

## MINUTES OF WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE SMALL ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON 13 JANUARY 2026.

**Present** Cllr Sirs (Chair) Cllr Harrison (Vice-Chair)  
Cllrs Brickles and Miller

**In Attendance** District Cllr Andrew Hagues, Incoming Clerk David Rhodes, 2 members News and Views Team, and Denise Gascoyne Parish Clerk

### **Public Forum**

The Chair asked that Item 6(d) To discuss Newsletter be bought forward to the Public Forum. It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved** to bring Item 6(d) forward to the Public Forum.

The Chair told the members that the Parish Council had allocated the money they had requested to produce the News and Views for 10 copies at 12 pages per issue. If for some reason an issue had more than 12 pages, the next issue would be less pages.

The invoice from the printer would be sent direct to the Clerk for payment.

Advertising – this had been very hit and miss in previous years. The members were asked to produce a list of advertisers and prices, how many issues etc and the Clerk would invoice the advertisers at the beginning of the next Financial Year. Cllr Sirs thanked the members for attending.

The meeting began at 7.10pm

### **1.Chair's Welcome.**

The Chair Cllr Sirs welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the incoming Clerk David Rhodes and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

### **2.Apolgies for Absence.**

a. Apologies for absence with valid reasons was received from Cllrs Blankley, Corner and Reseigh. It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved** to accept apologies for absence with valid reasons from Cllrs Blankley, Corner and Reseigh.

### **3.Declarations of Interest** There were none.

**4.To approve and accept as a true record** the notes of the Closed Meeting held on Tuesday 16 December. It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved** that the notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 December be accepted as minutes of the meeting. These were signed by the Chair.

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

a. County Cllr Whitaker had sent his apologies, therefore no report.

b. District Cllr Hagues had not received a Mid Uk Fire Report. He said he would contact LCC and see if he could obtain one from them. He would report back to the next meeting.

He had also sent a monthly report which had been circulated to all Cllrs.

## 6. Chair Report

a. The double yellow lines which prohibits waiting at the junction of Main Street and School Lane had now been implemented.

A153 Junction East End and A153 Junction West End issues are still outstanding from January 2025. The Chair said he would update Highways and remind them what had not been done.

b. The Chair confirmed street light S/L 10 74 Main Street has been replaced.

c. Inconsiderate parking on Main Street was an ongoing situation. Cllrs believed there was no quick fix on this.

d. Newsletter – discussed under Public Forum. No resolution needed.

e. Notification had been received that Stryker were discontinuing supplied pads etc for the Defibrillators we own. Our pads were good until August 2027 unless they were used. It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved** to keep this on the Agenda.

## 7. Reports from Outside Bodies

a. **Allotments** – Cllr Brickles said the track to the allotments had been churned up with lorries going to the water treatment plant. The beck was full of foliage. It was agreed it was the Allotment committee's responsibility.

b. **Biodiversity** – Cllr Miller along with three volunteers had planted all 1000 bluebells in the playing field, and 250 daffodils had been planted around the village. This was phase one completed. If the plants took Phase 2 would continue next year with a similar amount being ordered.

If weather permits Rutland Willows would be undertaking the Hedge Laying project next week.

Cllr Miller suggested planters at the entrances to the village which would be looked after by her and volunteers. After a short discussion it was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved** that Cllr Miller investigate prices for planters and report back to the next meeting.

c. **Cemetery** - nothing to report.

d. **CLT** – nothing to report as their meeting is next week.

e. **Playing Field** - Cllr Harrison reminded Cllrs that the chain at the play area still needed replaced. He had measured it and 2 x 4 metre chain plus shackles was required. It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved** that Cllr Sirs investigate the purchase of the chain and shackles.

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

g. **Village Hall** – Nothing to report.

h. **Handyman** – his report had been circulated to all Cllrs Present.

## 8. Parish Clerk Update

a. The Clerk had no update on Govt.UK email addresses.

## 9. Correspondence

a. NKDC Parish & Town Council Forum – circulated to all Cllrs.

b. Community Resilience Newsletter – circulated to all Cllrs.

c. NKDC Town & Parish Newsletters November and December 2025 – circulated to all Cllrs.

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

- e. Your thoughts on Lincolnshire County Council Survey closing date 26.01.26 – circulated to all Cllrs.
- f. Local Government Reorganisation in Greater Lincolnshire – circulated to all Cllrs.
- g. NKDC December newsletter - circulated to all Cllrs.
- h. Local Plan Call for sites NKDC - circulated to all Cllrs.
- i. LCC Town and Parish Newsletter December 2025 - circulated to all Cllrs.
- j. LCC 'Let's talk budgets 2026-2027 - circulated to all Cllrs.

#### 10.Planning

- a. 25/1254 Confirmation TPO not required to fell Cherry 27 Main Street. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
- b. 25/1471 Reduce in height and fell trees 39-41 Main Street. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to make no comments on this application.
- c. 25/1443 Confirmation TPO not required to fell Robina 14 Main Street. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

#### 11.Policies and Procedures.

- a. The Annual Investment Strategy 2025/2026 had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to adopt the Annual Investment Strategy 2025/2026 and a copy would be added to the website.

#### 12.Finance.

- a. The Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 December 2025 had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to accept the Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 December . These were signed by the Chair.
- b. The Staff BACS Approval List had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to accept the Staff BACS Approval List and authorise the Clerk to make the payments amounting to £598.05.
- c. The BACS Approval List had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to accept the BACS Approval List and authorise the Clerk to make the following payments.

L.A.L.C.	Additional Hours website	£64.80
Wilsford Village Hall	Hire charges	£16.00
L.A.L.C	Training Scheme	£156.00
L.A.L.C	Subscription	£181.58

#### 13.Reports from Cllrs.

- a. Cllr Corner had sent his apologies so paleontological and paleo-geological fieldwork had been deferred until the next meeting.

b. Cllr Harrison reported that there is often dog mess on the playing field and even in the children's play area. Despite having numerous bins this is still a problem. Cllr Harrison agreed to draft a paragraph for the News and Views. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to contact NKDC for signs and request a visit and Cllr Harrison put a paragraph in the News and Views.

**14. Training.**

a. LALC Training Bulletin January 2026 – circulated to all Cllrs.

**15. Date of Next Meeting.**

a. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 09 February 2025 at 7.00pm in the small room of the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm and the parish council moved into closed session.

**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 the business to be transacted.**

- Terms and Conditions new Parish Clerk

As any decisions must be made by the Full Council this was deferred until a later date.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed .....  
Chair Wilsford Parish Council

09 February 2026