



Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2026 at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Members of Public: 2

Public Session: The Developer's Management Consultant, Graham Hales made representations in relation to planning application number 26/00673/FUL. The proposal is a resubmission of a planning application to demolish two residential cottages and erect one new replacement dwelling on Brickyard Lane. He explained that the new planning application had been amended in response to the reasons for planning refusal on the original proposal. The footprint of the proposal is now no greater than the existing footprint and the Dormer windows have now been removed to make it less 'suburban' in its design. In his opinion there should now be no valid reason for refusal. Mr Hales advised that the planning application had been called in by District Councillor Limber and would be heard by the BDC Planning Committee in August.

Parish Councillors commented that the Parish Council had supported the original planning application and it should not have taken so long to obtain planning approval for this proposal.

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Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Shelley Jerram who had enquired about joining the Parish Council.

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Apologies for absence

Cllr. Glossop (other commitment)

Cllr. Abell (family commitment)

Resolved: to accept the apologies and reasons given

Apologies were also received from District Cllr. Limber

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Parish Councillor Vacancies

There are currently two parish councillor vacancies. One expression of interest had been received since the last meeting.

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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 17 June 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 Robertson gave the following report:

COUNCIL

Consultation has closed 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. A decision was made to cut this funding by 2027. There will be a means tested support package for affected families on low incomes and families can contact me if they need support.

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. Open until 14th September
Following debate in council, our leader is seeking agreement from the regional mayor about expanding concessionary bus passes

Local Government Reorganisation option in Nottinghamshire was announced on Thursday 16th. The option chosen was to expand the city boundaries to create 2 new unitaries. There is the potential for a legal challenge as the option doesn't follow the Governments own guidelines for proposals and a number of authorities have already raised this.

If nothing changes, elections for unitary authorities will be held in May 2027, with the shadow unitaries working to a target vesting day in 2028 when district and county councils will cease to operate.

COUNCILLOR

I am leading calls for a review of home to school transport policy as the policy as it currently stands is failing rural families and those that access education across county borders. I delivered a speech in council last week and have requested the policy be reviewed by our overview committee

I am now part of a cross party group alongside NFU to lobby the Police and Crime Commissioner for a dedicated county Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT). Nottinghamshire is the only county in the area that doesn't have a dedicated RCAT.

Councillor Divisional Fund – All allocated. This is benefitting 11 community groups.

VILLAGE

I've spoken to Scott Stone again about minor remedial works to the junction of the flood dyke and FAS. The advice now is that to try and divert any water would require an extensive impact assessment and that funding to do this is unlikely to be invested at this time. I am continuing this conversation to understand what cost is associated to such an assessment.

I received the result of the petition residents raised regarding the A161 and calling for the resurfacing scheme to be delivered as soon as possible. The officer response was frankly unacceptable as it just detailed the schemes current timetable. I challenged this response at full council, and I have requested a further response. Road resurfacing dates are confirmed as 03/08/26-14/08/26. The roadworks will be completed 20:00 to 06:00 and the road will be closed during these times. I have spoken to the local design and implementation manager and if residents have specific access needs, the traffic management team can look to assist where needed. Caves lane planning appeal. I have had residents request that I attend the meeting to represent the village and community. With the Parish Council being the body who would best represent this, I have offered my support to the position of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Robertson left the meeting.

District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Limber forwarded the following report:

BDC are proposing to have ready to move in adapted homes for residents with life limiting and terminal conditions. If approved this will not replace existing adaptations to homes especially where reasonable adaptations can be made. Disabled facilities grant support adaptations upon need.

'Know you Place' events run by Bassetlaw District Council are taking place within the district and there is one in the Recreation Room in Beckingham on the 12th August from 4pm until 7pm to engage with residents on the large 'Supercluster' projects. Though this can be informative, it is important that residents have an opportunity to have their say too.

Kings Park, Langold Park and the Canch have again been awarded a green flag award which puts them among the best in the country. These spaces are vital for residents to enjoy and encouraged to visit.

Local Government Reorganisation details are waiting to be given at Bassetlaw District Council as well as County and I will bring any updates as I have them.

Though many Parish councils are on recess in August, I am happy to meet with any residents or Councillors who wish to meet to discuss anything.

Provision of New Benches and Picnic Table

Cllr. Hooton updated members as follows:

- The first two-seater memorial bench for the Cemetery is on order. A second memorial bench had been sponsored and would also be placed in the Cemetery.
- Hawthorne Hideaway had been invited to sponsor a bench/picnic table for the land near the canal.
- Still awaiting a response regarding the S115 regulations in relation to proposed locations on the grass verges owned by NCC. Cllr. Robertson to make enquiries with Highways in terms of whether the full S115 regulations applied to siting of a bench.

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Matters for Consideration

1. Replacement Defibrillator

The Parish Council had been informed by the Five Villages First Responders (FVFR) that the defibrillator located at the village hall had been discontinued and the supplier of the shock pads and batteries would no longer be making these parts for the unit. At present there are limited number of supplies in stock therefore going forward the defibrillator will need to be replaced. The FVFR estimated that a new defibrillator would cost in the region of £750.00

It was **resolved** to fund the cost of a replacement defibrillator and ask the FVFR Team to co-ordinate this on the Parish Council's behalf. The Clerk to contact the FVFR and liaise with Anne Whitlam who monitors the defibrillator at the village hall, to arrange a replacement defibrillator as soon as possible.

There was a further discussion about the provision of another defibrillator, possibly to be located at the bus shelter on North Moor Road. It was agreed to discuss this further once the replacement defibrillator had been arranged.

Anne Whitlam left the meeting

2. Emergency Store

After some discussion it was **resolved** to purchase a new, larger emergency store as laid out below:

Price of 20' Used Container	£1,250
Transport to site/relocate 10' container to the playing field	£ 450
Total	£1,720 plus vat

A grant of £1,000 had been awarded by NCC towards the cost of the container. It was agreed that the balance of the cost would be split between the Parish Council and the Village Hall.

Cllr. Heath to progress.

3. Christmas Tree

Further discussion about the location of a new Christmas tree took place. It was concluded that the location outside the village hall was unsuitable for a number of reasons including highway safety and questions about who owned the land. It was decided that the existing location in front of the bungalows on the High Street remained the best choice.

In terms of the type of tree, it was agreed on the following action:

- To buy an artificial 'tree'. Cllr. Heath to look at options and prices for the next meeting
- To plant a smaller, rooted tree for the longer term

4. Newsletter

Cllr. Vessey confirmed that the next newsletter will be completed by September. The newsletter will be completely redesigned and produced using a new platform.

5. Parish Council Website and Social Media Policy

Cllr. Vessey presented a draft Social Media Policy for discussion. It was well received by all and it was suggested that Parish Councillor took time to consider it with a view to adopting it at the next meeting. It was suggested that the Policy could be expanded to include the Parish Council's website.

6. Parish Walkaround

It was agreed to reschedule the parish walkaround for Wednesday 19th August at 6.00pm (meet at the village hall car park). Whilst on the walkaround, councillors would look at various on-going village defects, possible locations for the picket style signs and the overhanging trees on Fountain Hill Road.

7. Grass Cutting Contract

MKS Groundcare had given notice that, due to operational reasons, they will cease to carry out the grass cutting from 1st September 2026. It was agreed to contact other local grass cutters for a quote to finish this season's grass cutting requirements. The Clerk to progress

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Consultations/Upcoming Events

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

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Cemetery Matters

1. Income Received (June): £1,025
2. It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Burial Board meeting held on 1st July and approve the recommendations contained therein. A summary of the recommendations and other actions is given below:
 - i. To redraft the Cemetery Regulations to create a more user-friendly version'
 - ii. To produce a generic letter to be sent out to families highlighting any breach of rules around floral tributes and/or ornaments.
 - iii. To regild the Garden of Remembrance stone.
 - iv. Cllr. Beard to identify possible ground surveyors to survey the water table to ascertain whether more plots could be made available.
 - v. The Cemetery to be made available to parishioners only. However, it was acknowledged that some flexibility may be needed in special circumstances. This would be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

Cllr. Beard agreed to join the Burial Board and Cllr. Vessey would also consider joining it.

3. New Cemetery Notice Board.

It was agreed to approach a local carpenter to quote for the fabrication of a wooden, enclosed notice board. Cllr. Hooton to progress.

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1. Financial Matters

Financial Report as at 15/07/2026:

Income for the financial year to date:	£27,948.49
Expenditure for the financial year to date:	£18,229.08
Balance	£52,880.91

2. Payment Approval

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

Amount £	Payee	Matter
1,376.03	Staff	Salaries and expenses
405.60	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
49.70	M Dilly	Materials for base of telephone box
20.00	Walkeringham V.Hall	Hall hire
76.78	P Hooton	Bench paint and water timer
24.33	Anglian Water	Water supply to community garden

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Village Maintenance Issues

Priority List

The priority list to be updated and circulated to councillors.

Reports of New Faults, Repairs & Defects

- The 'Wrights Garden' street sign is damaged and requires replacing. Clerk to contact Bassetlaw District Council.
- Some of the metal railing along the dyke on the High Street is sinking and requires attention. It was agreed to look at this on the walk around.
- The landowner of the field adjacent to the tree-lined verge on Fountain Hill Road had contacted the Parish Council requesting that the trees be trimmed back as they were impeding and clashing with farm machinery. The Parish Council to consider various options and make a decision at the next meeting. It was agreed that the work would need to wait until the crops were out and would be no earlier than September. Clerk to send a holding reply to the Landowner.

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New Planning Applications

Demolish two residential cottages and erect new replacement dwelling

Brickyard Cottages Brickyard Lane Walkeringham South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 26/00673/FUL

Resolved: to support the planning application.

BDC Planning Decisions

None

Appeal Decisions

Appeal reference number: 6006108

Address: Land Between Pinders Croft and the Chapel, High Street, Walkeringham, DN10 4LJ, United Kingdom

Planning application reference: 24/01412/FUL

Decision: Appeal Dismissed

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Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

Albemarle Homes – Sketch proposals for emerging scheme for parcels of land off Fox Covert Lane.

It was agreed to invite Albemarle Homes to the September Parish Council meeting to give a presentation on the proposed scheme.

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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 16 September 2026 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Meeting closed: 9.16 pm

Signed

Date