

LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Lowdham Parish Council
held at The Community Building, off Southwell Road, NG14 7PS
on 06 March 2025 at 6.45pm

06/02/25/137

Councillors: Derek Brickell (Vice Chairman), Gary Clarke, Alison Glazebrook, Paul Harrison (Chairman), Caroline Kew; Stephen Platt; Mike Poyzer, Alan Reed, Denise Whitt, Liam Wiltshire

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; Communications Officer Dermot Daly. No members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Alison Glazebrook declared an interest in the Village Hall grant application
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Casual Parish Councillor – one vacancy continues
4. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 06 February 2025. In future the publishing of draft minutes (marked as draft for the village magazine) will occur after they are circulated to Councillors.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** No members of the public
6. **County Council matters:** Apologies were received from County Cllr Roger Jackson
7. **District Council matters:** Apologies were received from District Cllr Tim Wendels
8. **Amenities and Village**
 - a) **Flood alleviation progress report:** No further update. EA drop-in session is on 17 March at the Village Hall
 - b) **Roundabout:** No further update.
 - c) **Lowdham Environment Group:** Primroses have been planted around the village
 - d) **Village Hall Car Park:** Concrete fencing has been reinstated, but inappropriate vehicle charging is still occurring. It was **RESOLVED** to send a further letter and to seek official view on the matter from NSDC
9. **Planning Applications:** None
10. **Planning Decisions:**

25-00212-TWCA - Grove House, Lambley Road - tree work - No Objection
11. **Finance and Assets:**
 - a) It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to authorise the February payments
 - b) The Cemetery Rules and Regulations has been reviewed, and an updated version will be referred to Council for approval. The rates from 01 April 2025 were confirmed to remain unchanged.
 - c) Community building booking rates were revised. It was **RESOLVED** to agree and publish these new rates and to document the agreement with the scouts
 - d) Solar panels – A grant application has been received from the Village Hall Committee. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council fund the scheme with a 10-year Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) loan. Most electricity is used during the day. Related costs of roof moss clearance (less than £2000) were also approved
 - e) It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Dixon continues to be appointed as the Internal Auditor
 - f) The position of the storage containers in the car park is causing problems for FLAG when accessing them in poor weather conditions. After discussion, it was agreed to have a tarmac apron created. The clerk will seek quotations.
 - g) Two proposed new signs were approved for the Franklin Road Car Park - as per quote from NSDC Parking Services – one to be positioned at the entrance and one at the back of the car park

- h) The VAT reclaim has been submitted to end of February 2025

12. General Matters

- a) Neighbourhood Plan document for the Annual Parish Meeting was approved and will be circulated to residents prior to the meeting.
- b) Village Car Parking – The document considered at the last meeting for the Annual Parish Meeting was approved and will be circulated to residents prior to the meeting.

13. Annual Parishioners Meeting – Wednesday 9 April 2025 – 7.30pm at the Village Hall
Agenda to include County Council report, Neighbourhood plan, Village Parking, Environment Group report, Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee report, FLAG report.
It was RESOLVED to produce an 8-page booklet and ask the Scouts to deliver door-to-door.

14. Councillors' Reports:

- a) Grit bins – There are 8 blue (Parish Council) and a number of yellow (NCC) bins – the blue bins have been mapped and need numbering – mid-season filling requires volunteers to adopt bins. NCC fill the grit bins at the beginning of the season.
It was RESOLVED to investigate the siting of a new bin outside the pharmacy and any other key locations that are identified and proposed at the next meeting.
- b) Cllr Gary Clarke offered to clear up the large mud deposits on Church Lane going up towards the Cemetery which had been left by a lorry that had taken an unsuitable route.

15. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

16. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd April 2025

Meeting closed at 9.01pm

The Chairman moved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 16 on the grounds that it involves the likely discussion of exempt information as defined in Section 1 of the public (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

17. Councillors Meeting – in camera

Signed: Chairman

Date