

LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Lowdham Parish Council
held at Lowdham Community Building, Off Southwell Road, NG14 7PS
on 04 December 2025 at 6.45pm.

04/12/25/153

Present: Cllrs. Derek Brickell (Vice Chair), Gary Clarke, Alison Glazebrook, Paul Harrison (Chair), Caroline Kew; Stephen Platt, Mike Poyzer (A), Alan Reed, Robert Turnell, Denise Whitt, Liam Wiltshire(A)
Also present: Comms Officer Dermot Daly. There were two members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mike Poyzer and Liam Wiltshire. Members sent best wishes to Mike Poyzer, recently admitted into hospital. Clerk Bill Banner was also absent
2. Declarations of Interest: None
3. Chairman's announcements: There will be an update on flooding issues
4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 06 November 2025: It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as circulated.
5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:
The resident reported that no progress has been made on the flood modelling from the County Council, but work is now underway (to be reviewed at the January meeting). Staffs LLFA is to run through the plan.
The existing build of the reservoir, although not complete, had some effect during Storm Claudia, restricting water flow to the village.
It was noted that the Environment Agency and Local Drainage Board were not co-ordinated on the clearing of weeds from the Beck prior to the storm, but this has now been addressed
6. County Council Matters.
County Councillor Roger Jackson expressed the hope that the Cocker Beck flooding is now a thing of the past
Focus is now around flooding on Main Street
Local Government Reorganisation is still a significant discussion point
A6097 work should start imminently
Extension of 30mph limit on Southwell Road towards Gonalston from the village has been approved
7. District Council Matters:
District Councillor Tim Wendels reported on the main matter of Local Government Reorganisation with a lack of consensus between the groups
8. Amenities and Village:
 - a) Flood Alleviation: covered under the public session
 - b) Lowdham Environment Group update:
There is now a link with the Newark repair café
Contact has been made to make the village wildlife friendly
Looking for a location to hold the Lowdham repair café and setting suitable dates in 2026

c) Christmas arrangements:

Lights switch-on is on 05 December: Thanks to Cllr Kew for picking up the arrangements at the last minute in the absence of Cllr Poyzer –help from other members would be welcome.

Arrangements with the MP confirmed to switch on the lights

d) Village Car Parking: the role of the Parish Council and its lack of authority over the management of the Village Hall land and buildings was conveyed to the Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee.

Enforcement of parking restrictions on surrounding roads may force further parking into the Village Hall car park – Cllrs Derek Brickell and Paul Harrison are to discuss with Mr Gareth Johnson of VIA about enforcement. Gareth to be invited to the February meeting

e) Dead cherry trees: To be discussed at the January meeting

9. Planning Applications:

25/01903 /PIP – Land off Plough Lane – in principle application for one or two new residences:

Object: Lack of Access and Green Belt. It was observed that some mature trees have been cut down recently without permission – being a Conservation Area.

25/01132/HOUSE – 4 Lambley Road– a small adjustment to the plan – permitted development – Do Not Object

25/01508/HOUSE – 9 Nottingham Road – Orangery to rear – subsequently recently received – comments required to Clerk within the next 2 weeks

10. Planning Decisions:

25/01723/TPO – 1 Hill Syke – tree work - Granted

11. Finance and Assets:

a) It was unanimously RESOLVED to authorise the payments for November

b) Community Room – request for discretionary rates – to be discussed at the January meeting

c) Plaque request – Sherwood Forest Day – Members did not feel able to support this request

d) Conference chairs -It was resolved to purchase 15 appropriate chairs

e) Budget Considerations 2026-27: Precept requirement decision to be taken at the January meeting.

12. General Matters:

a) Neighbourhood Plan: Following cancellation of the original public meeting for lack of interest, members considered the options of attempting another meeting, restricting the planning to flood matters or to do nothing. It was agreed to raise the matter once more at the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting.

b) Legionella: It was unanimously resolved that the updated Risk Assessment is adopted.

c) Councillors on .gov email: Comms officer to resend email invitation to Cllrs Kew, Reed, Turnell and Whitt

13. Councillors' Reports.

A replacement colour map of the parish (A2 size) is needed for the village notice boards, to include Parish Boundary, Conservation Area, Green Belt, and Public Rights of Way

Ton Lane footpaths are overgrown - to be reported to VIA for attention

14. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

15. Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 08 January 2026**

Meeting closed at 8.48pm

Signed: Chairman.....

Date