

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 05 February 2026 at 6.45pm.

08/01/157

Members: Cllrs. Derek Brickell (Vice Chair), Gary Clarke, Alison Glazebrook (A), Paul Harrison (Chair), Caroline Kew; Stephen Platt, Mike Poyzer, Alan Reed, Robert Turnell, Denise Whitt, Liam Wiltshire

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and Comms Officer Dermot Daly. There were two members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Alison Glazebrook.
2. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Paul Harrison: Planning Application 25-01298-FUL – Land at 50A Main Street
3. Chairman's announcements: None
4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 08 January 2026 were approved and duly signed
5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business: *Standing Orders were suspended*

50A Main Street: A member of the public spoke against the amended application as earlier issues raised have not been addressed. Support was requested for a personal presentation by a member of the Parish Council at the NSDC Planning Committee meeting on 14 February 2026

A member of FLAG reported that reviewing the last potential flood event, the AI model predicted the height of the Beck very accurately.

As public liability insurance has yet not been achieved, it is unlikely that the flood barriers will be used by FLAG at the next flood event.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

6. Village Car parking – NCC Officer Gareth Johnson
Significant issue with parking especially on Main Street, exacerbated by a lack of public car park. An increase of enforcement may help – 48 tickets have been issued over the last two years. There are peak times when the problems occur and many people are inherently lazy. There are significant stretches of parking prohibition markings. Parking behaviours will change when an enforcement officer is in attendance. Enforcement is likely to be increased. A model for a one-way system can be carried out at a cost.
7. County Council Matters.
County Councillor Roger Jackson had sent his apologies.
A question was raised about changes in the speed signage on Southwell Road toward Gonalston
8. District Council Matters:
District Councillor Tim Wendels had sent his apologies
9. Amenities and Village:
 - a) Flood Alleviation – covered in the public session.
 - b) Lowdham Environment Group – a meeting has been arranged. The first meeting of the repair cafe is likely to be in April at the Village Hall.

- c) Christmas arrangements review – need at least two people to organise – Cllrs Liam Wiltshire and Caroline Kew volunteered to be involved for Christmas 2026. Clerk will investigate the serviceability of the lights and alternative provision. Thanks were given to those who were involved in the event.
- d) Dead cherry trees – to be replaced in the planting season.
- e) Anti-Social behaviour in Old Tannery Drive – this was reported to the police and appears to be an isolated incident – the Parish Council will keep a watching brief

10 Planning Applications:

25-01298-FUL – Land at 50A Main Street – Planning Committee to consider 12 Feb 2026 - Cllr Liam Wiltshire volunteered to attend the planning committee at NSDC to reiterate the views of the Parish Council

Cllr Paul Harrison left the meeting during the discussion on this item

11. Planning Decisions:

25-01508-HOUSE – 9 Nottingham Road – Proposed orangery to rear – Do not object

12. Finance and Assets:

- a) January payments were approved and authorised
- b) Community Room – discretionary rates – reconsidered at written request of three councillors – Proposal that there is no further discount for Parish Councillors (passed by majority 9:1). The new hiring rates from 01 April 2026 were unanimously agreed to be increased by between 5-10%.
- c) MUGA – to consider repainting/inlaying of Pickleball lines and letting potential – the clerk will negotiate with users reasonable letting fees to ensure costs incurred are covered.
- d) Budget Consideration: Consider starting an unrestricted Sinking Fund for future asset replacements – this should be addressed in the budget for 2026-27, to cover property and other assets that may need significant maintenance or replacement. A proposal paper is required for the next meeting covering the Sinking Fund and Investment Fund to go with it, to receive a better rate of return.

13. General Matters: Annual Parishioners Meeting: Weds 15 April 2026 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

An agenda needs to be compiled for approval at the March Council meeting.

To include a possible Guest Speaker, Neighbourhood Plan update, Car Park / Traffic, Chairman's Report, Finance, Repair Café / Environment.

Promotion to Residents to be similar to last year – content to be provided around the agenda themes.

14. Councillors' Reports:

Request to follow up on PC request to NCC for the big field to be included in the Village Conservation Area

A question arose about the requested replanting of trees in Planning Application 22/00087/ENFA - land at Plough Lane. The clerk will enquire of the Planners whether that was done

The Comms Officer confirmed the postings of the Agendas and Minutes on the PC Facebook was being done, content coming through from the PC Website

15 Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 05 March 2026

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: Chairman.....

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