

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th September 2025 held in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Smith Cllr Whittaker-Smith Cllr Allan

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

None received

2. To receive declarations of interest

None

25/50 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

Prop: Cllr Allan

Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

decision was unanimous

The guest speaker was running late so it was decided to continue with the agenda and come back to agenda item 25/51 when he arrives.

25/52 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- The External Audit has been returned without comment.
- The parts required for the equipment at the park have been fitted by the contractor.

25/53 Allotments: to discuss the current condition and the ongoing management

Clerk has received complaints for current plot holders regarding the state the cleared plots have been left in as they are spreading seeds on to used plots. Following a discussion the Councillors decided to discuss this again at a later date due to time of year and the end of the growing season.

The guest speaker arrived at 6:37pm. Standing orders were suspended and agenda item 25/51 took place

25/51 To Listen to an outside speaker regarding Neighbourhood Plans and discuss ideas

Matthew Tubb, Senior Planner from Newark & Sherwood District Council was present to give a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans. It was thought a very interesting presentation with much to consider. Clerk asked to put this item on the next agenda so the Councillors thoughts could be discussed once they had time to digest the presentation.

Standing orders were reinstated, the guest speaker left, and the meeting continued

25/54 Pocket Park: Cllr Allan to provide update

Cllr Allan provided an update from the Pocket Park Committee, they would like to come to the next meeting to discuss their plans for the park. Clerk asked to add this to the next agenda and also to contact S Tuke to ask for a quote to remove some low hanging branches in the clumps of trees in the middle of the park.

25/55 Planning: To discuss any received planning applications

- **25/01476/HOUSE Two storey side & rear extension at Midway, New Hill, Walesby**
Following a discussion and inspection of the plans, the Councillors decided to support this application with a comment that if any neighbours made any comments that they be given due consideration.

25/56 Payments for approval

All payments were approved

Prop: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

Sec: Cllr Allan

decision was unanimous

25/57 To receive items for information and future meetings

- **Cemetery Litter Bin:** The bin in the cemetery had not been emptied for some time and there was a pile of rubbish in front of the bin. I have complained to N&SDC on numerous occasions

and each time was assured it would be sorted. It was eventually cleared last week but someone on their team has decided that the bin in the cemetery may not be suitable and we may have to purchase a different bin, which would also cost more to empty. At the moment their manager is away, once they return they will discuss it, until this time the bin will be emptied on a weekly basis.

- It is now a requirement for the Parish Council to have a gov.uk website and email addresses. This can be quite a long process. Clerk had received a number of quotes to facilitate this. Following a discussion it was decided to go with Hugofox.

Prop: Cllr Allan

Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

decision was unanimous

25/58 To suspend standing orders for public participation

None present

25/59 Time and date of next meeting

Thursday 9th October 2025 at 6:30pm

Meeting closed at 7:50 pm