

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2026, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: M Spiller (Chair), J Cantwell, C Glenn, and L Shepherd.
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk), LCCrs Paul Lock and Barry Daish

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

1/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Reid and Cllr Barton.

2/26 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3/26 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2025, were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 11th November 2025, are approved as a true record.

4/26 PLANNING

No items to report

5/26 POLICE REPORT

No items had been logged on the crime map.

6/26 CLERK'S REPORT

Sir Thomas Middlecott Charity asked for a representative from the PC to sit on the board of Trustees. It was agreed that Cllr Cantwell would be the representative.

RESOLVED: that, Cllr Cantwell will be the representative from Algarkirk PC, to the Sir Thomas Middlecott Charity.

7/26 JOINT VILLAGES EMERGENCY GROUP

A meeting was held on 19th November. It was noted that Bicker PC have formally joined the group. It is hoped the Plan will be formalised in the coming months. The next meeting is scheduled for 11th February, ahead of a volunteer event which will be held on 1st March at Sutterton. Cllr Cantwell has a meeting scheduled with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum on 15th January.

8/26 REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a) Village Hall – Cllr Spiller reported that the payback team had resurfaced the main floor and the toilet floors which will be completed next.
- b) Playing Field –
- A reply had been received from the Diocese regarding the hollow tree. It had been checked in 2025 and will be rechecked this year. They are comfortable that no action is required at present.
 - The play equipment will be repainted on 24th and 25th March by volunteers from Lincolnshire CC. It was agreed to supply the items required by the team and to use natural colours that would blend with the area. Unfortunately, they are unable to repaint the phone box.
RESOLVED: to supply wire brushes, sandpaper, paint pots, paint brushes, 1 litre of white paint and 8 litres of green paint to the volunteers of LCC to repaint the play equipment.
- c) Churchyard – the payback team are continuing to tidy the hedgerows and edges of the churchyard.

9/26 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 November and December (paid by Standing Order) - £350.30

M Warr – expenses Christmas event – £181.43

M Warr – JVERT emergency bags – (Awards for All grant) - £325.33

M Warr – Survey Printing - £41.98 Post box - £17.09 Total = £59.07

W Dent – Perspex for phone box - £60.00

Cloud Next – domain name renewal and email - £60 (£10 VAT) - £59.98 (£9.99 VAT)

- **Budget and Precept** – a draft budget was discussed and agreed. It was noted that it is good governance to increase the precept between 3 and 5% each year. After discussion it was agreed to raise the precept by 4% to £9,800.

RESOLVED: that, the budget for 2026/27 is agreed and the precept for 2026/27 set at £9,800. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

10/26 COMMUNITY SURVEY

The closing date for the survey was 31st December and only one paper copy return had been received. Members were disappointed that despite the various options to answer the survey, residents had not taken up the opportunity. The three-year plan will be discussed at a future meeting.

11/26 POLICIES

RESOLVED: that, the following policies are adopted:

GDPR - Risk Management- Complaints - Publication Scheme

12/26 CHRISTMAS EVENT

It was agreed that this had been an excellent event, with a turnout of around 40 people. The pre carol service nibbles event was also very well received with a wide range of ages attending.

13/26 PARISH FLAG

Cllr Shepherd outlined her proposal to hold a competition to design a parish flag. It was agreed that this would be open to all ages and residents would be asked to post on Facebook or email an A4 design. The theme would be, 'what comes to mind when you think of Algarkirk'. The winner would see their design printed and be the first to raise the flag on the new flagpole.

RESOLVED: that, a competition to design a parish flag would be launched.

14/26 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Lincolnshire County Councillors Paul Lock and Barry Daish attended the meeting. Cllr Lock reported that Pitcher Row Lane will have the HGV warning signs placed into more prominent positions when coming off the A17. He also highlighted the current budget consultation and urged all residents to send through their views.

Cllr Cantwell updated on several BBC matters:

Winter Hubs - a scheme of daytime social events will be commencing in village halls in the coming months. These will have hot food and drink, which is being funded by a donation of his Vice Chair of Audit and Governance Committee allowance. Importantly, they will also have advice teams from Age UK, the Council Warm Homes team and Lincs Digital.

Green Lane repairs are planned after raising the states of the road with our County Councillor and the Highways Teams. He is also trying to get the road name signs replaced in Pitcher Row Lane.

Unfortunately, BBC are not continuing with the Councillor grant scheme in 2026, but Cllr Cantwell will use his allowance to fund £1000 of grants.

The list of councillor surgeries has been published and two will be held in each village through the year.

15/26 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Design a flag competition, 3 year plan, key safe for Village Hall

16/26 NEXT MEETINGS

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 10th March 2026, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

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