

MINUTES OF WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2025 AT 7.00PM IN THE SMALL ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present Cllr Sirs (Chair) Cllr Harrison(Vice-Chair)
Cllrs Miller, Brickles, Blankley and Corner

In Attendance County Cllr R Whitaker, 2 parishioners and Denise Gascoyne
Parish Clerk

Public Forum

A parishioner was concerned about the grit bin on Myers Close. She had reported this to LCC re pigeon droppings. This had now been moved from that location and cleaned. However, it appeared that the lid did not stay shut, therefore someone had put a boulder on to hold the lid down. They did not think this was satisfactory. The Chair thanked the parishioner for bringing this matter to their attention and this would be discussed under Item 6(d).

The parish council was asked if the Handyman could spread the grit in the bad weather as a former Handyman did. It was explained that the Handyman did not have the capacity to do this. He was only paid for a few hours and that did not include the spreading of grit.

A parishioner asked if the grass on Myers Close should be cut by the Parish Council, as currently her husband cut it. The Chair explained there were maps as to where we were contracted to cut. These would be checked.

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 Reseigh. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept apologies for absence with valid reasons from Councillor Reseigh.

3.Declarations of Interest There were none.

4.To approve and accept as a true record the notes of the Annual meeting and Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2025. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept the notes of the Annual meeting and Parish Council meeting as a true record and authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes.

5.Report from County Cllr Whitaker/District Cllr Hagues.

a. County Cllr Whitaker introduced himself and gave an overview of what the new County Council hoped to achieve.

b. District Cllr Hagues was unable to attend through illness. However, he had forwarded his report which had been circulated to all Cllrs.

6.Chair Report.

a. Highways Issues – the yellow lines had been authorised outside the Plough Public House.

Cllr Sirs reminded the parish council of outstanding matters with Highways including A153 Junction East End – a hazardous junction. We had requested reducing the speed limit from the Wilsford Level crossing to the area of Town End to 50mph, which is currently 60mph.

A153 Junction West End – We had requested the current 30mph sign which is too close to the bend/junction and hidden from view of approaching drivers should be moved 50m down the carriageway towards Sleaford.

Cllr Sirs forwarded the original email to County Cllr Whitaker.

b. Defibrillator - Nothing further had been received from NKDC regarding the unmetered supply for the defibrillator. The Clerk would chase again.

c. Parish Council Gazebo – a discussion took place on the use of the Parish Council and Insurance considerations. It was agreed that it could be used for community events, but not for a private event. A request had been made to use the gazebo. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved that Cllr Miller would contact the parishioner and also produce a policy which will be adopted and uploaded to the website.

d. Grit Bin – this had been discussed fully in the Open Forum. It appeared that the only issue outstanding was the bin lid not staying shut. Cllr Corner agreed to investigate and see if a latch could be fitted.

7.Reports from Outside Bodies.

a. Allotments – Cllr Brickles said the allotments had been tidied up and there had been changes in holders over the last month. It was an improvement.

b. Biodiversity – Cllr Miller said the buttercups had been beautiful this year. The grass contractors had cut the areas very well.

c. Cemetery – nothing to report.

d. CLT - nothing to report.

e. Playing Field – It was decided that we needed a TIG Welder for the half pipe on the playing field. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to investigate companies and report back to the next meeting.

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

g. Village Hall – Cllr Blankley told the meeting the VE Day Celebrations had gone extremely well, and although they did not intend to make a profit £634 will be sent to the Veterans Charity.

h. Handyman – The report had been circulated to all Cllrs.

8.Parish Clerk Update

a. The Clerk was awaiting a response from Proweb re Gov.uk email addresses. The Chair reported there would also be one with Chair@ and Clerk@ so these could be passed on to a future Chair and Clerk.

b. As Cllr Blankley had sent her apologies to the last meeting. She signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, countersigned by the Clerk and Register of Members' Interests. A copy would be forwarded to the Monitoring Officer and a copy kept on file.

9.To review and accept Financial Regulations.

a. The updated Financial Regulations had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to adopt the updated Financial Regulations and these will be uploaded to the website.

10.Correspondence

a. NKDC May Town & Parish Newsletter – circulated to all Cllrs.

b. LALC e-news – circulated to all Cllrs.

c. Notification of temporary traffic restriction Main Street with A153 and Property no.71 27.06.25 – circulated to all Cllrs.

d. Fibre broadband rollout progress in Ancaster and surrounding areas Quickline – circulated to all Cllrs.

e. NBB Recycled Furniture – passed to Cllr Miller

f. NKDC Parish and Town Council Forum 10.07.25 – circulated to all Cllrs.

11.Planning

a. 25/0516 Planning application to reduce height of Eucalyptus and Silver Birch Rose Cottage 1 School Lane. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to make no comment on this application.

b. 24/0495 Confirmation TPO not required to remove branches 40 Main Street. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

c. 24/0642 Planning application for erection of first floor side extension forming new 1.5 storey element 31 Main Street. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to make no comments on this application.

12.Finance.

a. The Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 May 2025 had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept the Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 May 2025. These were signed by Cllr Sirs

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.

CB Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting	£790.00
L.A.L.C	Subscription	£168.54
L.A.L.C	Parish Council Website	£64.80
Colin Ward	News and Views	£122.00
Wilsford Village Hall	Hire fees – Library	£8.00
Wilsford Village Hall	Hire fees – Parish Council	£16.00

c. The Approval List for Staff BACS Payments had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept the Approval List for BACS Staff Payments amounting to £587.06 and authorise the Clerk to make the payments.

13.Report from Cllrs.

a. Cllr Miller asked for an update on the White Gates. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to research other companies for prices.

14.Training

a. The May LALC Training Bulletin had been circulated to all Cllrs.

15.Date of Next Meeting.

a. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 08 July 2025 at 7.00pm in the small room of the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chair
Wilsford Parish Council

08 July 2025