

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 14th JULY 2026, 7.20PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public in attendance

45/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Glenn and LCCllr P Lock.

46/26 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

47/26 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2026, were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 12th May 2026, are approved as a true record.

48/26 PLANNING

No new plans or updates had been received.

49/26 POLICE REPORT

It was noted that 3 crimes were reported in April. 1 of theft in Church Lane and 2 of violence and sexual offences at Walnut Lake Park

50/26 CLERKS REPORT

It was noted that no progress has been made on finding a heritage design for the Algarkirk flag. Therefore, it was agreed to use the Fenland tiger, on a yellow background with 'Algarkirk Village' written across the flag. This would be double sided and it was suggested a thick material would be preferable due to strong winds. Three other flags will be purchased – St George's, Union and Lincolnshire.
Options for the flagpole will be discussed at the next meeting.

51/26 JOINT VILLAGES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

It was noted that the group has not met recently but the Emergency Plan is scheduled for adoption at the next meeting. Cllr Cantwell is currently updating the new LCC Resilience template and there are some IT issues.

52/26 REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a) Village Hall – a revised lease had been received and this included details of a rent increase at the next review. After discussion it was agreed to accept the new terms. It was noted that the lease will expire on 31st December 2030, so alternative plans should be put in place from 2031 onwards. It was noted that a charity valuation had taken place and a copy will be requested.

A request had been made for two members of the PC to undertake security checks and Cllrs Cantwell and Shepherd agreed to be the representatives. The PC will accept the charge of £30 per person.

RESOLVED, that, the revised terms of the lease were accepted and Cllrs Cantwell and Shepherd will be the representatives for the security checks.

- b) Playing Field – items for enhancement of the play area were discussed. It was agreed to apply to the Boston Pride in Place scheme for two accessible picnic tables, soft landscaping and two items of play equipment. The closing date is 21st August.

RESOLVED: that, an application for grant funding to the Boston Pride in Place scheme, for enhancement to the play area, will be submitted.

A suggestion was put forward to use Ultrabind eco hold for the area under the swings. Further investigation will take place.

It was noted that a new padlock had been attached to the play area field gate and the Clerk and Cllr Spiller had details of the combination.

- c) Church – it was noted that a large section of guttering had fallen from the side of the Church. The church warden was holding an emergency meeting to discuss repairs. This led to discussions regarding the future of the Church and how the PC can be involved in developing it for community use. It was agreed plans should be put in place for presentation to the diocese, once the repairs had been completed. Further discussion will take place on how to involve the community, the MP and County Councillors for support.

Community skip scheme – the skip will be in place on 27th July from 8am to 1pm and will be located on the hardstanding in front of the Church.

53/26 FINANCE:

The bank reconciliation to the end of June was received and noted. The account balance stands at £27,981.57

The invoices below were accepted and agreed.

RESOLVED: that the following invoices are paid:

M Warr – salary for May and June (paid by Standing Order) - £372.50

M Warr – Expenses – padlock for play area gate – key safe – May meeting - £75.44

Village Hall Association – annual meeting room hire - £250.00

54/26 CHRISTMAS EVENT

It was noted that the Carol Service will take place on Sunday 6th December at 4pm. After discussion on various options, it was agreed to hold an afternoon tea with a raffle, Santa and presents for children.

55/26 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cllr Lock was unable to attend but commented that the Councillor grant scheme was now live and there will be up to £300 available to each parish for community projects. Cllr Cantwell updated that the request for more passing places in Church Lane was still ongoing. The street light contract was going out to tender and the next Councillor meeting was at Wigtoft on 25th July at the Village Hall.

56/26 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Christmas event, Flagpole, Play area enhancement.

57/26 NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 8th September 2026, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.22pm

Signed -----

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