



# WALKERN Parish Council

Walkern Parish Council Meeting  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Walkern Sports & Community Centre at 7.00pm

## MINUTES

### 1. Attendance

CLRs Christine Nudds, David Standing, RFO Reg Marjason, Mike Allingham, Michele Rist (Chair), District Cllr Tom Deffley, Abi Brown (Clerk)

### 2. Apologies

Paul Warner - unwell

### 3. Declaration of Interest

None

### 4. Minutes

Minutes of Walkern Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were approved. Cllr Marjason proposed to approve the minutes which was seconded by Cllr Standing. Cllr Rist signed the minutes.

### 5. Matters arising from Minutes

Councillors would like to meet with WSCC on 14<sup>th</sup> January (evening) and if not suitable ask the WSCC to suggest some suitable dates. Clerk to liaise with WSCC to arrange the meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

### 6. Public Issues

None

### 7. Chair/Clerk Updates

Clerk has reported to EHDC that dog bins have not been collected since the beginning of December. Clerk to send Tom Deffley the report to see if he is able to get an update on the collection and a list of collection dates.

**Action: Clerk**

Posters have appeared in the village promoting wildlife and nature but the Council were unsure who had created them. Cllr Standing will speak with Bob Thornton to see if he is aware of who has created them.

**Action: Cllr Standing**

### 8. Planning

Cllr Allingham raised that EHDC are not summarizing the Parish Council's response to planning applications very well. It was felt that EHDC were not working with Parish Councils to consider their comments and objections.

There was a new planning application (**3/25/1832/HH**). A 'no comment' to be submitted.



Rooks Nest was refused planning permission.

Cllr Rist was made aware of a planning application in Cromer which is on a floodplain and very close to the river and had concerns that if approved it would set a precedence for further applications to be approved. Cllr Rist to obtain the planning reference number.

**Action: Cllr Rist**

### 9. Invitation to MP Chris Hinchliffe

The Parish Council would like to invite MP Chris Hinchliffe for an open village meeting with the Parish Council and local residents. Clerk to contact Chris's team to arrange.

**Action: Clerk**

### 10. WSCC Playground Inspection

WSCC playground inspection was approved. Clerk to arrange inspection.

**Action: Clerk**

### 11. Finance

The RFO circulated finance report to Council prior to meeting.

RFO raised that the water meter hasn't been read in 6 months and felt that the Council are being overcharged. RFO will take a meter reading and submit.

**Action: RFO**

### 12. WPC Calendar

It was agreed that the village walk about may be put on hold depending on the weather. Clerk raised that the playground inspections had to be booked 3 months in advance. It will be added to the calendar.

Cllr Nudds advised that after investigating, The Community Heartbeat Trust provide an annual package support but they don't support defibs which are over 8 years old. The defib in Walkern is now 7 years old so they are unable to help. In 2029, the defib will be 10 years old which is when all guarantees will expire. It will need to be reviewed at the time to see what needs replacing and a budget set to allow for any necessary replacement.

### 13. Communications

Clerk has had communication from HCC regarding the documents given to archive. HCC have advised that they do not require most of the documents and would like them collected. It was agreed that a second hand filing cabinet would be purchased to store these documents.

**Action: Cllr Standing**

Closed: 20:16