

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 March 2026 at 6.45pm.

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Members: Cllrs. Derek Brickell (Vice Chair) (A), Gary Clarke, Alison Glazebrook (A), Paul Harrison (Chair), Caroline Kew; Stephen Platt (A), Mike Poyzer, Alan Reed, Robert Turnell, Denise Whitt, Liam Wiltshire
Also present: Clerk Bill Banner. There were three members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Derek Brickell, Stephen Platt and Alison Glazebrook.
2. Declaration of Interest: None
3. Chairman's announcements: None
4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05 February 2026 were approved and duly signed
5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business: *Standing Orders were suspended*

A resident addressed council to offer to answer any questions on Planning Applications 25/01122/FUL and 25/01137/FUL to be considered under item 10.

A resident asked about the long-awaited tree replacements and debris clearance at the Cocker Beck - the clerk assured him that instructions to complete the work had been given to Streetscene and EA, who will be reminded

The resident also informed members that the village hall roof is now 45 years old and is no longer waterproof. Estimates for repairs are being sought *Standing Orders were reinstated.*

6. County Council Matters.
County Councillor Roger Jackson had sent his apologies.
7. District Council Matters:
District Councillor Tim Wendels had sent his apologies
9. Amenities and Village:
 - a) Flood Alleviation – no further matters to report
 - b) Lowdham Environment Group. The first meeting of the repair cafe is still to be arranged but a venue is proving difficult to find.
It was agreed that in view of the need for Public Liability insurance to cover these activities, the LEG should be a Village Community Group supported by the Parish Council
 - c) Village Car parking – to be discussed at the Annual Parishioners Meeting
 - d) Christmas 2026 – a rooted Christmas Tree has been sourced and is to be planted near the cenotaph in the next day or so
 - e) The dead cherry trees and other trees in the village playing fields are to be replaced in the coming week.

(f) The clerk was asked to write to Via to request sight of the planned arrangements to protect the village, and Main Street in particular, from additional traffic during the course of the works

10. Planning Applications:

25/01122/FUL - Land at Old Epperstone Road - Erection of 1 cattleshed - Do Not Object

25/01137/FUL - Land at Old Epperstone Road - Retrospective planning permission for concrete apron to woodshed - Do Not Object

Planning Applications Subsequently received:

26/00123/HOUSE – 14 Nottingham Road – Erection of rear single storey extension – Do Not Object

26/00229/HOUSE – 7 Southwell Road – Demolish existing conservatory; a ground floor rear extension and partial conversion of outbuilding into a granny annexe – Do Not Object

11. Planning Decisions:

26/00024/TPO – 18 Blenheim Avenue – Grant works to trees protected by TPOs

25/01298/FUL – Land at 50A Main Street – N&SDC Planning Committee considered this on 12 February 2026 and decided to approve the application - confirmation awaited

12. Finance and Assets:

a) February payments were approved and authorised

b) MUGA – Pickleball group have decided not to use the facilities this year.

c) Budget Consideration: members agreed to start an unrestricted Sinking Fund so that unexpected major capital costs in the future can be dealt with. CCLA Fund opportunities will be investigated.

d) The Cemetery Rules and Rates were reviewed and the fees revised effective 01 April 2026

e) A letter has been received from the Valuation Office to notify a backdated (13 May 2025) review of the rateable value of the Community Rooms (from £13,250 to £14,500).

Following that, NSDC have billed for retrospective payment of an additional £2,897 (£2,754.89 already paid). The over 100% increase has been challenged

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

Agenda items were approved and content is to be prepared for inclusion in the programme that is to be prepared for delivery to all residents by the scouts

14. Councillors' Reports:

Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 02 April 2026

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed: Chairman.....

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