

## **Doddington and Whisby Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Stable Yard Office at Doddington Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.**

**Minute number 2026.03.01. Welcome.** Councillor Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Minute number 2026.03.02.**

**Public Forum.** No members of the public were present.

#### **District Council and County Council Updates**

##### **North Kesteven District Council**

District Councillors Chris Goldson and Richard Johnstone gave an update on the current situation of the Local Government Reorganisation.

The Government launched the statutory consultation for LGR in Greater Lincolnshire on Thursday 5 February 2026. The consultation will run for seven weeks and close at midnight on Thursday 26 March. All the proposals submitted for Greater Lincolnshire can be viewed on the Greater Lincolnshire LGR Hub. <https://www.greaterlincolnshirelgrhub.org>

The District Council's budget for the year from April 2026 has been agreed with an increase of 2.96% of the overall bill with a Council Tax increase of between 7p and 10p a week for most householders.

##### **Lincolnshire County Council**

County Councillor Woodruff advised that he has recently received correspondence from a resident in Whisby regarding road safety concerns on Thorpe Road, opposite the TFM Country Store.

Councillor Woodruff has liaised with the Highways Manager, a traffic signal engineer and a senior officer at Lincs Road Safety Partnership and will report back to the resident with the advice he has received that no criteria have been met for any traffic calming measures to be considered.

#### **Formal session commenced at 19:25**

**Minute number 2026.03.03. Present and apologies.**

Present; Councillors Cunliffe; Hollingsworth; Owen and Robinson.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor's Hall, Waite and Whites.

**Minute number 2026.03.04. Declarations of interest.** None.

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**Minute number 2026.03.05. Minutes of previous meeting.**

Notes taken at the previous Parish Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were approved as a true record of events and signed by the Chair.

**Minute number 2026.03.06. Finance Report**

6.1. Items of expenditure and income received were agreed and noted. Appendix A part i.

6.2. The budget position to date was noted. Appendix A part ii.

**Minute number 2026.03.07. Planning.** None.

**Minute number 2026.03.08. Clerk's report.**

i, Traffic calming.

Councillor Robinson updated the Parish Council regarding the recent meeting held with the leader of the County Council, Councillor Matthews and Councillor Woodruff. The meeting itself was constructive and held in the right spirit. Councillor Matthews appeared receptive and, whilst no decisions were to be made at this stage, it was valuable to set out our concerns clearly. Councillor Robinson and the clerk will endeavor to keep the momentum going on this discussion and follow up with an email to Kyra Nettle (a senior highways officer next week.).

**Action Councillor Robinson and parish clerk.**

ii. Village gates.

Councillor Robinson has requested a site visit with highways. **Action Councillor Robinson.**

iii. Community emergency plan.

Councillor Owen has looked at neighbouring community plans and feels this is something that could be achieved within the parish. Further research will be done before the parish council decides as to whether to go ahead. **Action Councillor Owen.**

iv. Planters.

This will be revisited in the spring.

v. Litter.

The parish clerk advised that she is still looking for a private litter picking company and has reached out to NKDC for advice. **Action Parish Clerk.**

**Minute number 2026.03.09. IT/Data Protection Compliance Checklist.**

The parish councillor's confirmed receipt and understanding of the recently circulated IT and Data Protection guidance and completed the checklist.

**Minute number 2026.03.10. Village Handyperson.**

Following a discussion, it was agreed that there was insufficient work to employ a handy person and any necessary tasks would be undertaken by the parish councillors or by a contractor.

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**Minute number 2026.03.11. Correspondence and Councillor updates.**

No correspondence.

Councillor Robinson advised that he has recently spoken with a member of the Wilder Doddington team who asked if the parish council would like an update on their work. An invitation will be extended to the team to attend the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held in May 2026. **Action Councillor Robinson.**

Councillor Hollingsworth advised that the Wild House is due to open shortly and should be available for parish council meetings and agreed to look into this for the next meeting. **Action Councillor Hollingsworth.**

**Minute number 2026.03.12. Date of next meeting.** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Councillor Robinson thanked everyone for their contributions and the meeting concluded at 20:05.

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### Appendix A – Part i

Date	Payer/payee	Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
16.01.2026	Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection Registration		-47.00	5,242.54
29.01.2026	Npower	Streetlight electricity		-41.21	5,201.33
29.01.2026	Kerrie Vickers	Salary January 2026		-253.39	4,947.94
31.01.2026	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge		-6.00	4,941.94
13.02.2026	HMRC	VAT Return	549.09	0.00	5,491.03

### Appendix A - Part ii

Expenditure		Budget	Actual
Salaries		3,600.00	-2,382.49
Expenses		250.00	-150.00
Maintenance		1,500.00	-421.62
Fee's/Subscriptions		400.00	-402.69
Insurance		600.00	-500.21
Office Running Costs		50.00	-107.00
Election Costs		200.00	0.00
S137 Expenditure		150.00	-100.00
CIL			-300.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>			-4,364.01
<b>Income</b>			
Precept		6,750.00	
Other receipts - interest		419.04	
VAT refund		549.09	
<b>Total receipts</b>		7,718.13	
<b>Balance Sheet</b>			
Balance B/FWD		27,020.94	
Precept		6,750.00	
Other receipts			
Staff costs			-2,382.49
All other payments			-1,681.52
CIL			-300.00
		33,770.94	-4,364.01
Current Account		5,491.03	
Savings Account		24,884.03	
Balance of accounts		<b>30,375.06</b>	

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