

Minutes of the meeting of Gosberton Parish Council held on 29th September 2025

Present: Cllr J Clark, N Oakman, J Ascough, T Smith, D Leworthy, N Oakman, G Firth, I Hobling and F Newton (Clerk)

Also in Attendance: Dist Cllrs Bingham, Geaney and two MOP

Open Forum: N/A

619. To resolve to accept Apologies for Absence and reasons given in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 s85(1): no apologies received

620. To receive declarations of interests and considerations for any requests for dispensations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011: Cllr Firth declared an interest in agenda item 636 i

621. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th August 2025: Resolved to approve the minutes

622. To receive report from District Councillors: Dist Cllr Greaney reported that the Methodist Chapel would like to lay a wreath at Remembrance- to be discussed later in meeting, also has received comments from residents about the plan to extend the zig zags and parking restrictions outside the School, the Clerk reported that this proposal is currently at the consultation stage. Council requested that the yellow lines are extended and proposed a zebra crossing – clerk to contact LCC Cllr King ref this. Dist. Cllr Bingham updated Council with the devolution proposals. Currently there are two proposals – first being that the whole of Lincolnshire stays as one council and the second that the County is split into two- North and South, with the South being made up of SHDC, Boston, NKDC, SKDC and East Lindsay. Council supported the second proposal, Clerk to put forward a representation.

623. To receive the Clerk's report on correspondence received and consider any recommendations:

LALC	E news and training
LCC	public notice ref Chopdyke drove parking restrictions
Community Resilience news	Forwarded to all- added to website
LCC	Traffic restrictions-added to website
LALC	E news
SHDC	Updated Electoral register
LALC	Training bulletin
Parishioner	Email ref memorial bench
BSH council briefing	Attended teams call
LALC	Finance semina

Clerk reported on recent BSH briefing, next one to be held in 3 months. Also attended a Finance seminar, and would be proposing that council consider changing Bank accounts so that a more favourable interest rate is earned on savings accounts. To be discussed further. Cllr Oakman asked about the recent Facebook post regarding a dropped kerb at the top of Bowgate. Clerk reported that Dist. Cllr King has contacted Highways about this and it was agreed that a dropped kerb is needed, work to be carried out in the next few weeks

624. To review and adopt

I. Code of conduct

II. Co-option policy

III. GDPR Statement

Resolved- to adopt all policies

625. To consider appointing LALC as the Internal Auditor for 2025/26:

Resolved to appoint LALC

626. To note points made in recent Archer Surveys and update on Community Speedwatch : recent Archer surveys have been carried out on Boston Road, and the High street, which showed that a percentage of vehicles are still speeding but not enough for further action to be taken. Cllr Firth proposed that Council should request the 40mph on Boston Road to be reduced to 30mph due to access from the new developments. Cllr Ascough reported on the Speedwatch, the number of volunteers is dwindling, a session had to be cancelled due to holidays. Clerk to contact LCC Cllr King to propose the TRO for Boston Road.

627. To consider Tree maintenance quotes: Resolved to accept the quotation from P&P for £1330.00 plus VAT. Planning application for the works has been submitted

628. To receive update on Cemetery: A replacement memorial bench has been installed by friends of Nathan Fletcher. Bench needs securing to prevent it being moved.

629. To consider repair/replacement of bench at the bottom of Churchfleet lane: Work to be carried out on this over winter

630. To discuss arrangements for Remembrance day: Resolved Methodist chapel are to lay a wreath and their minister take part in the service. D Lewis to be asked to remove the old wreaths

631. To discuss footbridges in Gosberton Risegate: Cllr Clark reported that both bridges are owned by LCC, and work needing doing is to be reported on Fixmystreet

632. To discuss the issue of rubbish/flytipping in Gubboles Drove: Cllr Leworthy has removed the rubbish and requested that a sign is purchased “ Do not leave rubbish “ The wastelands along this road were also discussed. Clerk to action

633. To discuss village sign on Spalding Road- Cllr Firth reported that vegetation had been cut back by LCC

634. To consider sale of wastelands- Sandiacre: a request has been received from the current tenant who is interested in purchasing this land. Cllr Clark is to contact land agent to arrange for a valuation. To be put on the Agenda for the next meeting

635. To discuss arrangements for Xmas decorations in the villages: Cllr Ascough agreed to approach local supplier to ask for 2 xmas trees, one to be placed in usual spot in the Risegate. Dist Cllr Bingham offered the use of a large container to place a tree in for Gosberton Village- possible near Princebuild. Better quality solar lights are to be sourced.

636. Planning Matters
Applications for comments:

I. H08-0744-25- FULL- Erection of 2 detached bungalows, Adj 43 Mill Lane, Gosberton. Mr M Van Lier -NO COMMENTS

II. H08-0814-25- FULL- Replacement shop front, 2 Belchmire Lane Mrs P Arora-NO COMMENT

III. H08-0852-25-FULL Demolition of existing barns and erection of 2 dwellings, Belnie House Farm Belnie Lane, Mrs K Baxter-NO COMMENTS

IV. H08-0846-25-FULL- proposed dwelling adj 3-4 Bowgate, Mr A Murfet COMMENT- Concern about over development of site, not in keeping with surrounding properties and street scene

V. H08-0813-25- FULL- erection of 2 bed detached annexe and games room with covered porch The old Vicarage, 53 Clough Road, Mr C Johnson – NO COMMENTS

VI. H08-0818-25-FULL- proposed timber storage shed, Chespool House, Chesboule Lane, Mr O Tyler- NO COMMENTS

Determinations

I. H08-0516-25-APPROVED- Part change of use to equestrian to include menage, erection of stable block and lean to -retrospective- Opposite Sparrow cottage, Birds Drove, Gosberton

II. H08-0757-25-APPROVED- Works to Gosberton Tree preservation order no 2 1962- 27 Westhorpe Road, Gosberton

III. H08-0764-25-APPROVED- Proposed residential development comprising 20 dwellings, approved under H08-0870-22 Amendments to external materials- site adjacent Silverdene Boston Road.

637. Finance

I. To approve payment of accounts within the Clerk's report

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL PAID	PAYMENT METHOD
22/09/2025	Savilles 456	5.00		5.00	BACS
22/09/2025	BAK 459	8.00		8.00	BACS
26/08/2025	PKF Littlejohn 442	315.00	63.00	378.00	BACS
08/09/2025	BAK 446	8.00		8.00	BACS
29/09/2025	Wave 449	28.57		28.57	DD
26/09/2025	Sardeson sculpture 463	100.00		100.00	BACS

Payments made between meetings using delegated authority

21/08/2025	HP instant ink 439	17.49	3.50	20.88	DEBIT CARD
26/08/2025	RBL 440	71.25	14.25	85.50	DEBIT CARD
10/09/2025	Post Office 444	13.92		13.92	DEBIT CARD
03/09/2025	Vodafone 445	14.57	2.92	17.49	DEBIT CARD
10/09/2025	SLCC training 447	30.00	6.00	36.00	DEBIT CARD
01/08/2025	Sardeson sculpture 450	400.00		400.00	DEBIT CARD
13/09/2025	Microsoft 448	4.83	.97	5.80	DEBIT CARD
21/09/2025	HP instant ink	17.49	3.50	20.99	DEBIT CARD

Previously authorised-for information only

17/10/2025	D Lewis	2000.00		2000.00	BACS
30/09/2025	Clerk	856.24		856.24	BACS
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Resolved to approve payments

II. To receive bank reconciliations up to 22nd September

Current account £ 6221.68

Deposit account £60743.29

Charity account £ 37.28

NS & I £54541.32

Resolved to accept bank reconciliations

III. To review income and expenditure

Income since last meeting £1926.61

Expenditure since last meeting (including payments to be approved) £4740.74

Resolved to approve income and expenditure

IV. To review budget

Resolved to approve budget figures- noted that there is an overspend on Tree maintenance

638. To receive reports from other committees: Unknown Donors are due to meet on 14th October, no other committees have met

At 8.49 Dist. Cllrs Bingham, Geaney and 2 MOP left the meeting

To resolve to move into closed session in accordance with the public bodies(admission to meetings) act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business

639. To consider Clerk's back pay in accordance with NALC pay scales: as agreed at the last Staffing committee meeting, Clerk salary would be moved to scale 22 and back pay according to new pay scales. Cllr Smith to contact BAK accounting with the information

Meeting closed at 8.54pm

Chairman.....

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