



# WYBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes taken by the Clerk Mrs. Val Austin  
for the Parish Council meeting at Wyberton Parish Council, which was held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.00pm at Wyberton Community Centre**

(These minutes will be checked at the next meeting before the council amends/approves them as a correct record)

**Present:** Cllr David Williams (Chair), Cllr Allan Fryer, Cllr Colin Clarke, Cllr Christabelle Horner, Cllr Maxine Stones, Cllr Richard Austin and The Clerk.

Also present: Cllr Barry Daish – Lincolnshire County Councillor

Public present: One member of the public

The meeting was called to order at 19:00pm

- 1. Chairman to open the Monthly Parish Council Meeting.** Good evening to you all and this meeting is called to order.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.
  - Cllr Jason Stevenson – Work commitment
  - Cllr Mike Sharp – Prior apologies sent

- 3. Public Forum:** To resolve to suspend the meeting for a **maximum of 10 minutes** to allow members of the public to ask questions or make short statements to the council

**Public Forum open:** 19:00pm

The member of the public addressed the meeting regarding persistent speeding along Low Road Wyberton. It was mentioned that traffic levels have increased following the new Heron Park homes, and the lack of pavements along this stretch of road, is a hazard for pedestrians and children walking in the area. Concerns were raised about vehicles travelling at excessive speeds and limited visibility around the bend at the Causeway. The resident stated that unless something is done it is only a matter of time before a fatality happens.

Cllr David Williams mentioned several residents have complained to him regarding this issue.

**The public forum closed:** 19:05pm

**Parish Council meeting resumed:** 19:05pm

- 4. Declarations of interest (if any):** To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests.
  - Cllr Richard Austin declared an interest due to living on Low Road, Wyberton.



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**5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 202-** To resolve as a correct record and to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes.

Cllr Colin Clerk proposed, and Cllr Christabelle Horner seconded and all in favour for Chairman Cllr David Williams to sign the minutes.

### **6. Lincolnshire County and Boston Borough Councillors Reports**

i. Cllr. Barry Daish: Mentioned:

- Marsh Low Road, Tytton Lane and Bitten Lane, was asked for double yellow lines and have now been installed.
- At the top end of West End Road, this has been approved for 30mph.
- An application for the bottom end of West End Road has also been approved, this is due to resident pressure.
- Lincolnshire County Council Budget is in talks at 2.99% this will stay for 3 years, it will not go up but stay down, nothing will be cut.
- There is extra money £2.5million for potholes around Lincolnshire.

ii. Cllr. Richard Austin: Mentioned:

- Boston Borough Council are keen on doing events in the town to get more footfall than they had last year.
- The footway by the Spirit of Endeavor along the A16, there is a long section of fence owned by LHP and the fence has nearly collapsed with tree growth, LHP have not dealt with the issue, and a strong letter has been sent stating it is a major problem.

iii. Cllr. Chris Mountain; Not in attendance

### **7. Clerks Report – Ongoing Issues**

#### **7.1: Drainage works at the Community Centre. - Update**

The Clerk to contact the insurance company, update at meeting

- The Clerk contacted the insurance company on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026, was told that they could not advise on the sinking of the carpark unless a claim was put in, therefore a claim has now been submitted.
- Update when more information is available.

#### **7.2. Replacement Picnic benches to Wybert's Park - Update**

- The contractor visited the community centre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February and spoke to the Clerk, Cllr Allan Fryer and Cllr David Williams with regards to the benches. Due to the weather conditions the contractor would not be able to install the benches. The colour of the benches was discussed and to be the same blue as the Wyberton logo.



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### **7.3: East Coast Community Fund - Grant application update – Cllr David Williams.**

The clerk has all the relevant information required for the grant; the clerk will send the necessary paperwork across to East Coast Community fund.

- The clerk advised that for the grant 3 quotes were required.
- The clerk advised that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote has not been received and to chase them up.
- Cllr David Williams mentioned that The Clerk contacted a surveyor, and they were advised that an ECHP was not required. Cllr David Williams mentioned that the heat pumps should be the right size for the building.

### **7.4: Setting up New Accounts – Lloyds Bank**

- Cllr David Williams advised that most of the banks charge a fee for depositing cash and the suggested bank Nat West is closing in town, and the parish council need banks that are open and staying in town to deposit cash.
- The clerk mentioned that it would be best to leave the accounts as they are at present and to only apply for a credit card machine via Lloyds Bank.

### **7.5. Resident complaints regarding the parking on Saundergate Lane Dentist**

- Cllr Allan Fryer mentioned that he is visiting the school on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, and he will ask the school to write a letter to Cllr Barry Daish regarding the issues with traffic. The more that is asked for the more chance that LCC will do a survey.
- Cllr Barry Daish also mentioned that he requires a PDF map which shows where the double yellow lines are required. Cllr Allan Fryer to action.

(Please note the numbering was incorrect on the February 2026 agenda, 7:3, followed by 7:6. The numbering is now correct on the minutes.)

### **8.1. Infinis Solar Development – Community Funding – To Note**

- Cllr David Williams spoke about the grant from Infinis and Grantscape. This item was also mentioned in the Community centre Committee meeting.
- At the Community Centre meeting, the following items were discussed for replacement, making the community centre more energy efficient.
- Windows, many have blown units
- New Ceiling and surround panels
- Doors and heating in clerk's office
- Heaters for all the toilets
- Noticeboard at the playpark
- Barrier for along the carpark
- Cllr David Williams will forward a list to his contact to confirm whether items meet the required criteria. Update when received.

### **8.2. Update – Questionnaire for the residents – Community Governance Review**

- The clerk has put together a draft Questionnaire. See Appendix A
- Consultation will now be funded and undertaken by the Boston Borough Council, for purposes of transparency, the Parish Council will receive a copy of the consultation documents.



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### 9: Councillors to discuss & resolve the following items:

#### 9.1. To appoint representatives (Co-op) for Staffing committee, for the ensuring year 2025/2026

Due to low numbers of councillors in this committee, the council to Co-op a Councillor.

- Cllr Maxine Stones Proposed and Cllr Richard Austin Seconded and all Cllrs in favour of Cllr Colin Clarke to join the staffing committee.

#### 9.2. Details from Council Liaison meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Cllrs David Williams and Christabelle Horner.

Update from the meeting.

- Cllr Christabelle Horner spoke about neighbourhood policing in Lincolnshire.
- Inspector Ian Cotton was in attendance, and explained that there is a freeze on recruitment, the team have lost community PC beat officers, which is a temporary measure for the next six months. Parish councils will have a point of contact for each area, but staffing will probably be limited in certain areas.
- Crime has come down, however there is a spate of burglaries in Wyberton for metal / copper and shed thefts.
- Cllr David Williams spoke about:
- *Greater Lincolnshire for All/Local Government Reorganisation*: Reorganisation of the unitary authority and the allocation of precepts has yet to be finalised. The borough council is to be dissolved and there are concerns over the ownership of borough assets located in the parish. Cllr David Williams asked the clerk to contact Cllr Mike Gilbert by email asking for a list of all the assets that is allocated to Wyberton. And then the parish council can decide what should be transferred to the Parish Council.

#### 9.3. Update from Community centre and events committee meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026. – Cllr David Williams.

Update from the meeting.

- Cllr Allan Fryer spoke about the upcoming events at the community centre.
- Quiz night – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – would like to do a quiz night every three months. The last quiz night was a great success.
- Kids 4 Kids – April 2026 – Stall holders selling pre-loved children's items, the stalls will cost £10 each, with refreshments being sold in the main hall.
- Cllr Allan Fryer is meeting with the head teacher at the local school, to talk about this event and other events that will be happening at the community centre. Update March.
- Traditional Summer Fayre – August time. – Coconut shires, Hook a duck, Bean bag game etc., stall holders in the main hall, refreshments sold in PGS.
- Speak to the Scouts and Wyberton WI about helping or having a stall at the fayre.
- Volunteers will be helping, as they did at the Christmas Fayre.



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### 9.4 Flood Alerts – Cllr Colin Clarke

What is the procedure when a flood alert is received?

- Cllr Colin Clarke asked what the councillors should do when they receive a flood alert email.
- Cllr David Williams mentioned that there is a 24-hour flood line to call.

### 9.5 Request from a resident on the Low Road for 30mph speed limit past the houses on the junction of Church Lane/Causeway/Low Road – Cllr David Williams

To discuss

- Following on from the public forum, Cllr David Williams mentioned that he has received complaints from residents about speeding on the Low Road and Causeway, which is dangerous to dog walkers as there are no pavements, and it's a residential area. Cllr Barry Daish mentioned that the parish council should get as much information together from residents, names and addresses, reasons why the reduction is required, and a map showing the area.
- Cllr's David Williams and Richard Austin to action.

## 10. Finance

### 10.1: Approve Payments of Accounts

Cllr Allan Fryer proposed, and Cllr Christabelle Horner seconded for Cllr David Williams to sign the February 2026 payment lists.

### 10.2: Bank statements – Dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Community Account Balance £7,143.47

Commercial Account Balance £20,897.16

- 11. Planning matters:** Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - To consider and make observations on all planning applications received and to note planning approvals, refusals, enforcement complaints and appeal decisions advised by the Borough Council – The parish clerk has delegated authority to respond to planning applications, in consultation with the councillors via email.

**To include those received between the day of posting this notice and the day of the meeting**

B/26/0038 – Heron Park Phase 5 – Emailed Cllrs 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

B/24/0418 – The Firs, West End Rd – Emailed Cllrs 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Cllrs confirmed that they did not have any objections to the above planning applications.

- 12. Next Meeting:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm



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### 13. Any other business to be brought forward to the next meeting:

- Cllr Richard Austin mentioned about having brown signs for the Church along the A16, as residents are having trouble finding the location.
- All Councillors agreed for the clerk to write a letter in response to the request.
- Approval to be granted at the next meeting.
- Cllr Maxine Stones asked if the hire of the community centre in July could be hired free of charge, as she is doing the event in aid of Beneath the Surface.
- All Councillors in favour of this and will grant approval at the next meeting.
- Cllr Allan Fryer mentioned the new community centre flag, which shows the new Wyberton logo.

With no other matters, the meeting closed at 20.40pm

Signed:

Date: