

**Walkern Parish Council Meeting
To be held on
Wednesday 3rd June 2026
At
Walkern Sports & Community Centre at 7.00pm**

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Cllrs Christine Nudds, RFO Reg Marjason, Mike Allingham, Michele Rist (Chair), Abi Brown (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

2. Apologies

Cllr Warner

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Minutes

Minutes of Walkern Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th May 2026 were approved. Cllr Marjason proposed to approve the minutes which was seconded by Cllr Nudds. Cllr Rist signed the minutes.

5. Matters arising from Minutes

None

6. Public Issues

Cllr Nudds saw some young children climbing over the fence the playground and walk over the garden area. It was felt that very little could be done to stop this.

The dog bin at Aubries has not been collected again. The Clerk has reported the bin and so has the resident who reported it on Facebook. The Clerk will screenshot Facebook complaints to demonstrate the number of times the bin has not been collected. Cllr Deffley, Cllr Stowe and the Environmental Health will be copied in.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Allingham made the Parish Council aware that there is a 'Herts County Council Road Safety Strategy Consultation' email which he will circulate for Councillors to view and respond to.

The Parish Council have received an email regarding East Herts Local Plan. Councillors will not be able to attend as they will be meeting with MP Chris Hinchliff.

A notice has been put up at Boxbury Farm to prohibit new rights of way on that land. There is no further information on the Herts County Council website and the Clerk has not received any information.

7. Chair/Clerk Updates

Cllr Rist asked GAL Services to make the slide safe at the Aubries playground. It was felt that the slide was too dangerous and so it has been removed. The area has been made safe for children to continue to use the area. The cost to remove the slide was £175.

Cllr Rist and Cllr Allingham met with GAL Services for them to install a bench at the Froghall site. It was felt that that bench was not in suitable condition so it was not installed. Councillors and Clerk to keep an eye out for a suitable bench.

8. Planning

a) X/26/0172/CND - Land off Winters Lane

No comment to be submitted

b) X/26/0189/CND - Land off Winters Lane

No comment to be submitted

c) 3/26/0377/VAR - 50 Moors Ley

No comment to be submitted

9. Wilder Walkern

Cllr Allingham provided an update. Swift boxes are being installed at 20 locations.

The Countryside and Rights of Way team at East Herts are carrying out a biodiversity survey on the 10th June. There is funding to help implement and support their findings and suggestions.

MP Chris Hinchliff is attending the village on Thursday 11th June. The response has been slow and Cllr Allingham will send out a reminder in the run up to the meeting.

Cllr Allingham attended the recent East Herts Environmental and Climate Forum as a representative of Wilder Walkern. The next meeting will be held on 1st July at 7.30 on a teams meeting.

10. WSCC Update

a) Update from WSCC

None

b) Update on lease

There was going to be a meeting to review the lease but Councillors were unable to attend. A new meeting date of Thursday 18th June at 2pm for Councillors to discuss the lease and rent was arranged.

11. Froghall Lane Site

It was agreed that colour coding risks would not be included on the risk assessment. Councillors agreed to make a plan on the future of the Froghall Lane, how much it will cost and how it will be achieved.

12. Finance

a) RFO to make a statement of the last months finances

Finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

b) Update on removing Cllr Standing from bank accounts and Trusts

Cllr Standing has now been removed from all of the bank accounts and the Trusts.

c) Update on S106 applications

The Clerk has applied for £1329's worth of expenditure to Jackie Bruce at EHDC. The Clerk will also apply for the tree maintenance.

Action: Clerk

13. WPC Calendar

It was agreed that applications for grants from Walkern Communities would be dealt with as and when applications are received and funds will be reviewed at the time.

The village walkabout will be carried out at the same time as the Ecological survey.

14. Communications

The Police report was reviewed with no further comments to note.

Meeting closed: 20:40