DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 April 2026 at St. Peter's Church, Louth Road, South Somercotes

Present:	**Chair**	Cllr Paul Rickett (appointed)
	Vice-Chair	Cllr Edward Mossop (appointed)
		Cllr Stephen McMillan (appointed
		Cllr Densie Day
		Cllr Susan Colebrook
		Cllr Sarah Stepney
		Cllr Anthony Baker
Also Present:	**Clerk**	Ms Binal Sawjani
	Members of Public	4
	District/County	None
	Apologies	Cllr Daniel McNally

Item 0526/01 Welcome to the meeting: Chair opened meeting at 19.00 and welcomed the public.

- Parishioner asked about the benches on Jubilee field as they are on the asset list as £2,000 how are we going to deal with them. Clerk explained that this was on the agenda and council would discuss this and if parishioner still has question s they would be able to contribute
- Speeding in the village – parishioner asked if we could extend the speed limit to the end of Mill Lane to 30 or 40 mile an hour. Clerk to refer to county councillor

No county councillor

Cllr Rickett:

- Local government reorganisation proposals are going through and will have a huge impact on parish councils

Meeting started 19.08

Item 0526/02 Apologies for absence: Cllr Daniel McNally accepted

Item 0526/03 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations: Cllr Colebrook declared an interest will refrain from any discussion and votes on matter 6c

Item 0526/04 To approve the draft notes as minutes of the last meeting held on the 25 February 2026: RESOLVED to adopt and sign the notes as accurate minutes, and they were dated and signed by the Chair.

Item 0526/05 Training: Training available to all Staff and elected Members and clerk recommends councillors to view training schedule. Training for all new councillors was on 3 March. The training was online and the feedback was that it was far to long and repetitive and not the best way to in part this kind of knowledge. Clerk will feedback to LALC.

Item 0526/06 Parish Matters:

a) Graveyards new plan – report form councillors that there had a meeting that the villagers were invited to the plan of leaving the church and graveyard to have areas that are left un-mowed have wild flowers in some areas and not to use weed killer in any part. There was one parishioner that attended meeting and wanted the current way that the graveyard was kept to remain at the same time other villagers wanted a more rustic view. The has been a lengthy debate. This leads to point b new suppliers to be considered for next term 2026/27. Tenders need to be submitted for April meeting.

b) Grass cutting quotes – councillors sought quotes – first was from G Fawcett £3,200 second was from D Hobson £2,800 – awarded to D Hobson. This was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED. Plan to be published on website and write to both suppliers.
c) Bullgauds Field – Councillor asked for this to be added to agenda and stated that it needs to be maintained and asked Clerk to write to owner. Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED defer to next meeting.
d) Jubilee Field ownership – village was canvassed via the village magazine and there has been no been much input form villagers – discussion lead to proposal that we give the field back to owner, seconded and RESOLVED. Clerk to write to owner.
e) Council owned benches and marquee – there are three benches on the Jubilee Field. Propose that we could sell them to the parishioners – sealed bids to the clerk. Notice to parishioners on the noticeboard and village magazine by 26 May seconded and RESOLVED - highest bidders and person that can take the benches immediately would be awarded the benches. Marquee – decided to keep in case of future events. Kings Community Trust trees was mentioned but as they are not on the agenda would be defer to next meeting especially as this is not the time to replant them.
f) Events 2026 - no plans
g) Highways – Potholes on Town Street – post on www.fixmystreet.com and send reference to Cllr Robinson

Item 0526/07 Correspondence: To receive and dispose of correspondence received since the last meeting.

- LALC has a webmaster vacancy to support Lincolnshire parishes more information email clerk
- Grimsby to Walpole update has been published and posted on the noticeboard and website
- Pkf Littlejohn – external auditor has sent instructions for 2025/26 AGAR
- Internal auditor appointment has been agreed and terms of reference have sent and appointment to be agreed
- Information on Community Emergency Plan – defer to next meeting

Item 0526/08 Date of next meeting: 26 May at 7pm for Annual Parish Meeting thereafter parish council meeting

Item 0526/09 Financial matters:

a. To note bank balances on bank statements as of April 2026 £6,585.09
b. To note income: None
c. To authorise the signing of orders for payment for previous months

Date	Payment To	Expenditure Details	Amount
27/02/2026	Binal Sawjani	Salary to the PC	£ 264.00
01/12/2025	D. Hobson	Grass Cutting	£ 300.67

Meeting ended 19.40

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