

MINUTES OF WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08 JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM IN THE SMALL ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In Attendance County Cllr Whitaker, District Cllr Hagues (7.30pm) 3
members of the public and Denise Gascoyne Parish Clerk

Public Forum

The current printer for the News and Views is retiring in the very near future. Cllrs were asked if they were willing to continue funding this, although the prices quoted were slightly higher than the current printer was charging. Two quotations had been received. The Chair suggested the editor gets two quotations from the first issue required and report back to the meeting. Also to inform the Clerk so this can be put on the Agenda, as decisions are not made in the Public Forum.

A parishioner asked if the Gazebo could be available at a function she was holding at the village hall at the end of July. Cllr Miller said that each request for use of the gazebo would be discussed individually, this would be discussed at Item 6(b)

The organiser of the Family Fun Day had sent an email which had been circulated to all Cllrs. She said she had attended in case anyone wished to ask questions. There were no questions, and this would be discussed at Item 6(a).

The meeting began at 7.15pm

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

2.Apologies for Absence.

a. Apologies for absence with valid reasons had been received from Cllr Brickles. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept apologies for absence with valid reasons from Cllr Brickles.

3. Declarations of Interest.

a. Cllr Miller Item 6b.

4. To approve as a true record the notes of the meeting held on 10 June 2025. Cllr Blankley said that Item 6c should read 'took place' and not 'too place' After the amendment had been made, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record and these were signed by the Chair.

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

a. Cllr Whitaker told the meeting that he was meeting with Rowan Smith next week in Sleaford and would discuss the issues raised by Wilsford Parish Council including the

double yellow lines around the Plough. He said regarding the speed limit they would have to meet with the Road Safety Partnership. He would report back.

b. Cllr Hagues told the meeting that NKDC had ordered 8 new bin lorries which would be for food waste collections starting in April 2026. Each householder would receive 2 lockable bins, one for inside and one for outside plus 100 bin liners. The bins would be emptied every week.

c. A parishioner had reported that visibility going out of the village on to the A153 Church end. Was very much restricted with the fast-growing sycamore bush. Although we appreciate it is not the season for the cutting back trees Cllr Hagues agreed to report it.

6.Chair Report

a. Cllr Miller had produced a Parish Council Property Guidance Policy. Cllr Sirs thanked Cllr Miller for the Guidance Policy. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to accept the policy and a copy added to the website.

b. A letter had been received from the organisers of the Family Fun Day asking for sponsorship for the event. After a discussion it was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that the Parish Council would pay for the hire of the hall and the materials needed up to £50 for the face painting.

c. Cllr Sirs would be at the event at the end of July where the request had been to use the Gazebo. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to allow the Gazebo to be used at the event.

7.Reports from Outside Bodies

a. Allotments – The Clerk had received a request for a plot. This had been forwarded to the Chair of the Allotments Group. Cllr Miller reported there was a wasp nest near her plot and that at present there was no water.

b. Biodiversity – Cllr Miller reported that it looked like it would be a bumper year for butterflies and there was a good cover of Ladies bedstraw. A lot of caterpillars had also been seen.

c. Cemetery – Nothing to report.

d. CLT – A meeting was due to be held next week.

e. Playing Field – Ancaster footballers were using the pitch at their own risk. Permission had not been given by the Parish Council, but it was a playing field, so anyone could play.

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

g. Village Hall – the next meeting would be in September.

h. Handyman – a report had been received, and this was circulated to Cllrs.

8. Parish Clerk Update

a. The Clerk confirmed that Glasdon had said it was too expensive to collect the wrongly ordered bin bags, therefore we could keep them but just pay 20% of the cost. After a brief discussion it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to pay the 20% of the cost.

9. Update/Progress on unresolved issues.

a. Cllr Corner is waiting for a reply from the Asset Management Group at NKDC for and unmetered MPAN number, so a post can be erected and the defibrillator moved to a new position at Town End. If no reply is received, he will chase before the next meeting in September.

b. Cllr Sirs had inspected the half-pipe located on the playing field with a contractor, who said the work could be done at a cost of approximately £400.00. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to send an order to the contractor for the repair.

c. The Parish Council were still investigating the possibility of White Gates to help slow down traffic. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to put something in the News and Views asking parishioners their views.

10. Correspondence

a. Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation – circulated to all Cllrs.

b. NKDC Parish and Town Council June Newsletter – circulated to all Cllrs.

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

d. LALC Annual Report 2024/2025.

11.Planning

a. 25/0516 Confirmation TPO not required to reduce Eucalyptus and Silver Birch 1 School Lane. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

12. Finance.

a. The Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 30 June 2025 had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept the Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 30 June 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.

CB Ground Maintenance	Grass Cutting	£790.00
Glasdon UK	Surcharge	£25.13
JRB Enterprise	Dispenser Bag	£77.88

Mr C Ward	News and Views	£122.00
Wilsford V Hall	Hire charges PC	£16.00
Wilsford V Hall	Hire charges Library	£8.00

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 Staff BACS Payments amounting to £587.06.

d. Cllr Blankley had checked the first quarter bank statements and signed them off.

13.Reports from Cllrs.

a. Cllr Corner reported the grit bin had now been secured with a hasp and clasp.

14. Training

a. LALC Training Bulletin – circulated to all Cllrs.

15. Date of Next Meeting

a. It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would take place on 09 September 2025 at 7.00pm in the small room of the parish hall.

16.To resolve to exclude the media, press, and members of the public from the meeting in accordance with S.1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of business to be transacted regarding staffing matters.

The Clerk informed Cllrs she was to retire therefore we should appoint an interviewing committee. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to advertise the position and arrange an interviewing committee at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed
Chair Wilsford Parish Council

09 September 2025