

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2025 at
St. Peter's Church, Louth Road, South Somercotes**

Present:	Chair	Cllr Mr Antony Baker
Also Present:	Clerk	Mrs Binal Sawjani
	Members of Public	3 members of the public
	District/County	None present

APM 01/25 Welcome to the Meeting: The Chair opened the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) at 17.33 and welcomed the parishioners. Refreshment were available and offered to all.

- Chair opened with summarising the many items that have been addressed by the new council:
 - Employed parish clerk. This has made an enormous difference to the effectiveness of the council
 - Church yard and Jubilee field will be maintained and cut regularly
 - Bank accounts streamlined and using online banking to save time and cost
 - Two Defib emergency points installed in the village
 - Outstanding debts and penalties paid and cleared with authorities
 - Returns to regulatory bodies completed, and accounts audited by internal and external auditors with an end to the public interest notice and the process of submitted the audit will be smooth and only needing an internal audit
 - New councillors and clerk have undertaken training courses to help discharge the duties of the parish effectively and efficiently
 - Better communication via website, Facebook and village magazine to keep parishioners abreast of news
 - Events in the village for promote community among the villagers
 - Refitted a new dog bin
 - Secured grant and ordered bleed kits
 - Secured and started a community orchard
 - Refurbishment of the railings in the churchyard and pathway
 - All council goods are now stored in church
 - Fixed the lighting in church

APM 02/25 To approve the draft notes as minutes of the last meeting held on the 18 May 2024: It was RESOLVED to adopt and sign the notes as accurate minutes, and they were dated and signed by the Chairman.

APM 03/25 District and County Councillors Report: Cllr Ricketts had no specific APM report to make.

APM 04/25 Community Groups: No community groups

APM 05/25 Questions from the Public:

- A parishioner requested that we look at the weedkiller being used in the churchyard as the one that is being used has not left any wildflowers or wildlife. The request was to have an area where we could promote this in the church.
- A parishioner stated they liked the look of the churchyard and that it looked very tidy.
- There is a house being cleared in the village and an representative from the environmental agency has visited and will be getting in touch with the owner. The clearance has left lots of debris and glass on the pavement and road and it was suggested that neighbours and other parishioners helped to clear the area.

Close of Meeting: 17.49