would be created on a new, free platform. The plan is to make the newsletter more Parish Council focused. Village events would be signed posted with reference, for example, to the new online events page. There would still be news items, particularly about what people are doing/will be doing in the parish in the future.

It was agreed to increase the print run it need. The current newsletter distributors would be reviewed and new distributors recruited as required. Cllr. Glossop had previously agreed to co-ordinate this.

PC Facebook Page and Website

It was agreed that the PC Facebook page needed to be brought back into use. News items and other information from the PC website needed to be linked to both the PC FB page and other village FB pages in a timely manner.

It was agreed that a publication policy would be useful, giving details of the protocols, permissions, administrators etc. Cllr. Vessey agreed to draft out a framework. Cllr Heath would look at the status of the Parish Council Facebook page and make any necessary changes ahead of bringing it back into active use.

6. Emergency Plan Update

Item deferred until the next meeting.

7. Full Council Training

It was agreed to organise training in-house for the full council. The training would take place at the village hall and would be carried out by Notts ALC. Due to some Councillors' work commitments, the Clerk was asked to enquire as to whether it would be possible to have the training at a weekend.

8. Picket-style Gateway Signs

Item deferred until the next meeting.

9. Fountain Hill Finger Post Refurbishment

Cllr. Dilly reported that the top of the finger post had now been fixed back into place. The fingers still required work and the post would benefit from a repainting.

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Consultations/Upcoming Events

BDC Know Your Place Event Trent Valley – various locations and dates

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Cemetery Matters

- Income Received (May): £0

- **Burial Board Meeting**

The next Burial Board meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st July.

- **Churchyard**

Cllr. Hooton reported that she had visited the churchyard together with the Clerk and Secretary to the Burial Board. It was noted that the churchyard was cut in strategic places creating a number of walkways. The 'newer' graves and areas around them were kept in good order but the older graves were overall overgrown. Some graves were maintained privately by friends/relatives.

Parish Councillors opinions varied on the current state of the churchyard from being a haven for wildlife to an overgrown mess. It was suggested that more cut pathways would be of benefit. There were also questions about the maintenance of the lychgate and plans for the bells and clock. It was also requested that the church notice board be updated so that it displayed church/Diocese contact information and details about how to access information about the graves.

The Clerk advised that the Reverend Liz Mack would be arranging a public meeting in July and this may be a good opportunity to put questions to her.

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1. **Financial Matters**

Financial Report as at 17/06/2026:

Income for the financial year to date:	£26,887.00
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£15,832.64
Balance	£54,215.86

2. **Payment Approval**

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

Amount £	Payee	Matter
1,218.89	Staff	Salaries and expenses
405.60	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
809.18	HMRC	PAYE & NIC
10.00	Walkeringham V.Hall	Hall hire
312.76	I Heath	Reimbursement of IT expenses
120.00	NALC	Chair skills training

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Village Maintenance Issues

Priority List

Review of the priority list deferred until the next meeting.

Reports of New Faults, Repairs & Defects

- It was reported that stickers were beginning to appear again around the parish.
- It was reported that some of the grass verges had not been cut on the High Street/Sidsaph Road. The Clerk confirmed that these areas were not included the grass cutting contract. The Clerk to forward details of the contract to councillors for their information.
- The dyke maintenance contractor had been instructed to carry out the 'summer' cut.

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Planning Matters

New Planning Applications

Outline Application with some Reserved Matters (Approval Sought for Layout and Scale) for 3 No. Dwelling Houses

Cedar House Fountain Hill Road Walkeringham South Yorkshire DN10 4LT

Ref. No: 26/00562/OUT

Resolved: to comment that the proposed dwellings were too big and contrary to the policies of the neighbourhood plan which stipulates 2 and 3 bedroomed dwellings would be supported.

Also, the proposed access was contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan (Policy No. 10 point 3) which stated that the proposed access should be designed in such a fashion that it allows adaptation in the future to accommodate the additional traffic from the development of the adjacent sites (Policy 11)

Demolish two residential cottages and erect new replacement dwelling Brickyard Cottages Brickyard Lane Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 26/00673/FUL

It was agreed to defer consideration until the next meeting

BDC Planning Decisions

Variation of Condition 6 of P/A 24/00627/COU to Allow Limited and Controlled Private Hire of the Premises, Ancillary to the Approved Use as a Tea Room and Farm Shop

Highfield Farm Highfield Farm Access Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 26/00303/VOC

Decision: **REFUSE**

Erect Detached Bungalow

Land South of And Adjacent to Ashfield Lodge Stockwith Road Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 25/00900/FUL

Decision: **GRANT**

New Appeals

Change of Use of Land to use as a Residential Caravan Site for One Static Caravan, One Mobile Home, Erection of Ancillary Dayroom Building, Laying of Hardstanding and Improvement to Existing Access. Show more description

Land South of Caves Lane Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 26/00012/S36

Resolved: to reiterate the Parish Council's original comments in relation to highway safety.

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Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

Via East Midlands, Bus Stop improvements Co-ordinator responded to the Parish Council's feedback to the proposed bus stop post and raised kerb in front of the Fox and Hounds. The alternative location of the layby in front of the village hall had been eliminated due to the proximity with the bend and the junction with Wright Gardens. In addition, there was insufficient length in the layby which would cause the bus to overlap with the junction.

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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 15 July 2026 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Meeting closed: 9.46pm

Signed

Date