



Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2026 at Walkeringham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Hooton (Chair), Dilly, Glossop, Vessey, Beard, Abell, Jerram, Cassell, County Cllr. Robertson (part of meeting) District Cllr. Limber (part of the meeting) and A Hayward (Clerk)

Members of Public: 3 (including a representative from Misterton Parish Council)

Public Session: **Proposed Development off High Street**

Two members of public spoke about the proposed development behind Pinder's Croft off the High Street. It is understood that the developer had not provided BDC with a SuDs design for approval before submitting the reserved matters application. As this may present a potential breach of a legal undertaking BDC have initiated an enforcement investigation. The outcome of the investigation is likely to take some time.

The Chair thanked them for their update and stated that the Parish Council have always objected to development of this site. The Parish Council would monitor the progress of the investigation.

Proposed Development Off Fox Covert Lane

Representatives from Albermarle Homes presented initial proposals consisting of 91 residential units across four parcels of land off Fox Covert Lane, comprising a mix of apartments and three and four bedroom semi-detached and detached homes and a convenience store fronting Marsh Lane. Part of the development, comprising around 37 dwellings over two parcels, would be in Walkeringham parish. The development is now possible due to the alterations in the Environment Agency's flood mapping. Virtually the whole site is now in Flood Zone 1 or 2. The site will be put forward to BDC's Local Plan call for sites for consideration. It is envisaged that there will be a requirement for affordable homes and it is likely to be subject to CIL and S106 contributions.

It is understood that there is a reasonable desire from Misterton parish and Jo White MP to see the site developed. Misterton Parish Council would also like to see a train stop opened in Misterton.

There followed a brief question and answer session, and the representatives were thanked for engaging with the Parish Council.

Cllr. Glossop joined the meeting. Members of public and representatives from Albermarle Homes 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. Hector (work commitment)

Cllr. Heath (family commitment)

Cllr. Derbyshire (work commitment)

Resolved: to accept the apologies and reasons given

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Co-option of Parish Councillors

There had been two applications for the role of Parish Councillor and two places to fill. Details of which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Resolved: to co-opt Shelley Jerram and Colette Cassell onto the Parish Council.

Both signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were invited to take part in the meeting. Clerk to inform BDC Electoral Services.

109/26 **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.

110/26 **Approval & Signing of Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2026 were discussed, proposed, seconded, voted and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

111/26 **Councillors' Reports and Updates**
1. County Councillor Robertson gave the following report:

COUNCIL

Highways – Delivery of the resurfacing schemes has not been adequate and the same issues have been replicated across the 7 schemes that have been delivered in the division this year. I am holding repeated meetings with VIA and County officers to hold them to account. An apology is being drafted for issue by the council for the issues caused to residents and will be published asap.

Local Government Reorganisation has today been put on hold by Angela Rayner MP, secretary of state for Communities, Housing and Local Government. This pause is to review the decisions made in July following legal advice. It is now advised that elections will happen on existing timescales and boundaries. Therefore, May 2027 will see elections for Bassetlaw District Council.

Secondary school application window is open but will close on 31st October. Parents are advised to get applications submitted in good time and make sure they use all 4 option fields.

Mayor tourist tax. The regional Mayor is committed to applying this, but I am wholly opposed. I am lobbying and campaigning to stop this being introduced as it will be damaging for our local economy.

COUNCILLOR

Following a campaign by me, a review of home to school transport policy is due to be undertaken by officers. This comes off many cases raised to me where the policy is failing rural families. 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

Fountain Hill – VIA has been requested to look at patching on the entrance to the village. Horse rider signage and road markings were also promised in early 2025 but have not been delivered. They have been asked to get these implemented asap.

Cllr. Robertson left the meeting.

2. District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Limber reported as follows:

- The District Council would proceed as normal next year with council elections as the LGR has now been paused
- He is aware of recent fire/smoke nuisance complaints
- There is a consultation on 'cake shed' and food truck licencing. A number of drop-in sessions have been arranged.
- BDC meetings are now live streamed
- The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are looking into 'dire' BDC communications with the public

3. **Provision of New Benches and Picnic Table**

Cllr. Hooton reported that two sponsored benches were now installed at the cemetery on Mill Lane. The benches for the grass verges outside the school and Fountain Hill Road are on hold until further clarification is received in relation to the S115 requirements. The owners of Hawthorne Hiway have declined a invitation to sponsor the bench and picnic table earmarked for the grass near the canal.

Cllr.Hooton has applied for £4,000 grant from the Solar Bumble Bee Farm initiative. The application is was for a number items including benches and a Christmas trees.

4. **Installation of New Emergency Container/Emergency Plan**

Cllr. Dilly reported that the new container had been delivered and was in place. Shelving and electrics still needed to be put in at a cost of around £46.00. The village hall committee are willing to adopt the old container. The Clerk to invoice the village hall for 50% of the net cost.

The Emergency Plan was currently being updated.

5. **Police Community Meeting**

Cllr. Hooton reported that Beat Officer, Sam Wood had been appointed. In terms of criminal activity, Walkeringham appeared to be fairly quiet at the moment. It was agreed to invite the new Beat Officer to future meetings.

6. **Newsletter**

Cllr. Vessey that the newsletter was underway and would be heavy on planning news. Cllr. Glossop to be sent details of the current distributors.

7. **Village Gateway Signs**

The Clerk reported that the gateways signs were still at the foundary and should be back at the suppliers for the finishing touches next week.

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Matters for Consideration

1. **Christmas Tree and Decorations**

A number of artificial Christmas tree proposals were presented. It was **resolved** to purchase the following:

Three trees (2, 3 and 4 metre) Standard Warm White
Price: £329.85 (free shipping)

Clerk to progress

2. **Social Media Policy**

Resolved: to adopt the draft Social Media Policy. The only suggested amendment was to add a title to the document.

3. **Village Walk Around/Location of Picket Fence Style Gateway Signs**

The walk around was put on hold. Cllr. Beard to mock up some images of the gateway signs in various locations to see how they would look.

4. **Grass Cutting Contract**

A number of grass cutting contractors had been approached to provide quotations for the remaining 2026 season. One quotation has been received:

Resolved: to appoint Rick's Grass and Tree Care for the remaining season (4 further cuts) at £350.00 (plus vat) per visit.

5. NALC's AGM

Resolved: to nominate Cllr. Hector to attend the AGM and vote on the Parish Council's behalf.

6. NCC Winter Service Offer

Resolved: to accept the free 5 x 20kg salt bags. To be delivered to the village hall for storage.

7. Trees on Fountain Hill Road Verge

It was agreed to seek further advice and quotations for the required maintenance work on the tree line on Fountain Hill Road.

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Consultations/Upcoming Events

NALC – AGM 21st October 2026, Calverton Village Hall

BDC – Local Plan Scoping Documents & Call for Sites/Consultation Events

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Cemetery Matters**1. Income Received (July/August): £0****2. New Notice Board**

A local resident with carpentry skills had been contacted to fabricator a new notice board but no response had been received. It was suggested that the existing notice board could be refurbished.

3. Burial Board Members

Cllr. Vessey agreed to join the Burial Board.

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Financial Matters**1. Financial Repot**

Financial Report as at 16/09/2026:

Income for the financial year to date: £28,014.43

Expenditure for the financial year to date: £28,111.82

Balance £43,064.11

2. Payment Approval

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

Amount £	Payee	Matter
1,359.00	Staff	Salaries and expenses
937.84	HMRC	Quarter 4 PAYE/NIC
405.60	MKS Groundcare	Grass cutting
80.95	P Hooton	Plaques and bench paint

3. AGAR 2025/26 – Conclusion of Audit

In summary, the External Auditor's Report concluded that the 2025/26 AGAR was in accordance with proper practices; no other matters had come to their attention given concern and regulatory requirements have been met.

The 'Conclusion of Audit' notice and the certified AGAR forms have been published on the Parish Council website (Sections 1,2 and 3) in accordance with regulations.

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Village Maintenance Issues**Priority List**

The priority list was reviewed and updated in line with actions agreed in the meeting.

Reports of New Faults, Repairs & Defects

- Cracked pavement at the junction of Mill Baulk Road and Stockwith Road.

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New Planning Applications

None

BDC Planning Decisions

None

Appeal Decisions

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

Decision: Appeal Allowed

Other

Revised Property Name Request

Station Road, Walkeringham

Proposed Name: Roundback Cottage

Existing Name: Birches Cottage

Resolved: No objection and no comments

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Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

- Mr P Roberts – Thank you letter to members for leaving gift
- Resident – Proposed development off Pinders Croft
- NWT – The Steward confirmed that the extent of the Nature reserve maintenance was to keep the footpaths clear and check that there are no hazardous trees. The Trust did not own the nature reserve and any future plans would be the decision of Nottinghamshire County Council. Clerk to contact Cty. Cllr. Robertson to find about any future plans.
- FVFR – They are looking at possible best options for a replacement defibrillator and would forward that information as soon as possible.
- BDC – Local Government Reorganisation Update (as discussed earlier in the meeting). Decision relating to the LGR has been put on pause.

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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 October 2026 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Meeting closed: 9.16 pm

Signed

Date