

FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th March 2026, 7.00pm at Fiskerton Revival Centre.

Present: Cllrs H Boffy (in the Chair), A. Aujila-Jones, H. Gibbins, G. Miller, A Price, D. Priestly and R Watts.

Cllrs S. Saddington and K. Melton and 1 member of the public were in attendance.

25/159. Apologies – acceptance and approval

The Clerk was on annual leave and sent apologies.

25/160. Declarations of Interest – To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

Cllr Miller declared an interest in respect of item 7 on the agenda.

25/161. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th February 2026.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

25/162. Clerk's Update and received correspondence.

In the absence of the Clerk, the Chair referred to the National Grid's West Burton to Ratcliffe-on-Soar Refurbishment Project and the possible impact of a Compulsory Purchase Order on Bridleway 6 (beyond the level crossing on Gorsey Lane). It was agreed that the Clerk would contact National Grid's Land Agent to seek assurance that the bridleway would be unaffected.

25/163. Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Saddington reported that the County Council had agreed their annual budget at a recent full council meeting, with a commensurate increase of 3.99% for the County Council part of Council Tax

Cllr Melton reported that Newark and Sherwood District Council has also agreed their budget and capped council tax increase at 0%.

Both councillors were thanked for their reports.

25/164. Questions from members of the public.

A member of the public asked if the agenda for Parish Council meetings was widely circulated to the public. It was confirmed that, as required by legislation, the agenda appears on the parish council website and both noticeboards. It is not currently emailed to residents who have signed up for email alerts as this had been deemed not necessary however it was agreed that these residents would be reminded where they can access agendas and minutes.

25.165. Planning Matters.

Applications for comment – a) 26/00180/HOUSE, Beech Cottage, 1, Marlock Close, Fiskerton NG25 0UB, remove existing rear conservatory and replace with a new single storey garden room

CLlr Miller left the meeting for this item.

Votes were as follows:-

Support 6 **Oppose** 0 **Abstain** 1 (declared an interest)

25/166. Finance.

a) **To approve payments made:-**

20/2/26	British Gas	Utilities	17.71
27/2/26	Payroll		343.60
28/2/26	Service charge		6.60

The payments were unanimously approved.

b) **To authorise amounts for payment:-**

NALC	Annual Subscriptions	281.61	(no VAT)
N&SDC	Installation of 2 dog bins	720.00	(incl. VAT)
N&SDC	Installation of waste bin	576.00	(incl. VAT)
Cuttlefish	Web and email migration	1212.00	(incl. VAT)

The payments were unanimously approved.

c) **To consider contract renewal:**

Ulyett Landscapes – Village Green Maintenance. It was unanimously agreed to accept this contract for the coming year.

d) **Capital Working Group Update**

Cllr Boffy reported there had been a wide ranging discussion at the first meeting of the Working Group and some progress had been made. Another meeting was now needed.

25/167. Communications and Website

To receive a verbal report from Chair on Website and Email migration progress:

Cllr Boffy reported that the contract for the new website had been signed and that she and the Clerk had received some online training. The Beta site has been created and 163 documents have been 'scraped' from the current website although some clarity on headings and categories was required before further progress could be made. The email set-up has not yet started but this would progress on the return of the Clerk.

To receive verbal report from Chair on meeting with Bleasby PC regarding 'Quiet Lane' proposal:

Cllr Boffy reported on a meeting with Bleasby PC concerning their proposal to change some footpaths to bridleways and obtain 'Quiet Lane' status for Gypsy Lane. It was agreed that the PC would support this proposal and that Cllr Gibbins (as Footpaths Warden) would liaise with Bleasby PC in future. It was also agreed to add this an item for the May parish council meeting when a representative from Bleasby PC would attend and report on progress.

25/168. Friends of the Village Green – Update

A report had been emailed before the meeting which confirmed that a number of residents have recently carried out further improvements to the 2 spinneys and installed bird nestboxes provided by Southwell U3A. With regard to Fiskofest 2026, F4RN has agreed to sponsor the stage and an agreement had been reached for The Bromley to run the bar. It was agreed that the council would consider a grant towards Fiskofest once an application was received.

25/169. Sports and Gala Association – Update

a) To receive Update

The bubbles in new hall floor are reducing and the SGA are confident

that the issue will be resolved over time. Hedge trimming has been undertaken around the playground and more work is planned. It is likely that a skip will be hired and help required from the community for some of the maintenance tasks. Work is continuing on officially re-naming the Hall which will involve updating the Trust Deed and require agreement from the Charity Commission and Trustees. The sports facilities continue to be well used.

b) Monthly Safety Inspection

The February inspection was satisfactorily completed on 20th February and the next inspection is scheduled for 27th March.

c) Formal Meeting Update

It was agreed to ask SGA for a schedule of their forthcoming meetings and noted that three cllrs are due to meet with the SGA on 31st March to discuss future funding.

25/170. Forthcoming Social Events

There are none at present

25/171. Footpaths

With regard to FP 17, the Clerk, having contacted VIA, is now waiting to hear back from the Rights of Way Team.

27/172. Village Maintenance

A missing road sign at the end of Station Road has been reported by the Clerk to Newark and Sherwood DC. It was noted that there had been no action following a request to Notts County Council for clear Give Way signage/road markings at the junction of Middle Lane and Main Street in Morton following two accidents in this location. It was agreed to pursue this with the County Council.

Date of next meeting: Monday 20th April 2026 at Fiskerton Revival Centre, Gravelly Lane at 7.00pm.