

**Minutes of the Meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 7.00pm at Walcote Memorial Hall**

Present: Councillor Seph Green (Chair)
Councillor Liz Marsh
Councillor Lindsey Astle
Councillor Deborah Irons
Councillor James Robertson
Clerk Cathy Walsh
1 member(s) of the public and District Councillor Jonathan Bateman

24.54. To receive apologies for absence

None.

24.55. To receive disclosures of interests and requests for dispensations from members

As shareholders, disclosures of interests in relation to item 24.60 (b) the Black Horse Walcote Community Benefit Society Ltd were declared from members.

24.56. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2024

Resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of proceedings.

24.57. To review any actions from the meeting held on 10 September 2024

(a) **Hedge cutting/laying at Franks Road Play area**

This is due to be completed before the end of the year

(b) **Skate Park signage**

The signs are ready and waiting to be installed.

(c) **Village Hall access road lighting**

The solar lights have been ordered and waiting to be installed.

24.58. To note any comments or questions from residents

(a) **Proposal to reduce the speed limit on the A4304 through Walcote to 20mph**

A resident asked about a speed limit reduction on the A4304 through Walcote. As this is not a Parish Council matter it sought advice from Leicestershire County Council (LCC). Who advised that regulations and guidance set out by the Department for Transport (DfT) state that 20mph speed limits should not include roads where motor vehicle movement is the primary function (e.g. Strategic A and B Class Roads). Therefore LCC would not consider reducing the speed limit any further as it believes the existing 30mph speed limit is best suited for the area.

24.59. Finance and Audit

a) **To note the bank reconciliation at 06 November 2024**

Resolved to note the bank reconciliation.

Signed:

Opening Balance	1-Apr-24	£35,836.54
Receipts to	6-Nov-24	£40,835.78
Payments to	6-Nov-24	-£14,159.03

Cash in hand at	6-Nov-24	£62,513.29
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(as per Cash Book)

Cash in hand per Bank Statements

Current Account	£29,004.13
Business Reserve Account	£5,489.30
Liquidity Manager 35 Day Account	£28,211.19
Pre-Paid Debit Card	£258.84
Plus unrepresented receipts	£0.00
Less unrepresented payments	-£450.17

Bank Reconciliation at	6-Nov-24	£62,513.29
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b) **To note the Receipts & Payments Summary at 06 November 2024**

The Receipts & Payments Summary was **noted**. This monitors the council's income and expenditure against the agreed budget.

c) **To approve payments and sign receipts for any electronic payments**

It was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments below and receipts for electronic payments were signed by the Chair.

Ref	Payment Method	Payee	Description	Amount
E25-43	SO	DCK Payroll Solutions Limited	Payroll - Sep 2024	£36.00
E25-44	BACS	Harborough District Council	RoSPA annual play area inspections 2024	£228.00
E25-45	SO	Sky Mobile	Mobile phone bill 18 Sep to 17 Oct 2024	£15.00
E25-46	SO	Cathy Walsh	Salary - Sep 2024	X
E25-47	DD	NEST	Pension - Sep 2024	X
E25-48	CHQ	Misterton with Walcote Community Trust	Hall hire 10.09.2024	£13.00
E25-49	SO	DCK Payroll Solutions Limited	Payroll - Oct 2024	£36.00
E25-50	BACS	The Traditional Handyman Company	Clear moss from The Triangle	£130.00
E25-51	DD	HMRC	PAYE - Q2	X
E25-52	SO	Cathy Walsh	Salary - Oct 2024	X
E25-53	DD	Sky Mobile	Mobile phone bill 18 Oct to 17 Nov 2024	£15.00
E25-54	DD	NEST	Pension - Oct 2024	X
E25-55	CHQ	Misterton with Walcote Community Trust	Hall hire 17.10.24 (Residents' Meeting) and 12.11.24	£39.00
E25-56	CHQ	Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership 2025 (shared cost with BBPC)	£95.00
E25-57	CHQ	Cathy Walsh	Expenses and allowances for Nov & Dec 2024	£316.67

d) **To approve the clerk's expenses and allowances claim**

Resolved to approve the expenses and allowances claim.

e) **To consider the estimate for strimming footpaths and gatepost repairs**

The council **resolved** to approve the estimate from The Traditional Handyman Company for replacing the gatepost and strimming the footpaths through Winterfield Spinney and Rye

Signed:

Close Spinney. The strimming work is expected to begin in April and will be ordered as needed.

A local gentleman has been strimming sections of the footpaths voluntarily and the council agreed to write a letter to formally thank him for his hard work.

24.60. Eight Parishes Community Interest Company (CIC)

(a) To receive Misterton with Walcote's Annual Windfarm Fund Report

The report was received and noted by members. The council **agreed** it is happy for the report to be submitted to the Eight Parishes CIC.

(b) To consider the funding application from the Black Horse Walcote Community Benefit Society (CBS) Ltd

Whilst the application is out of the normal grant window timeframe, the council feel it is reasonable to consider it now. The application is for the supply and installation of acoustic panels at the Black Horse Public House which is an asset of community value. The CBS has already secured some funding and is asking Eight Parishes CIC for £2,000 or £2,750. The council **resolved** to approve a grant of £2,750. The £750 is provided on the condition that the CBS will match the £750 to ensure the whole cost of the project is met.

24.61. Play and Recreation Areas

a) To note the Routine Inspection of Children's Play Areas

The routine inspection reports for 07 November were noted.

b) To consider recommended remedial work from the Annual RoSPA Inspection Reports

It **agreed** that as RoSPA identified the remedial work as low and medium risk it would be better to be dealt with in the spring.

The future of the wooden bridge was discussed and the council **agreed** to look at options and costings for a suitable replacement.

24.62. To consider projects which may be suitable for Harborough District Council's Community Grant Funding

The replacement of the wooden bridge at Chapel Lane Play Area would be an ideal project. It was noted that the Lutterworth Area Community Projects Limited still has funds available.

24.63. Misterton Quarry Proposals

(a) To note the submission of planning application 2024/EIA/0116/LCC by Tarmac for Misterton Quarry

The Parish Council **resolved** to strongly object to the planning application.

Signed:

Residents are strongly encouraged to respond to the application. Leicestershire County Council has sent out a letter to households in the village with consultation details.

The BBC issued a press release highlighting the community's concerns over the quarry proposals. The council **resolved** to respond to the BBC as the article lacks detail on several critical aspects and to offer more context to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the potential impacts.

(b) To consider proposals to enable interested parties to view the ES Statements and Impact documents (EIA) to gain further information on the technicalities involved in the quarry proposals

The council **agrees** that this would be better suited for discussion at the next Residents' Association meeting on 18 November.

24.64. To consider responding to the variance of the existing Section 106 Agreement as part of planning application 19/00250/OUT, reference 24/01135/S106 | Lutterworth East Development

The council is concerned that it has not been consulted on the above application despite the land in question forming part of the parish. The application proposes to reduce the affordable housing requirement from 40% to 10%. The council **resolved** to urge HDC to retain the existing 40% requirement for affordable housing on the Lutterworth East development ref 19/00250/OUT

24.65. To consider options to replace the notice board on Brook Street

The notice board has been in situ since 2013. It is coming to the end of its life span and the council looked at replacement options. It decided to source quotes for a 3 bay man-made timber notice board and will look to apply to the Eight Parishes CIC for funding.

24.66. To respond to Harborough District Community Safety Partnership Parish Consultation 2024
Resolved to agree the council's response to the consultation.

24.67. Any other business – for notification only

(a) South Kilworth Road Field

The solicitor instructed to act on behalf of the Parish Council for the sale of the field is not providing the service expected. The council anticipates that it will need to instruct a new solicitor which may incur a higher cost.

(b) Residents' Association – Misterton Quarry

The council commented that once the Residents' Association has been established. It will act as a separate entity independent of the Parish Council. As such, the council would not be expected to cover the hall hire costs for the Residents' meetings. It would hope that hire fees would be waived/reduced due to the importance of the quarry on the whole village.

Signed:

24.68. To confirm the date of the next meeting and working party meeting to prepare the budget for 2025/26

Working party meeting - Tuesday 10 December at 6.30pm. This is not a public meeting.

Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 14 January 2025 at 7pm at Walcote Memorial Hall.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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Signed: