

MINUTES OF WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 09 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00PM IN THE SMALL ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In Attendance County Cllr Whitaker, Incoming Clerk David Rhodes, and Denise Gascoyne (Parish Clerk)

Public Forum None

The meeting began at 7.00pm

1.Chair's Welcome.

The Chair Cllr Sirs welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.Apologies for Absence. None

3.Declarations of Interest. None

4.To approve and accept as a true record the notes of the meeting held on 13 January 2026. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2026, and these were signed by the Chair.

5.Reports from County Cllr Whitaker/District Cllr Hagues

a. District Cllr Hagues had emailed to say he had been told the Fire & Rescue Service do not give out information regarding the recent fire at Mid UK. County Cllr Whitaker agreed he would investigate on our behalf.

County Cllr Whitaker gave an update on the potholes and work on Grantham Road Sleaford. He said a Puffin crossing would be installed east of London Road to help with the traffic flow.

b. District Cllr Hagues had emailed his February Newsletter; this had been forwarded to all Cllrs.

6.Chair Report

a. Cllrs were pleased that the yellow lines had been installed around the Plough Inn. There were still outstanding highways issues and the Chair agreed to chase. The speed sign at Town End has been reported on Fix My Street.

b. Nothing further had been received regarding the discontinuing supply of pads for the Defibrillators. This would be added to the next Agenda.

c. Dog fouling was becoming a real problem in the village, especially the playing field. The Chair had drafted a report which had been circulated to all Cllrs. Dog Fouling signs had been received from NKDC and The Environmental Protection Officer had said when time

allowed someone would walk around the village and speak to any residents that are at the time walking their dogs. Cllr Miller agreed to write an article for the newsletter.

Cllr Corner asked if 2 boxes of poo bags could be ordered for the dispensers. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to order 2 boxes of poo bags for the dispensers.

7. Reports from Outside Bodies

a. Allotments – Nothing to report.

b. Biodiversity – Cllr Miller said that the hedge had now been laid by Rutland Willows. The original estimate said 15ft but 20ft had been achieved also there was a lot more clearing out of the excess hedge material than first thought. This would be minimal maintenance. As this was an estimate dated September 2025 it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to pay the additional amount on the invoice.

Cllr Miller suggested that the Handyman be asked to clear the hardstanding near the hedge and have a look at the gate which does not shut properly.

Cllr Miller asked if we could have a survey done on the trees between the road and the footpath as you enter the hard standing gate, up to where it curves right along the field. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to contact NKDC and ask their tree surgeon to complete a survey.

c. Cemetery – Nothing to report.

d. CLT – Nothing to report.

e. Playing Field – The Chair had costed the price for the chain and shackles as £113.80 for the children's playground. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved the Chair could order the chain and shackles at a cost of £113.80.

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

g. Village Hall – Cllr Blankley said bookings had gone well beyond expectations. A Christmas Tree had been suggested by the CLT, but the village hall committee were not interested.

h. Handyman – The Handyman had sent his report which had been circulated round the meeting. He was thanked for all his work. An expense receipt had been received for petrol for his strimmer. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved to accept the receipt for £8.80 and this would be added to the payments.

8. Parish Clerk Update

a. Dog Fouling – discussed under 6c.

b. The Clerk confirmed that LCC would be replacing the two old timetable cases at the bus shelter with one new timetable case.

9. Correspondence

- a. NKDC Parish and Town Council Newsletter January 2026 – circulated to all Cllrs.
- b. LALC e-news – circulated to all Cllrs.
- c. LCC Town & Parish Newsletter January 2026 - circulated to all Cllrs.

10. Planning

- a. 25/0125 Planning application to remove approx. 1870m of hedgerow Valley Farm C43 Highdyke to Heath Lane Wilsford. Cllr Miller said she hoped they would not do this during the bird nesting season. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to make no comment on this application.

11. Finance

- a. The Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 January 2026 had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to accept the Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook to 31 January 2026 and these were signed by the Chair.

- b. The Approval List for BACS Staff Payments had been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to accept the Approval List for BACS Staff Payments and authorise the Clerk to make the payments amounting to £598.05.

- 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.

Castle Print & Design	Newsletter	£120.00
Rutland Willows	Hedge Laying	£790.00
Wilsford Village Hall	Hire charges	£16.00
A Walton	Petrol for strimmer	£8.80

12. Report from Cllrs

- a. Cllr Corner had been in touch with the palaeontologist. A circle had been dug at the top of the hill, but despite emails and phone calls no reply had been received

13. Training

- a. LALC Training Bulletin February 2026 – circulated to all Cllrs.

14. Date of Next Meeting

- a. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 10 March 2026 at 7.00pm in the small room of the village hall. The Clerk would send out a new calendar of dates.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm and the Parish Council moved into closed session.

15.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

After a brief discussion, the Chair agreed to contact the applicant for further information.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed
Chair Wilsford Parish Council

10 March 2026