

MINUTES OF WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE SMALL ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL ON 08 APRIL 2025 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PLAYING FIELD A.G.M

Prior to the meeting The Playing Field AGM was held with Debbie Scott Playing Field Administrator.

The Parish Council meeting began at 7.10pm

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

In Attendance. A Walton Handyman and D Gascoyne Parish Clerk

Public Forum.

Mr Walton told the meeting that he had been offered the use of a ride on lawnmower which has a grass collector and would be ideal for clearing the children's play area 2 or 3 times a year. Cllr Sirs thanked Mr Walton and said decisions cannot be made in the Public Forum, but we would discuss this under Item (6d) on the Agenda. Mr Walton left the meeting.

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

2.Apologies for Absence. No apologies.

3.Declarations of Interest. No Declarations of Interest.

4.To approve and accept as a true record the notes of the meeting held on 11 March 2025. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept the notes of the meeting held on 11 March 2025 as a true record. These were signed by the Chair.

5.Reports from County/District Cllr Hagues.

a. Cllr Hagues was unable to attend the meeting, but he had sent his report which had been circulated to all Cllrs.

6.Chair Update.

a. There had been traffic chaos through Wilsford as the High Dyke to the A52 was closed at Ancaster Crossroads, which had resulted in a constant stream of lorries going through the village. The Chair had constantly been in touch with all agencies and at his request Signs were installed saying 'not suitable for HGVs' which did help. However, 08 April new diversion signs were installed with the 'Opal's logo' which appeared to be diverting traffic through the village. The work is due to end by 10 April 2025.

b. County Cllr Hagues had reported that a defibrillator could not be installed on third-party poles. There was a short discussion, and it was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that Cllr Corner would investigate and report back to a future meeting.

A price had been obtained for spare pads for the defibrillator. As delivery was short, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: not to hold any in stock and order when they were required.

Cllr Miller asked if there had been any interest into holding a training session for using the defibrillator during the fortnightly Coffee Mornings. Cllr Sirs said the organisers felt it would be inappropriate to hold one at the coffee morning. If she wished to organise one, that would be fine.

c. Cllr Sirs reported that he had contacted the residents affected by the new proposed parking restrictions outside the Plough and round the corners of School Lane. The residents had no issues with this. Notices had been placed on the noticeboards. Closing date for comments was 28 April 2025.

d. The first grass cut of the season had been carried out incorporating the new areas specified by LCC. As discussed in the Open Forum a resident had offered the use of a ride on mower. This was a generous offer. However, Cllrs pointed out some pitfalls. Transport would be needed to transport the mower to the site. Where would the grass be disposed of. Would we be responsible for maintenance etc. After a short discussion it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to add this item to the next Agenda when some thought has been made.

7.Reports from Outside Bodies.

a. Allotments – Cllr Sirs said a report from the Chair would be available at the next meeting.

b. Biodiversity – Cllr Miller said she would be sowing wildflowers seeds and plugs. In the Autumn it was proposed to plant native woodland bulbs on the floor of the wooded area. Cllr Miller said she had volunteers interested in helping with the project.

Cllr Corner suggested white gates at the entrances to the village, as they did tend to slow traffic down. He also suggested troughs under them with flowers. After a short discussion, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to investigate the price of gates and add to the next agenda.

c. Cemetery - nothing to report.

d. CLT - nothing to report.

e. Playing Field – the half pipe still needed repairing. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to chase this up

The price for the Annual Playground Inspection had increased quite considerably. However, despite the increase the new cost was now in line with other Playground Inspection companies. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to ask the Playground Administrator to request the invoice in future is forwarded to the Clerk for the Parish Council to pay direct.

- f. St Mary's Church – nothing to report.
- g. Village Hall – nothing to report.

h. Handyman – report had been received and was circulated round the Cllrs.

8. Parish Clerk Update

a. The Clerk reported that after April 2025 all parish councils should have a generic email account hosted on an authority owned domain for example clerk@wilsfordparishcouncil.gov.uk or org.uk. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** the clerk to investigate and report back to the next meeting.

9. Correspondence.

- a. Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation ends 09.06.25 – circulated to all Cllrs.
- b. Road Closure Order Lodge Road (between Kelby Lane and a point 300m southwest 08.04.25 to 11.04.25 – circulated to all Cllrs.
- c. Confirmation NKDC preferred option to create three new unitary councils to replace the 10 existing councils in Greater Lincolnshire – circulated to all Cllrs.
- d. NKDC Parish and Town Council Newsletter March 2025 – circulated to all Cllrs.
- e. LCC Town and Parish Newsletter March 2025 – circulated to all Cllrs.
- f. Survey on behalf of LALC Pay, Recruitment and Retention Working Group – circulated to all Cllrs.

10.Planning.

- a. S25/0131 TPO not required to reduce Robina 57 Main Street. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

11. Finance.

a. The Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 March 2025 had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to accept the Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 March 2025.

b. A Retrospective Approval List had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to accept the Retrospective BACS Payment below.

Notice Board Company	Notice Board and delivery	£1179.58
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c. 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.

C B Ground Maintenance	Grass cutting	£395.00
Colin Ward	News & Views	£122.00
Debbie Scott	Playing field administrator	£61.92
Wilsford village hall	Hire charges	£16.00
Wilsford village hall	Library hire charges	£8.00
Employees	Salaries	£587.06
SLCC	1/3 Subscription	£50.00

d. Cllrs agreed at the Closed Finance meeting that a donation for cutting the Churchyard would be given on receipt of the Precept. Therefore, it was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to authorise the Clerk to make the following payment.

St Mary's Church Council	Grass cutting Churchyard	£700.00
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e. The Clerk reported that at the end of the Financial Year there was £7878.87 in the current account. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to transfer £7878.87 to the savings account.

12. Reports from Cllrs.

a. Cllr Harrison asked if any further had been received regarding the state of the footpaths 75 Main Street and 64-66 Main Street. Cllr Sirs said the only thing that could be done was to report it on Fix My Street again.

b. Cllr Corner said dog fouling was becoming an issue again. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to purchase new 'Please Clean Up After Your Dog' signs.

c. Cllr Corner said they were short on dog bags for the dispensers. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to order more dog bags.

d. Cllr Harrison asked for an update on the hedge bordering the Crescent Main Street as it still had not been cut back. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that the Clerk contact NKDC and request/remind them that action is required.

13. Policies and Procedures.

a. The following policy had been circulated to all Cllrs.

- Lone Working Policy

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept the above policy, and one copy would be given to the Handyman, and one placed on the website.

14. Training.

a. The LALC Training Schedule March 2025 had been circulated to all Cllrs. The Clerk reminded Cllrs if they wished to take part in any training to contact her to book a place.

15. Date of Next Meeting.

a. The date of the next meetings Annual Meeting/AGM/Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 13 May 2025 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chair
Wilsford Parish Council

