

LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting and Annual Council Meeting of Lowdham Parish Council
held at Lowdham Community Building, Off Southwell Road, NG14 7PS
on 02 July 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 (A), Robert Turnell, Denise Whitt, Liam Wiltshire (A)

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; District Councillor Tim Wendels, three members of the public plus Graham Parker, Public Liaison Officer of Jackson Civil Engineering – contractors delivering the Flood Alleviation Project. Comms Officer Dermot Daly sent his apologies.

1. Apologies for Absence - Cllr Liam Wiltshire and Cllr Mike Poyzer had sent their apologies.
2. Declarations of Interest – None
3. Chairman's announcements – The Chairman acknowledged the resignation of Alan Reed from Council and that there is now a casual vacancy
4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 04 June 2026 were approved
5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business.
 - a. Graham Parker informed members of his liaison role with the contractors and made an offer of assistance with work in the village that they will be able to deal with as they start to come to the end of the project. There will be the opportunity after the summer for a small group of residents to have a conducted tour of the works before the site is generally being open to the public.
 - b. A resident expressed concern regarding the general loss of Green Belt and the growth of industrial use of land plus the environmental impact of the works in relation to the roundabout
 - c. The resident repeated her request to have a 30mph limit approaching the new roundabout on Nottingham Road from the start of the houses. (This item is on the agenda). The resident presented a petition signed by people on Nottingham Road and Skithorne Rise supporting a reduction in the speed limit. Another member of the public supported that request with observations on road safety
6. County Council matters: No Report
7. District Council matters: Comments by Cllr Tim Wendels
 - a. Local Government Reform decision expected this month
 - b. 25-01721-FULM - Enforcement action at Willow Farm – no further news from the Enforcement Officer.
 - c. 22-00194-ENFC - Land to north of Epperstone Road
A comprehensive Planning Contravention Notice was issued 10.06.2026 - the Enforcement Team are not empowered to fine offenders – needing to refer to the Courts
8. Amenities and Village:
 - a. Flood Alleviation – the chairman attended the FLAG AGM. Lack of liability insurance cover puts the future of FLAG in jeopardy
 - b. Roundabout roadworks – the work is set to start in August with road closures planned for Sept/October

- c. Lowdham Environment Group
Cllr Kew spoke in the absence of Cllr Poyzer to request support for a public showing of a Climate Emergency film made by Chris Packham – members felt it may be inappropriate to do so without proper pre-viewing
- d. Village Car Parking – A meeting is arranged next week with VH&PF Committee.
- e. The petition was considered to support changing to a 30mph limit on Nottingham Road approaching the new roundabout from the start of the houses. This was declined by majority decision as Highways are better placed to make such decisions

9. Planning Applications: None

10. Planning Decisions: None

10A. At this point the invitation from NSDC regarding preparation of a Local Plan was discussed
Cllrs Denise Whitt and Caroline Kew said that the technical requirements of the online forms made it difficult to respond - it was acknowledged that there will be better opportunities for comment. Further investigation to be made and it was agreed that Cllr Derek Brickell will contact NSDC to submit a list of items appropriate to Lowdham – such issues as flooding, infrastructure, green belt, existing roads, access, parking, etc....

11. Finance and Assets:

- a. June payments were authorised.
- b. VHPFC Play equipment – The question about the importance of public liability insurance will be addressed at the meeting next Wednesday
- c. Community Building – Solar Panels – no quotes received yet – item to be deferred to the next meeting
- d. Unauthorised youth parties outside the Community Building. The problem of noise and debris arising from these gatherings was discussed. It was recognised that this problem is likely to drop off once end of term comes in two weeks' time. Police are aware – they will provide surveillance when they are able

12. General Matters:

Defibrillator at Worlds End Pub

It has been agreed that the new Pub owner will take over the stewardship of the defibrillator and take over its maintenance

13. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Stephen Platt is to arrange a CPR demonstration training later in July - colleagues will be invited to attend

14. Reports from Outside Organisations – None

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 04 September 2026

Meeting closed at 9.01pm

Signed: Chairman.....

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