

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 12th MAY 2026, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK, FOLLOWING THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Present: Councillors: G Reid (Chair) M Spiller, and L Shepherd.
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk), LCCr Paul Lock and LCCr B Daish

ANNUAL MEETING

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr George Reid was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected

RESOLVED: that Cllr George Reid was elected as Chairman

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mandy Spiller was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected

RESOLVED: that Mandy Spiller was elected as Vice-Chairman

3. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED: that, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations are adopted for 2026.

4. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded that any changes must be notified within 28 days.

The Annual Meeting closed at 8.21pm and was directly followed by the monthly meeting.

31/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cantwell and Glenn.

32/26 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

33/26 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2026, were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 10th March 2026, are approved as a true record.

34/26 PLANNING

No new plans or updates had been received.

35/26 POLICE REPORT

It was noted that 2 crimes of violence and sexual offences in Lee Avenue and 2 crimes of violence and sexual offence in Eleys Lane, were reported during March.

36/26 CLERKS REPORT

All items to update were listed on the agenda.

37/26 JOINT VILLAGES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

It was noted that the group has not met in the last two months but a volunteer event was held on 12th April in Sutterton.

38/26 REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a) Village Hall – A new lease had been received and it was unanimously agreed to sign and return.

RESOLVED: that, the new lease, running for seven years from 1 January 2024, is signed and returned to the Diocese.

Cllr Spiller had been contacted because squirrels had entered the roof space in the house adjoining the Village Hall. After investigation, it was confirmed that the roof space above the VH is secure and the squirrels could not have entered through this area.

- b) Playing Field – a lengthy discussion took place on possible enhancements for the play area. It was agreed to contact Kirton PC as they have recently installed new equipment. It was also suggested that rubber mulch may be a better solution for the ground under the swing areas. In the meantime, it was agreed to purchase a one tonne bag of woodchip to replenish the level.

RESOLVED: that, one tonne of woodchip would be purchased for the play area.

- c) Church – it was noted that the payback team would not be on site for two weeks as no supervisor was available.

39/26 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 March and April (paid by Standing Order) - £306.40

HMRC – Qrt 4 PAYE - £330.30 (D/D)

Boston Borough Council – Footway lights - £1525.25 (paid with precept)

Zurich Insurance – Annual premium - £239.89 (long term agreement in operation)

Lincoln Diocese – 6 month playing field rent - £120 (paid in April)

N Winter – Internal Audit - £95.00

Annual Return 2025/26

It was noted that the internal audit was completed with no recommendations. It was agreed that LALC would be contacted to provide internal audit services for 2026/27.

RESOLVED: that,

- **The internal audit report is accepted**
- **The Annual Governance Statement is approved and signed**
- **The Annual Governance and Accountability Return Accounting Statements are approved and signed**
- **The Certificate of Exemption for 2025/26 is approved, signed and will be sent to the External Auditor**
- **The Exercise of Public Rights runs from 3rd June to 14th July**

40/26 PARISH FLAG

A discussion took place regarding size, type and location for a flag pole. It was agreed that adjacent to the play area gate would be the preferred site and as tall as possible to enable it to be seen across the parish. Options would be obtained for further discussion. It was noted that a resident had asked if they could design and purchase a flag in memory of their mother, who had been an active member of the Village. It was agreed that any flag flown would have to be at the discretion of the Parish Council.

41/26 3 YEAR PLAN

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

42/26 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Reports had been presented to the Annual Parish Meeting earlier in the evening.

43/26 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Christmas Event

44/26 NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 14th July 2026, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

Date.

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