

**Minutes of the Meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 7.00pm at Walcote Memorial Hall**

Present: Councillor Seph Green (Chairman)
Councillor Liz Marsh
Councillor Lindsey Astle
Councillor Deborah Irons
Councillor James Robertson
Clerk Cathy Walsh
2 member(s) of the public

25.15. To receive apologies for absence

None.

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

Councillor Marsh requested and was granted a dispensation for her role as chairman to the Stop Misterton Quarry Group.

25.17. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2025

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

25.18. To review any actions from the meeting held on 14 January 2025

The actions below are outstanding:

- a) Hedge cutting/laying at Franks Road Play area
- b) Kissing gate stones
- c) Carousel safety surface weeds

25.19. To note any comments or questions from residents

a) **Gilmorton Road Potholes**

The potholes are particularly severe at the moment. Residents can report or defects on roads or pavements in the county, such as potholes, through Leicestershire County Council's online form.

b) **St Leonard's Church**

On Sunday 04 May 2025 the church is holding an event called 'Misterton Micro Marathon'. This is a 5km fun run/walk starting at the grounds of Misterton Hall to raise funds for the church and is open to all ages and abilities.

25.20. Bufton Allotments lease: To receive the Allotment Association's response

The Allotment Association confirmed that it formally decided to take no action over the issue with the lease. The Parish Council confirmed that it would continue to collect the rent from the Allotment Association and hold it in an account until Harborough District Council seeks payment.

25.21. To respond to Misterton with Walcote Community Trust regarding the Memorial Hall access road

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The Trust raised concerns over rights of way [access road] to the Memorial Hall.

Title number LT283677 dated 1996 is the Parish Council's title to the land now occupied by the Memorial Hall and adjacent field with rights of way along the access road for a period of 80 years.

Title number LT385072 dated 2006 is Walcote Allotment Association's title to the land which includes Franks Road Allotments and the Memorial Hall access road. It does not specify any rights of way.

The Parish Council believes their registered title (LT283677) will still provide rights of way.

25.22. Misterton Quarry Proposals: To receive any updates

The Residents Association is in the process of creating a website and opening a bank account and once these are in place a meeting is planned to update residents on the proposals.

25.23. South Kilworth Road Field: To receive any updates

The conditional contract has been exchanged with Whiterock Homes. Whiterock Homes held an open event which was well attended. They hope to apply for planning consent in April.

Anyone who wishes to be considered for the affordable homes must already be on the Housing Register. Harborough Homes is the Housing Register Harborough District Council use for applications for social housing in the district.

25.24. Finance and Audit

- a) **To note the bank reconciliation at 05 March 2025**
Resolved to note the bank reconciliation.

Bank Reconciliation for year ending 31st March 2025

Opening Balance	1-Apr-24	£35,836.54
Receipts to	5-Mar-25	£42,978.65
Payments to	5-Mar-25	-£27,529.07

Cash in hand at 5-Mar-25 £51,286.12

(as per Cash Book)

Cash in hand per Bank Statements

Current Account	£16,127.10
Business Reserve Account	£9,513.17
Liquidity Manager 35 Day Account	£28,480.19
Pre-Paid Debit Card	£157.84
Plus unrepresented receipts	£0.00
Less unrepresented payments	-£2,992.18
Bank Reconciliation at 5-Mar-25	£51,286.12

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b) **To note the Receipts & Payments Summary at 05 March 2025**

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**

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments below and receipts for electronic payments were signed by the Chair.

Ref	Payment Method	Payee	Description	Amount
E25-69	SO	DKK Payroll Solutions Limited	Payroll - Jan 2025	£ 36.00
E25-70	DD	HMRC	PAYE - Q3	X
E25-71	DD	Sky Mobile	Mobile phone bill 18 Jan to 17 Feb 2025	£ 15.00
E25-72	SO	Cathy Walsh	Salary - Jan 2025	X
E25-73	DD	NEST	Pension - Jan 2025	X
E25-74	PPDC	Ikea	Storage cabinet	£ 101.00
E25-75	BACS	Harborough District Council	Bin emptying and grass cutting for Q3 and Q4	£ 3,031.93
E25-76	BACS	The Traditional Handyman Company	Noticeboard for Brook Street removal	£ 270.00
E25-77	BACS	Cuttlefish Multimedia Ltd	Website, email and domain 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026	£ 552.00
E25-78	SO	Cathy Walsh	Salary - Feb 2025	X
E25-79	SO	DKK Payroll Solutions Limited	Payroll - Feb 2025	£ 36.00
E25-80	DD	Sky Mobile	Mobile phone bill 18 Feb to 17 Mar 2025	£ 15.00
E25-81	DD	NEST	Pension - Feb 2025	X
E25-82	SO	DKK Payroll Solutions Limited	Payroll - Mar 2024	£ 36.00
E25-83	CHQ	Greenbarnes Ltd	Noticeboard for Brook Street supply and delivery	£ 2,956.18
E25-84	BACS	The Traditional Handyman Company	Noticeboard for Brook Street installation	£ 300.00

25.25. **Play and Recreation Areas**

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

The routine inspection reports for 04 March were noted. A lot of the equipment would benefit from cleaning (algae/dirt) and repainting. Councillor Marsh will ask The Traditional Handyman Company for a quote.

b) **To consider the options for the bridge replacement**

The options were narrowed down to a choice of two. Councillor Marsh will seek quotes to include supply, delivery and installation costs for the preferred options.

c) **To consider remedial action from the Annual RoSPA Inspection Reports**

Resolved to seek an estimate from The Traditional Handyman Company to address the outstanding recommendations RoSPA identified as medium risk.

25.26. **Eight Parishes CIC (Windfarm) Community Fund - To consider applications from this year's funding cycle**

One application was received from St Leonard's Church (Misterton Parochial Church Council) seeking up to £1,500 funding towards the costs associated with organising a fun run to raise funds. The Parish Council **resolved** to approve the application.

25.27. **To consider responding to Harborough District Council's draft Local Plan consultation**

The consultation on the new local plan for Harborough District is currently running until 9am

Signed:

on Tuesday 06 May 2025. The Council **resolved** to draft a response.

25.28. To receive an update on the Government's unitary council proposals and county council elections in May

A joint statement by the leaders of the district and borough councils in Leicestershire welcomed the Government's decision to continue with the county council elections this year. It states that they have grave concerns over Leicestershire County Council's proposals for a single unitary council for Leicestershire and will press ahead with drawing up proposals for reorganisation, following the Government announcement.

25.29. Any other business – for notification only

- a) The option of using a PO Box instead of the clerk's address for Parish Council business was discussed and the clerk will seek more information on the options available.
- b) Councillor James Roberston tendered his resignation. The Parish Council would like to formally thank Councillor Roberston for his contribution to the council and community over the years.

25.30. To confirm the date of the next meeting

06 May 2025 at 7pm at Walcote Memorial Hall.

The meeting was closed at 08.10pm.

Signed: