

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19 January 2026 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 (Chair), Andy Parker, Angela Rankin; Dermot Daly (Clerk); No members of the public.

001/26 Receive and approve any apologies for absence.

- The meeting recognised the resignation of Angela Bailey.

- Apologies had been received from Cllr Phil White.

002/26 Agree the co-option to the position of Councillor for the casual vacancy and complete relevant documents.

- There was no interest shown at the meeting or provided prior to the meeting.

003/26 Receive disclosures of interests from Councillors on matters at this meeting.

- No interests were declared.

004/26 Suspend Standing Orders and allow for Parishioner Observations, District Councillor and County Councillor reports.

- Apologies were received from County Councillor David East, who provided a written update highlighting the possible need for a resilience plan incorporating power loss and warm spaces following the recent power outage on Mount Lane; the Lincolnshire County Council budget is being finalised; and the empty salt bins are being chased.

- Apologies were received from District Councillor Mervyn Head.

- There were no members of the public.

MEETINGS

005/26 Approve the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November 2025.

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

PLANNING

006/26 Report any decisions made and review any last minute planning applications.

- There were no last minute applications.

- There were no updates.

FINANCE

007/26 Present the period accounts and sign the bank reconciliation.

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

008/26 Present and approve the accounts for payment.

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

009/26 Agree Grounds Maintenance contract for 2026-28.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve Supplier 1 from the presented list as the grounds maintenance supplier for 2026-27 at a cost of £3,486, provided a valid insurance cover is presented.

010/26 Agree the budget and associated precept for 2026-27.

- After much discussion to fund increased grounds maintenance, it was felt that reduced reserves would be preferable to increasing the precept.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the budget and associated precept of £11,600, being a Band D equivalent increase of 5.49% (£1.52pa).

GENERAL

011/26 Agree actions relating to the positioning of a flagpole on the Green.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to not have a flagpole on the Green. It was felt that the management, maintenance, and security of the asset would be overbearing.

012/26 Agree the format of the Christmas tree for this year.

- It was agreed to find out the cost of a rooted tree for further discussion.

Authorising Signature

Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____

- 013/26** Identify actions relating to Grit and Grit Boxes.
- The grit boxes refill is being chased by the County Councillor and is to be followed up by the Clerk through FixMyStreet.
- The status of the grit boxes is to be checked by Cllr Andy Parker and reported to the Clerk.
- 014/26** Identify actions relating to flooding on Ewerby Road.
- Cllr Wendy McConnell to chase up the status of the social media channels.
- 015/26** Discuss and identify actions relating to power outage on Mount Lane.
- The power outage is beyond the control of the Parish Council and the problem was resolved by the responsible Authorities.
- REPORTS (For information only)**
- 016/26** Updates on noticeboard and bench installations.
- There is no valid claim on the warranty.
- The Council requires a quote for repairing the door.
- The Clerk will check for the siting of the bench in the playpark.
- 017/26** Clerk's Report
- The noticeboards have been updated.
- An update is required regarding the state of the noticeboard outside of the school.
- NEXT MEETING**
- 018/26** Note further agenda items and arrangements for the next meeting (16th March 2026).
- Nothing.
- STAFFING MATTERS**
- 019/26** Agree to exclude public and press to discuss confidential matters.
- There was no public present.
- 020/26** Discuss and agree results of appraisal for the Clerk and associated pay scale.
- The Clerk to send appraisal forms to Cllr Wendy McConnell for agreement and then circulate to all Councillors for consolidation and feedback by Cllr Wendy McConnell.
- Meeting Close
- The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

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