

WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of West Deeping Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th August 2026
at 7pm at West Deeping Village Hall

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

16. ATTENDANCE

- a. Present: Glenn Fuller – Chairman, Clare Strak – Vice Chairman, Gareth Williams, Susan Latham, Anna Thompson, Michelle Dickens – Clerk and 4 members of the public.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- a. To receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors in items on the agenda. None.
- b. To receive written requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None.
- c. To grant any requests for Dispensation as appropriate. None.

18. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm [APCM Minutes](#) of 12th May 2026 held at the Village Hall. Approved and signed by the Chairman.

19. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. [Planning/tree applications log/status report for 2026-2027.](#)
- b. Planning/tree applications which arose since the previous meeting – one planning application –
 - (1) [S26/0422](#) – 33 King Street – Alteration, extension and conversion of an ancillary domestic outbuilding to a dwelling – awaiting decision.
- c. Planning/tree application decisions since the previous meeting -
 - (1) [S26/0531](#) – 52 King Street - S73 application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans) and 11 (hard landscaping works) of planning permission S23/0023 – approved conditionally by SKDC.
 - (i) Mark Nicholls the applicant, attended the meeting. Mark attended to discuss WDPC's concern for the Boaty being used for rear access to the two new properties. The additional use of the Boaty, its current condition and the potential implications for its future maintenance were discussed. Mark is going to draft a plan to present to WDPC detailing what they propose to do with regards to improvements. Further discussion will be had at the next Parish Council meeting.
 - (ii) The introduction of a levy for all residents who use the Boaty for rear access was discussed. To be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting once the plan has been provided. (Minute 22c1i above).
 - (2) [S26/1057](#) – Penlea – installation of 12 solar panels on Southwest facing garage roof. WDPC has no objections.

d. Mineral extraction/quarry matters. Cllr. Fuller confirmed that WDPC's response to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan has been submitted. Clerk confirmed that the submission is on WDPC's website for anyone interested. Cllr. Fuller confirmed that he will continue to monitor the situation.

20. COMMUNITY MATTERS

a. Children's playarea. Cllr. Williams suggested a post for Facebook asking if residents are still interested in having a playarea on the Green/Tinsley Field. This will identify if efforts at the moment are necessary. It was also suggested that a Community Group be formed to take the project forward if it is still of interest. All interested residents should contact Cllr. Williams and Cllr. Thompson directly. Clerk to post on Facebook.

21. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

a. Trees at the back of the Red Lion. It was confirmed by the landowner that no work to the trees is required at the present moment.

b. Tree work in Boaty. WDPC will ensure that any tree work required will tie in with the proposal from Mark. (Minute 22c1i above).

c. Bridge at entrance to village. Clerk confirmed that there is no weight restriction imposed on 'Manor Bridge'. Any vehicle covered within Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) regs 1986 is safe to pass over the structure, this covers most of the vehicles on the highway network, including HGV's. The structure is routinely monitored and if any deterioration is noticed, remedial works will be carried out to ensure the bridge maintains its load carrying capacity.

d. Anglian Water. Anglian Water will be putting in a new water main at Tinsley Field end of the village. The route of the new pipe will go across the corner of Tinsley Field. Noted that WDPC are not concerned about this.

22. BURIAL GROUND MATTERS

a. Allen plot. Cllr. Latham confirmed that the ashes interment has taken place.

b. Cemetery plan. Clerk confirmed after a meeting with Cllr. Latham at the cemetery, that the plots shown as available on the current plan do not tie up with the space available. Clerk suggested a meeting with David the gravedigger to mark the available plots and update the plan accordingly. Clerk proposes the plan is then recorded electronically once it's known what is available and is happy to do this task. WDPC were in agreement to pay David for his time. His hourly rate is £15 and the job should take no more than a couple of hours.

c. [Cemetery price list](#). Clerk proposed an increase to the current prices. To be discussed further at the next meeting when it will be known how many plots are available.

23. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. [Income and Expenditure spreadsheet](#) detailing all payments made and income received, along with a budget update report.

b. Policies and Asset Register -

(1) WDPC [Standing Orders](#) and [Financial Regulations](#) have been revised and updated. Discussed and approved.

(2) Clerk to ensure WDPC has all policies that are legally required.

(3) WDPC's Asset Register to be reviewed to ensure it is up to date.

c. Website. Clerk confirmed that the website is easier to navigate and locate documents/information now.

24. OPEN FORUM

a. A resident asked if the telephone box in the village could be re-furbished. Another resident confirmed that there has been interest from someone who does renovations to do it, but it would mean taking the telephone box away. WDPC were not keen on that idea. Cllr. Fuller to get a couple of quotes for the work to present at the next meeting.

25. ANY ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR POINTS

a. None.

26. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a. None.

27. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm.

28. The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

Michelle Dickens

Clerk to West Deeping Parish Council

27th August 2026