

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025**

Attended:

Cllr Glenn Fuller – Chairman
Cllr Gareth Williams – Vice Chairman
Cllr Sue Latham
Mr Ian Coles - Clerk

Cllr Ashley Baxter – LCC / SKDC
Mrs Lisa Blackmore
Mr Paul Bragg
Mr Mike Hutchings
Mrs Alison Ireland
Mr Graham Magee
Mr James Mooney
Mr Iain Stowe

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Anna Thompson

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2024 were considered, following which it was proposed by Cllr Gareth Williams, seconded by Cllr Sue Latham and unanimously agreed the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting; the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1 APRIL 2024 – 31 MARCH 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Glenn Fuller, summarised his report to the meeting on the activities of the Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2025 which will be published on our website shortly.

We purchased several large poppies and soldier silhouettes during the year with generous donations from many residents in the village and Cllrs Gareth Williams and Brian Marsden were thanked for their efforts in organising this to remember past sacrifices.

Happily there were less waste water and flooding issues this year following work undertaken in the sewers by Anglian Water and we continue to liaise regularly with them on all related issues that may affect us.

We recognise that we need to undertake work in the Boaty to repair potholes and deal with several trees and foliage and will be attending to this as soon as possible now that we have the available funds to do so.

Ongoing gravel extraction matters continued to dominate our thoughts over the past year and both our residents and ourselves continue to put pressure on Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to try and minimise the effect that this may have on the village and its residents in the future. In addition to the personal efforts of our residents, including strong protests at a public exhibition held during the year, both the West Deeping Action Group and Protect West Deeping have worked incredibly hard to try and stop the future mining plans of the landowners and the gravel extraction companies.

The creation of a children's playground within the village is still a prime consideration but we do need to identify a suitable location. Volunteers to assist with progressing this would be most welcome.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Mr Ian Coles provided a financial summary for the year from the Financial Report which will be published on our website shortly.

Our income during the year amounted to £12,296, which predominantly consisted of the annual precept of £10,900 from SKDC, along with Boaty levies of £260, burial fees of £110 and bank interest of £81. The balance of £945 represented the generous donations from residents towards the purchase of poppies and statues.

Our expenditure in the year was £10,616 which comprised of our amenity contract with Gary's Gardens of £1,360, staffing costs of £7,285, the purchase of poppies and statues of £935 and general administration costs of £1,036, which includes our annual insurance, cemetery fees and subscriptions.

At 31st March 2025, our bank balance had increased from £481 at 31st March 2024 to £2,161.

The usual Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) forms have been completed and our finances for the year have been inspected and agreed by our internal auditor.

Copies of the AGAR forms and our annual budget for the 2025/26 year, agreed at the November 2024 Parish Council Meeting detailing our expected income and expenditure, will all be published on our website.

5. MINERAL EXTRACTION

Extensive discussions were held on the latest position but this item is carried forward to the Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM) to follow this meeting, in order that councillors can deal with matters arising from it immediately.

6. COMMUNITY REPORTS

No other reports have been received this year.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It has been reported that there has been no water available recently in the cemetery for flowers on the graves. This will be addressed under the 'Cemetery' item of the forthcoming APCM.

It was also mentioned that the door of the phone box is also in need of repair. This will also be dealt with at the APCM to follow.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.53 p.m.

Chairman

Date _____