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WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH 2026 AT 7PM AT CLLR. GRANTHAMS OFFICE.

Present: PC Simon Grantham (Chair), PC Clement Earl, PC Sarah Lawrence, PC Jackie Morris, PC Johnathan Pearson, PC Richard Scarborough, PC Becky Shaw.

Also present: DC Rob Kendrick, Peter Martin (Churchwarden), Tracy Martin (Clerk).

1. Public Forum.

1.1. There was four members of the public present.

2. Apologies for Absence.

2.1 There were no apologies.

3. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2026.

3.1 The minutes were read and signed and confirmed as a true copy of the meeting.

4. War Memorial cross damage.

4.1. Peter Martin attended to update the Parish Councillors regarding the repair of the cross.

5. Playing Field lease.

5.1 It was agreed to sign the new lease from NKDC for 25 years use as a playing field and to pay a yearly charge.

6. Fallen tree/shrub at playing field.

6.1 Resident to be given NKDC contact details to claim for pagoda damage from fallen tree. The clerk to sort.

7. Thorpe Tilney Farm day.

7.1 Three members of the Fenland Stud at Thorpe Tilney attended the meeting to ask for a donation towards the education day they want to organise in collaboration with the school. It was agreed to give a donation of £200.

8. Community Speed Watch and High Street data.

8.1 Data was downloaded and recorded and discussed at the meeting.

9. Progress and comments on Digester Plant.

9.1 An update was received from Dom Henry and discussed.

10. Assertion 10 Digital and Data Compliance.

10.1 It was decided not to comply with Assertion 10 of the Annual Governance Statement section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 due to extra costs to the Parish Council and in turn to the residents of Walcott. The Clerk to organise a free domain and hosting of .gov.uk address for the parish clerk email only via Parish online. Parish Councillor's contact email addresses will stay as is.

11. Potholes.

11.1 An update was given by County Councillor Rob Kendrick on ongoing highways work in the county.

12. Planning Applications.

12.1 25/1448/FUL- Approval retrospective - Erection of a free range egg laying unit (amended scheme of 21/0938/FUL).

13. Financial Update.

13.1 It was decided to subscribe to Lincolnshire Association of Local Council (LALC) for a further year 2026/27 at the cost of £198.44.

13.2 As a subscriber of the LALC above, the website help was agreed to be continued at a cost of £90 + VAT for the minimum of 5 hours per year to March 2027.

13.3 The Financial Regulations 2025 have been updated and approved to reflect the payment of any invoice/expense to be made by bank transfer in the future made by The Clerk/RFO (Responsible Financial Officer). This is to keep bank charges to a minimum.

13.4 Cheques written and approved.

26/1/26	L.I.V.E.S Donation 2026/27	000714	£ 50.00
12/3/26	Mrs T.J Martin Salary/Expenses inv. 77	000715	£345.02
12/3/26	S. Lawrence - Paint for play equipment refresh	000716	£ 40.83
	SPOILT CHEQUE	000717	
12/3/26	Lincolnshire Assoc. Local Councils (LALC) subs/website help 2026/27.	000718	£306.44

14. Correspondence

14.1. SADS UK – New Defibrillator pads and charger are on order and will be sent out once they are back into stock. The Parish Council have been assured that the pads will still be fine to use for a few more months before the stickiness of the pads begins to deteriorate.

14.2 . Resident – The Smoot is getting uneven and vegetation is encroaching onto the path. The Clerk to request it to be made safe. CC Rob Kendrick asked to be kept updated on this.

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15. Any other business to be discussed.

15.1 It was agreed to allow the Clerk to be paid one extra hour for the next 3 months to be paid for 3.30 hours each week.

15.2 Three new light bulbs are to be ordered from Christmas Direct. The Clerk to sort.

16. Date of next Parish Council meeting.

16.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 14th May 2026 at the Village Hall and held after the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.