

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2026, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: G Reid (Chair) M Spiller, J Cantwell, C Glenn, and L Shepherd.
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk), LCCr Paul Lock

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

17/26 APOLOGIES

None

18/26 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

19/26 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2026, were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 13th January 2026, are approved as a true record.

20/26 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was noted that June Barton had resigned. The vacancy will be advertised.

21/26 PLANNING

New plans – B/26/0084 Land to the west of Pitcher Row Lane. Change of use of existing old forge to residential dwelling, including single storey extension and temporary siting of caravan (Custom/self-build)

RESOLVED: that, Algarkirk PC would raise no objection to the application and felt it was good to see investment in the area.

22/26 POLICE REPORT

No items had been logged on the crime map.

23/26 CLERKS REPORT

All items to update were listed on the agenda.

24/26 REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a) Village Hall – Cllr Spiller requested a key box for added security, as the hall will be used as an emergency centre. It was agreed to install this at the back of the building, on a brick wall, away from the main fabric of the listed building. Cllr Spiller said her project for this year would be to replace the sinks in the toilet areas as these are 48 years old. Quotes will be obtained and the cost split between the PC and Village Hall Committee.
- b) Playing Field – the paint and equipment for the repainting of the play equipment on 24th March had been purchased and Cllr Spiller will meet the volunteers on site on the day. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the payback manager to discuss installing safety matting under the equipment. Two new baby cradles are also required.
RESOLVED: that quotes will be obtained for 2 new baby cradles and a meeting with the payback manager will be arranged to discuss installation of the safety matting.
- c) Church – this was discussed under the 3 year plan item.

25/26 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 January and February (paid by Standing Order) - £220.40

HMRC – PAYE for January - £110.10

M Warr – service 3 meetings November, January and March - £110.20

M Warr – paint and items for play area (B&Q) - £192.74

26/26 3 YEAR PLAN

A lengthy discussion took place on items to include in the 3 year plan. It was agreed that the main priority should be to develop the Church space into a community hub and the first step could be to arrange coffee mornings. This change for the Church would need agreement from the PCC and Cllr Spiller will bring this up at the next meeting. It was suggested that a separate site meeting should take place and this will be arranged during May/June.

RESOLVED: that the PCC will be approached for agreement that Algarkirk PC can develop St Peter and St Paul Church into a community hub, starting with coffee mornings.

27/26 PARISH FLAG

No designs had been received and it was agreed to look further into the history of Algarkirk to obtain options. A discussion took place over the position of the flagpole and outside the brick storage garage, near the play area, was the favoured suggestion. Quotes will be obtained for the pole. It was agreed that the pole should have the ability to raise and lower a flag, therefore, the preferred option would be a wooden pole, to lessen the noise from the clips.

RESOLVED: that quotes will be obtained for a flag pole and historic emblems for Algarkirk investigated.

28/26 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Lincolnshire County Councillors Paul Lock updated on the following:

Councillors are being sent a weekly report on Highways reports and in the last week there were 2114 jobs logged. There are more jobs being allocated than reported which is positive, but it is hoped that work will be proactive rather than reactive in the future. LCC have set that budget with a 2.9% rise and 62.6 million pound savings have been made, mostly on contracts.

Cllr Lock has been given added responsibility, to include for adult social care and community safety.

There is additional money for drain cleaning and members were urged to report and log any problem areas.

There is a new Highways manager and additional crews raising from 20 to 40 have been allocated for pot holes.

Cllr Lock attended enforcement training and a working party has been set up to look at the 1000s of acres of land that has been allocated for solar panels.

Cllr Cantwell updated on several BBC matters:

Council Tax has now been set by Boston Borough with a £7.83 Increase for Band D properties per year, with smaller increases for Band A-C

Councillor Grant Scheme – there will be another Grant Scheme this year which is self-funded from the increases in Councillor salary from Boston Borough last year. £200 will be available to support community projects in each of the 5 Parishes in the ward, Advice Surgery - 10 meetings for this year, where residents can come along for a chat and raise issues. There are two sessions in each village,

Waste Green Lane - Is in a poor state of repair, as are many of the roads, this has been raised with Lincolnshire County Council.

Pitcher Row Lane Signs - HGV warning signs will be placed in more prominent areas which are less likely to be damaged, the road sign will also be replaced in the coming months.

29/26 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None identified

30/26 NEXT MEETINGS

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 12th May 2026, 7.20pm at the Village Hall. This will commence with the Annual Parish Meeting and be followed by the Annual and monthly meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed

Date.