

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2026 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

26/51 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

Prop: Cllr Allan

Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

decision was unanimous

26/52 To consider any Councillor Co-option applications received

An application has been received from D Smith. It was decided to Co-opt D. Smith onto the Parish Council

Prop: Cllr Allan

Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

decision was unanimous

D. Smith accepted the invitation to join the Parish Council and signed an acceptance of office form before joining the Council for the rest of the meeting

26/53 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- Nothing to report

26/54 To suspend standing orders for public participation

- Allotments: Some allotments tenants were in attendance to complain about the state of the allotments. Cllr Allan agreed to look at the issues and the Council agreed to look at quotes for strimming and covering unused plots. One of the allotment holders agreed to source a quote and get it emailed to the Clerk who would circulate it to the Councillors.

Prop: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

Sec: Cllr Allan

decision was unanimous

- Pocket Park: Representatives from the Pocket Park Committee and a villager were in attendance to discuss their ideas for new equipment in Pocket Park and about looking for grants which may be available to help fund their ideas. The villager and the Pocket Park Committee agreed to join forces on this & Cllr Whittaker-Smith said they would help look into grants which may be available.
- Cemetery: Hedges could do with some attention – clerk to look at the contract with N&SDC to see what the wording regarding the hedges at the cemetery is, although Clerk did remind those present that hedges would not be touched during the bird nesting season unless there were exceptional circumstances. The water pressure has significantly dropped at the tap at the cemetery since the latest houses on Houghton Way have been built – Clerk to raise with Severn Trent Water.

26/55 Planning: To discuss any received planning applications

- Planning application 26/00818/OUTM - Outline application for demolition of Heather House and erection of up to 31 dwellings with access, open space, landscaping, drainage and associated infrastructure. All matters are reserved except for access. Following a discussion it was decided to object to this application on numerous grounds including;
 - lack of capacity in services such as drainage, water and electricity along with lack of availability of access to health services locally.
 - the increased traffic would cause major issues on a road which already suffers with problems especially when the school traffic is added. This is also a large safety concern.
 - the development is too intensive for the village and would cause a detrimental effect on the village.
 - there are concerns about local habitats being lost, bats & badgers etc.
 - there is suspected archaeological interest on the site as the land is undisturbed.

- there is concern that numerous residents of the village will not have been aware of this application and therefore will not have been able to submit a response to the application as it was not advertised on lampposts around the site, therefore only immediate neighbours would've been informed.

- Planning application 26/00885/HOUSE - Erection of a single storey rear house extension to 5 New Hill, Walesby. Following a discussion the Parish Council had no comments to make other than any responses from neighbouring properties should be considered.

26/56 Payments for approval

All payments were approved

Prop: Cllr Whittaker-Smith Sec: Cllr D. Smith

decision was unanimous

26/57 To receive items for information and future meetings

- Correspondence had been received regarding the state of the fence between Bevercotes Brook & Pocket Park. Councillor Whittaker-Smith to investigate.

26/58 Time and date of next meeting

Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 6:30pm

Meeting closed at 7:55 pm