



Walkeringham Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan Review - Steering Group Meeting

MINUTES of Meeting dated 21 July 2026

7.30pm - Walkeringham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: M Dilly and S Beard
Non-Cllrs: P Roberts (Chair) J Steel, C Howard, C Isle, P Watson, Will Wilson and A Hayward (Secretary)

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NP95/26 Chair's Welcome and Opening Comments

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and he thanked John Steel for chairing the June's in his absence.

NP96/26 Apologies Received

Apologies were received from the following members:

P Hooton (other commitment)
I Heath (other commitment)
A Kamerkar (other commitment)

It was agreed to accept the apologies and reasons given.

J Clayton and A Vessey were absent from the meeting

NP97/26 Declarations of Interest

None

NP98/26 To approve minutes of the last meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2026 were approved as a true record.

NP99/26 Update on Revised National Planning Policy Framework

Will Wilson commented that the revised NPPF had not yet been published. The earliest expected release date was at the beginning of the summer recess.

NP100/26 To Progress Matters from Previous Meetings

1. Alternative Uses for the Brick Bus Shelters

Chris Howard presented the following draft wording for the Project Section:

Re-purpose of Two Brick-Built Bus Shelters

Walkeringham Parish Council is the owner of two substantial brick-built bus shelters within the village. Neither exist on any stage-bus route and remain largely unused for their original purpose.

One is sited on North Moor Road, near the junction of West Moor Road, the other is situated on High Street outside the school.

It is proposed to re-purpose these buildings to enable greater use and greater dissemination of information for the village and its visitors.

Suggestions for re-use includes conversion into a free book-exchange site for village use and/or conversion into local history exhibition sites for villagers and visitors.

The intent of these proposals is to extend village cohesion, historical context and amenity.



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It was agreed that the draft wording formed a good basis and further wording could be added during the course of the review.

2. Biodiversity Policy

Not discussed in detail. It was thought that Cllr. Hooton would be ideal to lead on the development of the Biodiversity Policy. John Steel and Chris Isle volunteered to help. Reference was made to other NP's which already included a good Biodiversity Policy.

3. Green Spaces

There was a brief discussion about possible other green spaces. Ideas included the new Community Garden and the verge on Fountain Hill Road (planted with around 40 trees by the PC around 15 years ago).

It was also suggested that BDC be approach to see if they would be interested in leasing some of their 'waste land', such as the piece off School House Lane.

Will Wilson would be able to supply maps of these areas.

4. Future of the Church

Reverend Liz Mack had recently held a public meeting at the village hall. Many questions relating to the future of the church went unanswered. Future services at the church remained unlikely given that there were no basic utilities such as water, electrics and toilets. Further, there was now a bad bat infestation which is a public health hazard.

The Reverend was to be invited to a future Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

NP101/26

Update of Existing Community Projects (Appendix A of the NP)

Project 1: Improving Access to North Notts Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve. Further amendments to text yet to be agreed.

Project 2: Improve Maintenance of the Nature Reserve

The Parish Council has contacted NNWT to invite the Ranger to an upcoming PC meeting to obtain an update on initiatives/projects for the Reserve and to explore ways in which the Parish Council can help.

Project 3 – Creation of a Community Garden next to the old Methodist Church

Cllr Hooton is currently drafting a brief write up together with photos of the community garden for consideration by the Steering Group.

NP102/26

Landowner Site Allocation Form

The final amendments to the form had been made. The form would be distributed to the landowners as soon as possible although some landowners contact details needed to be established.

NP103/26

Public Meeting

After some discussion, it was agreed to hold a Neighbourhood Plan Review public meeting. The aim of the meeting would be to raise the profile of the NP review by making residents aware of the aim of the review and outlining progress to date. Also, it would be an opportunity to carry out further consultation in the form of a questionnaire to help inform the revised NP. An outline proposal was agreed as follows:

- Public meeting to be held in the village hall during the Autumn months (date to be decided)
- There would be around a 30-minute presentation. Chris Howard agreed to do this. The presentation would also be accessible online
- A questionnaire would be designed (as previously done) to be filled in at the meeting

Common Abbreviations: **BDC** – Bassetlaw District Council, **NP** – Neighbourhood Plan, **SG** – Steering Group, **NPPF** – National Planning Policy Framework, **LP** – Bassetlaw DC Local Plan



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- Also, possibly do a Survey Monkey questionnaire as before
- It was agreed that it needs to be advertised in the PC newsletter with regular updates. It was commented that the publication of the newsletter needed to be regular and reliable.

NP104/26

New Policy Suggestions

- Walkeringham Marina
- Newalls Terrace Area

To be discussed further at the next meeting.

NP105/26

Correspondence Received

Correspondence has been received from a resident regarding the new planning application for Policy 10, Land North of Fountain Hill Road. The resident felt that the proposed developed was contrary to some of Policy 10, in particular point 3 of the policy. The planning application would be considered by the Parish Council, but members of the Steering Group did concur with some of the points made.

The Parish Council had recently received details of an outline proposal for the developer, Abermarle Homes, off Newalls Terrace. The developer is at the early stages of designing a scheme and were keen to engage with the key stakeholders at an early stage. The developer would be invited to the Parish Council meeting In September to give a presentation on this. It was noted that this site was not originally included in the Misterton NP because it was in a higher risk flood zone. It is understood that this has now been amended by the Environment Agency and virtually all the site is now in flood zone one or two.

NP106/26

Closing Comments/Future Agenda Items

There were no closing comments.

NP107/26

Date of Next Meeting

A provisional meeting date of 15 September 2026 was agreed.

Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

Chair