

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2025, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: G Reid (Chairman) M Spiller, J Cantwell, L Shepherd
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk), LCCrs Paul Lock and Barry Daish

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

28/25 APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

29/25 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr Cantwell declared non pecuniary interests in any matters relating to Sutterton PC, as he is a member of the Parish Council.

30/25 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2025, were presented.

It was noted that the defibrillator has been recharged and is live on The Circuit

No applications have been received for the two councillor vacancies. They will continue to be advertised.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 8th July 2025, are approved as a true record.

31/25 PLANNING

The following plans were noted:

B/25/0321, Tall Trees, Waste Green Lane: Proposed single storey rear extension with proposed attached swimming pool and triple garage (consultation closed)

Tree preservation Orders:

TPO/25/0173 ; Land to the south of The Old Rectory, Hall Lane

TPO/25/0172 ; Garden House, Hall Lane

TPO/25/0171 ; Hall Toft, Hall Lane

TPO/25/0150 ; The Old Rectory, Hall Lane

TPO/25/0151 ; The Coach House, Hall Lane

32/25. POLICE REPORT

1 crime of anti social behaviour was reported in Archers Lane and 3 cases of vehicle crime and theft in Walnut Lake Park during June 2025

33/25. CLERK'S REPORT

Community Skip – I have been in touch with Cllr Butler as he is obtaining funding to provide rural community skips on a rolling program. Our expression of interest has been noted and he will add us to the list. The venue will probably be the Village Hall car park.

Boston Community Leaders Engagement Briefing – the next meeting is 7th October, 12pm through Microsoft Teams.

Councillor Volunteer Scheme – Cllr Lock forwarded the details of the scheme and a suggestion has been made to apply for repainting of the play equipment and restoration of the bench. It was agreed to submit an application.

Another suggestion was made to provide a 'Box of Hope' that would be available for the community to access. This will be investigated further.

RESOLVED: That, an application to repaint the multiplay equipment and bench will be submitted to the Councillor Volunteer Scheme.

34/25 JOINT VILLAGES EMERGENCY GROUP

Following the summer break, a meeting was held on 4th September and a volunteer event on the 7th September. 7 new volunteers have signed up and two lead volunteers for Fosdyke have been identified. The risk assessment walk for Wigtoft has been arranged and one more village remains to complete the group. It is hoped to have the plan ready for adoption early next year. A leaflet will be produced to promote the plan and each PC will be asked to contribute a small donation towards the printing costs.

RESOLVED: that a small donation will be made towards the cost of a leaflet highlighting the Joint Villages Emergency Plan.

35/25. REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

a) Village Hall – Cllr Spiller reported that three toilet cisterns have been replaced with one remaining to be changed. The back car park needs emergency repairs as it has large potholes. It was agreed to purchase two tons of tarmac chippings at the cost of £50. The payback team will distribute the chippings.

RESOLVED: that, two tons of tarmac chippings will be purchased for the village hall car park, at a cost of £50.

b) Playing Field – the play area report had been received and it was noted that the high-risk items were regarding the depth of the bark under the swings and the multi play. This is mainly due to scuffing by the children using the equipment. Additional bark had been laid but it was agreed that a longer-term solution was needed. Prices for safety matting and turf will be obtained, with a view to laying these in the spring. A program of repairs will be compiled for the minor items and a tree inspection will be obtained for the tree with the hollow centre.

c) Churchyard – the bees have been removed and no further problems have been reported. Cllr Spiller is attending a meeting later in the month with members of the Wyberton PCC to receive an update for Algarkirk Church.

36/25. FINANCE:

The bank reconciliation was received and noted.

The invoices below were accepted and agreed.

RESOLVED: that the following invoices are paid:

M Warr – salary for July and August (paid by Standing Order) - £446.96

M Warr – stationery (£13.00) and Microsoft 365 subs (£55.20 - £11.04 VAT)

M Warr – 6 Emergency bags for JVEG project (Awards for All funds) - £938.29

W Dent – repair to airskier and swings - £710.00

W Dent – replace toilet in ladies' cubicle in Village Hall - £320.00

37/25. COMMUNITY SURVEY AND THREE-YEAR PLAN

The survey was discussed at length and it was agreed to have it available in various formats. The hard copies will be delivered and will also be available at the Christmas event, with the digital version on the website, to be completed through MS forms and email copy. Two 'parish post boxes' will be purchased and positioned near the notice boards. The closing date was set at 31st December. The final copy will be agreed at the next meeting.

38/25. CHRISTMAS EVENT

After lengthy discussion it was agreed to hold a 'drinks and nibbles' event at 1.30pm, ahead of the Carol service in the Church on 7th December. An invitation to the event will be added to the survey. It was agreed to supply hot drinks, mince pies and sausage rolls, with chocolate coins for the children.

39/25. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Lincolnshire County Councillors Paul Lock and Barry Daish were welcomed to the meeting. Cllr Lock updated on a number of items, including the commitment to objecting to large scale solar projects on arable land. He has an AI digital mapping app that uploads every road he drives over. A request was made to map the rural end of Church Lane, as the surface is breaking up. Cllr Lock said he has used 'Fix My Street' a lot and progress is being made. There is no further progress with the broken handrail on the bridge as ownership is still being established.

Cllr Cantwell updated on several BBC matters:

- Each ward councillor has £1000 to spend across the ward and a request from Algarkirk to fund the remaining replacement toilet cistern had been received and was likely to be accepted, as no other requests had been received.
- The discussions with the Police, to set up a new partnership for the area to help raise local awareness, was progressing well.
- No agreement over the reorganisation of the council structure has been achieved and a meeting is scheduled for 12th September to discuss the matter further.

40/25. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget, Flag pole.

41/25. NEXT MEETINGS

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 11th November 2025, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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