

# 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 02 April 2026 at 6.45pm.

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Members: Cllrs. Derek Brickell (Vice Chair), Gary Clarke, Alison Glazebrook, Paul Harrison (Chair), Caroline Kew; Stephen Platt, Mike Poyzer, Alan Reed, Robert Turnell, Denise Whitt, Liam Wiltshire  
Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; Comms Officer Dermot Daly; County Councillor Roger Jackson (L); District Councillor Tim Wendels. There were two members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence: None
2. Declaration of Interest: None
3. Chairman's announcements: None
4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05 March 2026 were approved and duly signed
5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:

A resident wishes to talk about item 8(i)) and it was agreed to defer until that item

6. County Council Matters.

County Councillor Roger Jackson informed members that potholes are becoming less - some funding for it has been redirected from other initiatives.

Major works at the roundabout are set to start in Spring 2027 – consultation on traffic re-routing will be done closer to the time

7. District Council Matters:

District Councillor Tim Wendels informed members of the zero increase in the District Council element of the Council Tax.

From 01 April, Tetra Paks can be included with the paper bin for recycling. Food waste collection pilot will take place in September 2026 in 3000 homes across multiple villages including parts of Lowdham – with internal and external caddy.

Legacy fund scheme is now available for parks and play areas up to £10,000 but needs to be matched funded. The deadline is 31 July 2026. An Environmental Improvement grant is also available.

Electric points in Co-operative car park - planning application details awaited

The approach of the District Council would be supportive of a Neighbourhood Plan.

The call for land availability for development is still ongoing.

Issues were raised about potential planning infringements at Willow Farm

## 8. Amenities and Village:

- i) Flood Alleviation: June 2027 should see the finalisation of the reservoir. The work so far seems to have achieved a reduction of 60% in the water reaching Lowdham during a potential flood event. The County Council has decided it cannot indemnify FLAG's liability arising from placing flood management barriers. The matter will be raised at the Annual Parish and members should be mindful reporters may be in attendance. In the absence of public liability cover, there is a risk that FLAG as a charity organisation may have to disband.
- ii) Lowdham Environment Group update: Repair workshop – dates are still being investigated allied to the availability of fixers, first event expected to be a Saturday morning in June. Some large bug hotels have been made and will be delivered to the village (all free) – locations have been identified.
- i) Village Car Parking – The clerk will ask NCC Officer Gareth Johnson for an update in the results of changing times of traffic enforcement
- ii) Tennis at the MUGA is now available – to be raised at the APM.

## 9. Planning Applications:

26-00362-FUL – land at Lowdham Road – alteration of soil bund. Although this relates to an area in Gunthorpe Parish, and members not able technically to comment, Council is concerned with the flooding effect of this work. Members were also concerned about the retrospective nature of the application and seek reassurance that the work will only be approved if planners are satisfied of its overall benefit.

## 10. Planning Decisions:

25/01721/FULM – Willow Farm, Nottingham Road – Agricultural building – Permission granted noted. Members queried whether it was a retrospective application and whether it is built in accordance with plans. Members are seeking reassurance that the work done was as proposed and approved.

## 11. Finance and Assets:

- a) March payments were authorised.
- b) Members agreed to the opening of a Sinking Fund – existing deposit account is reaching maturity shortly and a further offer for a fixed term of 6-month is on offer at 3.23% - it was agreed that the Clerk and Chair would determine the amount to be deposited nearer to the time.
- c) The reappointment of the internal auditor, Mr David Dixon, was approved and a letter of appointment signed.

## 12. General Matters:

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – there were no further considerations following the earlier questioning of the District Councillor.
- b) Annual Parishioners Meeting: Weds 15 April 2026 – Village Hall – 7.30pm start. Agenda item responsibilities were allocated. A website correction was identified.
- c) Christmas lights switch-on event is planned for Friday 04 December. Cllr Liam Wiltshire will lead.
- d) The defibrillator at the Worlds End is no longer working – it will go to the Repair Café.
- e) Rateable value of the Community Building has increased by 8.6 % but previous years have been overcharged so the account is now in credit.

## 13. Councillors' Reports:

- a) A proposal is expected at the Annual Parish Meeting to approach the community as to whether they would put up swift / bat boxes, supported by the Council.

## 14. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

15. Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 07 May 2026**

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: Chairman.....

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