

**DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 February 2026 at St. Peter's Church, Louth Road, South Somercotes**

**Present:**

<b>Chair</b>	Cllr Paul Rickett (appointed)
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Cllr Edward Mossop (appointed)
	Cllr Susan Colebrook
	Cllr Sarah Stepney
	Cllr Anthony Baker

**Also Present:**

<b>Clerk</b>	Ms Binal Sawjani
<b>Members of Public</b>	5
<b>District/County</b>	None
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Stephen McMillan (appointed) Cllr Densie Day

**Item 0525/48 Welcome to the meeting:** Chair opened meeting at 18.59 and welcomed the public.

- Parishioner asked why we had not had the public meeting regarding the Jubilee Field? Much discussion between the parishioners and the councillors regarding this matter. Agreed that we should have the meeting and not resolve any decision in tonight's meeting. This item is on the agenda and will be referred to the next meeting.

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED extend time by 10 minutes.

- Questioned why the public meeting for the future of the churchyard has not happened? Agreed to have a public meeting and come back to the next meeting.

Meeting started 19.21

**Item 0525/49 Apologies for absence:** Cllr McMillan and Cllr Day

**Item 0525/50 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations:** None

**Item 0525/51 To approve the draft notes as minutes of the last meeting held on the 7 January 2026:** RESOLVED to adopt and sign the notes as accurate minutes, and they were dated and signed by the Chair.

**Item 0525/52 Training:** Training available to all Staff and elected Members and clerk recommends councillors to view training schedule. Training for all new councillors has been arranged and unfortunately one councillor cannot make the date. Review next meeting

**Item 0525/53 Parish Matters:**

- Graveyards new plan – report form councillors – defer to next meeting as per discussion in public session. Cllr ask to purchase spray for the grass so that there was a clear lines on the graveyard and new quotes can be sought.
- Jubilee Field ownership – deferred to the next meeting as per public session. Clerk to write to owner of Jubilee Field and explain the situation. There are three benches that need to be considered and Cllr will come back to full council after public meeting.
- Events 2026 – proposal of street party in front of Jubilee Field on Town Street was discussed. Talk of closing street and disruption to the neighbours and viability. Once the Cllrs learnt that there would be a cost to close the road the councillors where not so keen. Talk of using the graveyard and land next to the church was discussed. This needs to be thought about in greater detail – defer to the next meeting.
- Bank account authorisation – New councillor is on the bank authorisation
- Facebook – Proposed to close the Parish Facebook page. Clerk to organise.

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- f) Communication Magazine – the copy for this should go from the clerk and explained that the publication dates are not always going to work in lone with village news and date of the next meeting will always be published and general news items. Clerk to coordinate each month.
- g) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – audit to be undertaken and signoff at May meeting. Internal auditor to be appointed.
- h) Insurance renewal – Insurance has been renewed and amended to show the increase of the precept.
- i) LALC – Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils renewal – Proposed to renew LALC membership and join annual training scheme as per last meeting but to attend the training on 3 March for the new councillors the clerk has arranged for one month payment to the training scheme for £24.00 this was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED.

**Item 0525/54 Correspondence:** To receive and dispose of correspondence received since the last meeting. None

**Item 0525/55 Date of next meeting:** 8 April 2026 at 7pm.

**Item 0525/56 Financial matters:**

- a. To note bank balances on bank statements as of February 2026 £7005.74
- b. To note income: None
- c. To authorise the signing of orders for payment for previous months

Date	Payment To	Expenditure Details	Amount
21/02/2026	Binal Sawjani	Salary to the PC	£ 264.00
02/01/2026	D. Hobson	Grass Cutting	£ 300.67
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26/01/2026	Zurich	Insurance	£ 304.00
27/01/2026	LALC	Training Membership 2025	£ 24.00
27/01/2026	LALC	LALC Membership	£ 101.82
27/01/2026	LALC	Annual Training Scheme 2026_27	£ 144.00
19/01/2026	Microsoft	Software 365 Personal	£ 84.99
18/01/2026	Cloud Next Limited	Domian and Hosting	£ 119.98

Meeting ended 19.57