

**MINUTES OF WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00PM IN THE SMALL ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Sirs (Chair)  
Cllrs Blankley, Corner, Brickles, Reseigh and Miller.

**In Attendance:** County/District Cllr Hagues and Denise Gascoyne Parish Clerk

**Public Forum:** None.

The meeting began at 7.15pm

**1.Chair's Welcome.** The Chair Cllr Sirs welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2.Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence with valid reasons had been received from Cllr Harrison. It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** to accept apologies for absence with valid reasons from Cllr Harrison.

**3.Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Sirs – item 7(g)

**4.To approve as a true record** the notes of the meeting held on 14 January 2025. It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** to accept the notes of the meeting held on 14 January 2025 as a true record. These were signed by the Chair.

**5.Reports from County Cllr and District Cllr.**

a. Cllr Hagues had forwarded his report, this had been circulated to all Cllrs.

The County Council elections will still be held 01 01 May 2025.

Cllr Hagues reported that the reason street lighting has not been replaced with LED ones, is because they are using existing stock first.

**6.Chair Report.**

a. Cllr Sirs had reported a number of Highways issues in the parish to County Cllr Hagues. To date no reply had been received from Highways.

b. Cllr Sirs that the gully across the road had been repaired. Cllrs were disappointed with the lack of assistance from the authorities during the flooding issues.

c. The Highways Grass Cutting Agreement had been received with new maps. Extras had been added to the maps. It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** to forward the maps to the grass cutting contractor and to ask if his price needed amending.

**7.Reports from outside bodies.**

a. Allotments – nothing to report.

b. Biodiversity – Cllr Miller said she had been in discussions with regards to the laying of the hedge. The season had been too wet and there was a shortage of equipment. Cllr Miller would be contacted in October.

The tree survey had been completed as there was no major issues.

c. Cemetery – Nothing to report.

d. CLT – A workshop would be held on March 20 to discuss energy. The Parish Council would be invited.

e. Playing Field – A company had looked at restoration to the half pipe. Unfortunately, they could not repair it due to the materials needed. However, they would forward our name to another company, and they would contact the Clerk.

f. St Mary's Church – Nothing to report.

g. Village Hall – Cllr Blankley reported that the village hall would not be having a Christmas Tree this year. Some parishioners had commented that it was in the wrong place, therefore the committee decided not to carry on with the project. The lights would be kept at the village hall.

New lights were needed at both the front door and back doors of the village hall. This was in hand.

The carpet in the small room would be changed with the monies received from the Lottery grant.

h. Handyman had sent his report together with photographs of work done. Cllrs were very pleased with his work. He would be asked to try to remove the Sellotape on the front of notice boards where someone had stuck up posters in the past.

#### **8. Parish Clerk Update.**

a. The Calendar of Meetings for 2025-2026 had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** to accept the Calendar of Meetings after the Clerk had changed January and February to read 2026. This would be put on the notice board and a copy sent to the village hall.

b. The Annual meeting will be held on 13 May 2025. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved:** Not to hold an event but run the meeting before the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Paris Council meeting.

c. The Clerk had contacted the insurance company for a new quotation. However, they are unable to quote until 90 days before the premium is due.

#### **9. Correspondence.**

a. Clerks and Councils Direct – forwarded to Cllr Sirs

b. NHT Survey – forwarded to Cllr Sirs.

- c. NKDC Parish Newsletter – circulated to all Cllrs.
- d. Consultation ending 17.02.25 Special Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Church Lane Primary School Sleaford. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
- e. Central Lincolnshire Design Code – circulated to all Cllrs.
- f. LALC e-news - circulated to all Cllrs.
- g. LCC Town and Parish Council Newsletter January 2025 - circulated to all Cllrs.
- h. Trees for Communities - circulated to all Cllrs.
- i. Notification of Road Closure Order Ancaster/Wilsford Heath (between A153 and Heath Lane) B6403 03.03.25-18.04.25 – circulated to all Cllrs.

#### 10. Planning.

- a. 25/0096 Planning application removal of 4 willow trees. 2 Granary Court and confirmation no TPO required.
  
- b. 25/0242 Planning application to reduce Robinia by 30% as it is forward leaning, and this will take the sale out of the canopy whilst maintaining the integrity of the tree. 57 Main Street. It was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** to make no comments on this application.

#### 11. Finance.

- a. The Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 January 2025 had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** to accept the Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 January 2025. These were signed by the Chair.
  
- b. The Approval List for BACS Payments had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** to accept the Approval List for BACS Payments and authorise the Clerk to make the following payments.

N.K.D.C	Tree Survey	£26.40
Colin Ward	News and Views	£122.00
NKDC	Tree Report	£26.40
Wilsford Village Hall	Hire charges	£16.00
Employees	Salaries and expenses	£597.44

- c. The Village Hall had requested a donation of £250.00 towards the 1940s evening on 10 May 2025 to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V.E. Day. After a short discussion, it was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** to donate £250.00 towards the 1940s evening on 10 May 2025.

#### 12. Reports from Cllrs.

- a. Cllr Miller said that another salt bin had been discovered near the bus shelter after the handyman had cleared back the undergrowth. Cllr Blankley agreed to put it on Fix My Street.

Cllr Miller asked if people actually knew how to use the defibrillators in the village, and suggested we asked LIVES to come and demonstrate. The Chair said he would ask the village hall committee if they would be interested in having a demonstration at one of their coffee mornings.

Cllr Miller reminded Cllrs that the chain link fence near The Crescent was covered in ivy. Nobody seems to know which authority it belongs to. It was proposed, seconded, and **Resolved:** to contact NKDC.

**13. Training.**

a. LALC Training Bulletin – circulated to all Cllrs.

**14. Date of Next Meeting.**

a. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 11 March 2025 in the small room of the village hall at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed .....  
Chair Wilsford Parish Council

11 March 2025

It is important to understand that the information given above represents notes of the meeting which took place in the small room of the village hall on 11 February 2025 and do not become minutes of Wilsford Parish Council until accepted or otherwise at the meeting.