

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17 November 2025 at 7.00 PM

Location: Longwater Stadium, Eslaforde Park, Boston Road, Sleaford, NG34 9GH

MINUTES

Welcome and open the meeting.

- The meeting was opened at 7.00pm.

- Present: Cllrs Ken Hanslip, Wendy McConnell, Andy Parker, Angela Rankin, Phil White (Chair); Dermot Daly (Clerk); County Councillor David East; District Councillor Mervyn Head; No members of the public.

105/25 Receive and approve any apologies for absence.

- Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mickey Glithero and Angela Bailey.

106/25 Receive disclosures of interests from Councillors on matters at this meeting.

- No interests were declared.

107/25 Suspend Standing Orders and allow for Parishioner Observations, District Councillor and County Councillor reports.

- District Report: There is a Local Government Review (LGR) meeting on Thursday, with the preferred proposal being NKDC, SKDC and South Holland. Flood work on Mount Lane in progress – need to push to make Mount Lane restricted for agricultural vehicles – now that a temporary alternative route is in place. There was no flooding on Mount Lane during Storm Claudia. Need to register interest in CIL monies for the new development in the Hoplands.

Church Lane / Ewerby Road: not as much water on the road, but still toilets can't be used on Church Lane.

County: Let's Talk Lincolnshire – questionnaire on recycling; LGR plans are still formulating so unsure what services will be supplied and from where. Social Care will be split, whereas Fire and Police services will remain as is.

MEETINGS

108/25 Approve the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 15th September 2025.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the minutes as circulated.

PLANNING

109/25 Report any decisions made and review any last minute planning applications.

- NKDC are concerned about industrialisation of the District. The Planning Inspectorate are overturning several 'refused' planning permissions. The majority view in NKDC is in support of this project. LCC are not clear on whether they support this application, as the majority party would reset the government aim for Green energy. The Parish Council are disappointed that NKDC are still supporting these 'Green' projects in preference to our core industry - agriculture.

i) Application by Beacon Fen Energy Park for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Beacon Fen Energy Park Limited Project under the Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 6, 9 and 13. Invitation to the Preliminary meeting and notification of hearings and other procedural decisions on Tuesday 23 September 2025, at 10:00am.

ii) 25/1097/LDPRO - Lakeview, Mareham Lane, Sleaford, NG34 7JA - The use of the land as a holiday caravan site as detailed in plan 22_1216_003, with the static caravans to be occupied as holiday homes only and not used as residential accommodation as a main residence and the owners/operators shall maintain an up-to-date register of the names of owners/occupiers of individual caravans on the site, and of their main home addresses, and shall make this information available at all reasonable times to the local planning authority. [Approved]

FINANCE

110/25 Present the period accounts and sign the bank reconciliation.

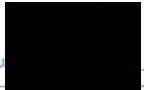
- The Clerk presented the period accounts and they were accepted as circulated.

111/25 Present and approve the accounts for payment.

- It was unanimously agreed to approve the payments as circulated.

112/25 Agree the internal auditor to allow mid-year audit process.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the engagement of the internal auditor.

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Name: *Ken Hanslip* Date: *19/11/26* Signature: 

- 113/25** Agree donation to Mid Lincs Citizen Advice.
 - It was unanimously RESOLVED to donate £100.
 - ACTION: Clerk to enquire of MidLincs CAB as to how many residents in Kirkby La Thorpe have benefited from their services.
- 114/25** To discuss initial budget requirements to feed in to the setting of the precept in January.
 - It was unanimously RESOLVED to review the presented initial budget for the next meeting.
- GENERAL**
- 115/25** Agree next steps in respect of flooding issues around the parish including the proposed re-route of agricultural traffic on Mount Lane.
 - It has come to the attention of the Parish Council through NKDC and historical issues in Mount Lane to do with drainage and flooding that there are concerns that agricultural vehicles may follow the road due to ease of travel.
 - It was RESOLVED by majority to request LCC Highways for an agricultural vehicle restriction traffic order on Mount Lane along the diversionary route. (3 for, 1 against, 1 abstention).
- 116/25** Agree supplier of managed email service.
 - It was RESOLVED by majority to go with Cloud Next
- 117/25** Agree to wording of re-tender for the grounds maintenance contract.
 - It was RESOLVED by a majority (4 for, 1 against) to move forward with a tender based on proposed Schedule A.
- 118/25** Review annual safety report on play equipment and make appropriate recommendations and actions.
 - It was unanimously RESOLVED to ensure all Councillors to complete the online training and the Clerk to put in place a mechanism to allow monthly checks with reporting back to the Clerk for recording purposes.
- 119/25** Decide on wording for memorial plaque.
 - It was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the wording on a purchased plaque for positioning on the memorial stone. The wording to be agreed on email by 21st November 2025. The Clerk will source a quote for the plaque and share with the County Councillor for a donation toward the cost.
- 120/25** Agree on actions following further injury of public due to uneven pavements on Mount Lane.
 - The resolution will be within the works planned for February 2026.
- 121/25** Provide update and agree next steps regarding green areas.
 - There is to be a site meeting in the next two weeks to discuss options.
- REPORTS (For information only)**
- 122/25** Updates on noticeboard and bench installations.
 - It was reported that the new noticeboard has been fitted at the school but it was damaged by strong winds, ripping off a door. Need photograph of damage and Clerk to attempt claim from manufacturer.
 - The old noticeboard at the Hoplands removed and replaced with reconditioned noticeboard from outside of the school. Remaining bench has now been secured to the ground.
- 123/25** Clerk's Report
 - NKDC have consulted with the bungalows on Mount Lane regarding the green area behind them.
 - Tree & Hedgerow pack giveaway from the Woodland Trust – ACTION: Clerk to apply for a pack of each, arrange for collection, and offer to residents.
- NEXT MEETING**
- 124/25** Note further agenda items and arrangements for the next meeting (19th January 2026).
 - Flagpole.
 - The Christmas Tree may be a rooted tree (which would have to use the over-budget figure from reserves to be covered by the budget in 2026-27).
- STAFFING MATTERS**
- 125/25** Agree to exclude public and press to discuss confidential matters.
 - This was not proposed as the next item was to be deferred.
- 126/25** Discuss and agree results of appraisal for the Clerk and associated pay scale.
 - This item is to be deferred to the next meeting with the appraisal to be put in the diary between the Clerk and Cllr Ken Hanslip.
 Meeting Close
 - The meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

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