

# WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2025

### PRESENT:

**Parish Council**  
Cllr Glenn Fuller – Chair  
Cllr Sue Latham  
Cllr Anna Thompson

Mr Paul Bragg, Mr Mike Hutchings, Mr Graham Magee

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Gareth Williams  
Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

Cllr. Ashley Baxter

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None

### 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2025, previously circulated, were agreed unanimously as a correct record. They were proposed by Cllr Anna Thompson, seconded by Cllr Sue Latham and signed by the Chair.

### 4. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

### 5. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH COUNCIL

None

### 6. WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

Cllr Gareth Williams has been our representative at the recent meetings of our 'Multi Agency Group' (MAG), set up by Anglian Water to discuss and try to minimise the impact of any ongoing and future flooding and sewage problems. This is a joint group with Tallington and recent issues have primarily focused on problems beneath the railway crossing, where blockages have been identified.

Lincolnshire County Council have recently issued a notice entitled 'How To Report A Flood' and we have put a copy of this on our website.

### 7. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

The repair of potholes and tree work in the Boaty is a priority project for us this year. At the last meeting, it was agreed that we would allocate up to £1,000 from last year's surplus funds, plus this year's levies to Tinsley's and Anglian Water, totalling £260, to cover the cost of this work.

Cllr Glenn Fuller reported back from Cllr Gareth Williams to confirm that quotations have been requested for dealing with the trees and bushes and that he will also ask Gary's Gardens for a comparative quote as well. In addition, Gareth has contacted companies who can provide hardcore and gravel to deal with the potholes and is looking to acquire a suitable supply in the near future. We will then look for volunteers to help apply this to eliminate, or at least minimise, labour costs.

Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund – Cllr Glenn Fuller reported that no advance had been made on this at the current time.

## 8. CEMETERIES

Cllr Glenn Fuller confirmed that Mr Ian Coles and Cllr Sue Latham had recently met up in the cemetery to review and ascertain the necessary, or desirable, work required. Most of the trees just need to be tidied up and we will liaise with Gary's Gardens regarding this. However, there is one tree on the front right hand side of the cemetery which is growing over telegraph wires and also on to the thatched roof of the neighbouring property. Gary has applied for planning permission to deal with this and we therefore hope that it can be cut back as soon as possible.

## 9. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Cllr Glenn Fuller reported back from Cllr Gareth Williams to confirm that he had been in touch with several companies offering to assist us in the design and finance for a play park and he is currently establishing a group of residents to discuss this further. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and Gareth will report back on progress at the next meeting.

## 10. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Glenn Fuller confirmed that Mr Ian Coles had emailed all councillors in advance of this meeting to advise that we now need to replace the pads and batteries for our defibrillator, which the Parish Council took over the responsibility for in November 2022. The indicative cost of doing so is £174, plus VAT and it was proposed that we proceed with this purchase by Cllr Glenn Fuller, seconded by Cllr Anna Thompson and agreed by all.

It has also come to light that the defibrillator has never been registered on 'The Circuit'; the national register of defibrillators linked to the British Heart Foundation. Glenn also confirmed that Ian has now arranged this.

## 11. MINERAL EXTRACTION

Cllr Glenn Fuller updated the meeting on the latest developments -

It was reported that various members of the community had been in correspondence with Henry Tinsley, the owner of the majority of the land for SG17 (MS29) and SG11, who had informed the villagers that the legal agreement with Breedon's for the extraction of minerals on the land south of the Stamford Road (A1175) required them to apply for planning permission by a certain date. This has now expired and he has confirmed to Breedon's that he does not wish to renew the arrangements that are currently in force. He also confirmed that he is looking at alternative plans for the land, as neither use for agriculture, or the development of a wood would be suitable, given the presence of archaeological remains there. He also confirmed that, when mineral extraction on this land was first discussed with Breedon's, there was never a suggestion that they would try and install a large processing plant near the village.

In the light of this, Cllr Glenn Fuller reported that he had composed a letter for the Parish Council to send to LCC, to ensure that they were aware of these developments and to ask them how they intended to deal with these proposed sites, now it was apparent that there was no landowner / operator consent, which is one of the fundamental tenets of the 'reviewing the minerals process' and integral to the delivery of the sites. Glenn commented that no plan which now included these sites could be considered as sound if it contained them.

Cllr Glenn Fuller also reported that a further meeting had been arranged by Cllr Ashley Baxter for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to discuss the future use of the Crown Farm land and its potential transformation into a nature reserve and management by the Langdyke Trust.

The minutes of the Quarry Liaison Meeting held at Breedon's on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 are now on our website.

## 12. PLANNING

At the last meeting the following application was being reviewed by councillors:-

**S25/0657** – Side extension to existing dwelling at 1 The Lane.

This has been considered by councillors who had no comments or objections and planning permission was granted by SKDC on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

No other planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

Cllr Glenn Fuller reported that the SKDC Local Plan review was underway and that various consultations were ongoing. He suggested that anyone who wanted to know more should look on the SKDC website where the details were published.

## 13. FINANCE

Our current balances are £912.12 (current account) and £9,500.00 (deposit account). Since the last meeting, we have received the Boaty levy of £60.00 from Tinsley's, reimbursement of charges for the Tinsley Field of £575.00 from West Deeping Parish Charity, our VAT reclaim from the 24/25 year of £151.80 from HMRC and deposit account interest of £28.44. Our expenditure was made up of £695.00 to Gary's Gardens (of which £465.00 is in respect of the Tinsley Field and has been partly reimbursed, as above, with the balance to be invoiced in due course), £300.00 in respect of our annual insurance premium, clerk salary payments of £1,707.71, employer National Insurance contributions of £102.80 (now due at lower income levels following the last Government Budget), £25.00 for the voucher given to our internal auditor, as agreed at the last meeting and administration expenses of £84.80.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

None received this month.

## 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Glenn Fuller reported that the Deepings Practice Patient Participation Group was holding another Q & A forum for the Parish Councils covered in their catchment area and should anyone have any questions (only one each), then they should submit them prior to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025. Glenn invited anybody to submit any questions that they might like answered.

## 16. OPEN FORUM

Mr Mike Hutchings asked the council to please find out what was the situation and progress with the Lolham and other bridges south of the village which had now been closed for some time. Cllr Fuller will enquire and report back on this.

Mr Mike Hutchings informed the Parish Council of two recent water leaks on King Street in July. The first of which Anglian Water had dealt with promptly and the second they were aware of and was ongoing.

## 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and will start at 7 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_