

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 3 September 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, Alex Stanhope (following co-option), Robert Turnell, Denise Whitt, Liam Wiltshire

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; Comms Officer Dermot Daly; District Councillor Tim Wendels; One member of the public (following co-option).

1. Apologies for Absence: None.
2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. Chairman's announcements:
 - a. The funeral of County Cllr Roger Jackson is at 11am on 7 September at Southwell Minster – he played a significant part in the life of Lowdham and will be sadly missed. Members agreed that a memorial should be put in Lowdham (an agenda item for October). It is planned to arrange for a replacement County Councillor in October/November.
 - b. Casual vacancy co-option candidate Alex Stanhope introduced himself and was accepted unanimously.
4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 July 2026 were approved with two alterations - item 5a (councillors not residents) and item 10A (Cllrs Whitt and Glazebrook – not Cllr Brickell)
5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:

Concern regarding the security around the building and the site. Over the last month there has been damage to padlocks, ducting grills, and guttering. Upgrading of the CCTV system, closing the area to the public in general and adding more fencing to the MUGA to secure the football goals are being considered.
6. County Council matters: No report.
7. District Council matters:
 - a. Local Government Reorganisation: Details of the decision to create two unitary authorities in 2027 have been announced, with Lowdham staying in the non-city split.
 - b. Cllr Wendels was asked about the ongoing planning enforcement investigations – he will follow up.
8. Amenities and Village:
 - a. Flood Alleviation – A note from Mr Peter Cross of FLAG was read out:

The recent rainfall recorded around 42mm but did not result in an equivalent rise in the Beck. The exceptionally dry ground was probably an important factor.

It will probably be another year for the bank reinforcement vegetation to take effect following the groundworks.

It is noted that the Beck is becoming full of weeds.

There is an expectation that Lambley Road will be resurfaced in the near future
 - b. Roundabout roadworks – work has started up at the Kirk Hill (East Bridgford) junction.
 - c. Lowdham Environment Group update: Repair workshop – still a lack of fixers.
 - d. Village Hall Car Parking – There appears to be no support from the Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee for the proposals made by the Parish Council.
 - e. An additional dog litter bin has been requested by a village dogwalker for Skithorne Rise. It was agreed that it is an unadopted private road and the residents of the Rise are the responsible body.
9. Planning Applications:
 - a. 26-00661-ADC - Springfield Inn - Signage - amended site plan: No objections.
 - b. 26-00973-PIP - Land north of Charta Mews - Permission in principle for a min. 2 dwellings and max. of 3 dwellings: To comply with the Planners response date of 27 July, a response to Object was provided.

The reasons were: Poor access; green belt; enhanced risk arising from a possible collapse of the old quarry wall and increased flood risk

- c. 26-01053-HOUSE - 11 Skithorne Rise - single storey extension: No objections.
- d. 26-01295-OUT - 38 Nottingham Road - one detached dwelling: No objections.

10. Planning Decisions:

- a. 26-00123-HOUSE - 14 Nottingham Road - Erection of rear extension - Grant permission.
- b. 26-00420-HOUSE - 7 Lambourne Crescent - Two storey side extension - Grant permission.
- c. 26-00644-HOUSE - South Sherrards Barn - Erection of garage - Grant permission.
- d. 26-00973-PIP - Land north of Charta Mews - Permission in principle for 2 or 3 dwellings - Grant permission.
- e. 26-00843-LDCP - 11 Lime Tree Gardens - Lawful development - garage conversion to utility room - Granted.
- f. 26-01088-TWCA - 13 Ton Lane - Fell Conifer - No objection.

11. Finance and Assets:

- a. July and August payments were authorised.
- b. 2025/26 - External Audit Report: an unqualified audit report has been received.
- c. Insurance renewal on 1 October 2026: renewal quote accepted.
- d. CCTV – Upgrade recommended to allow the police to act if any damage caused – the digital (IP) quote accepted.
- e. Community Building
 - i. Damage by youths – need for grill repairs of £200 - the site security improvement through the CCTV upgrade is thought to be adequate for now and the situation will be re-visited regarding its effectiveness. A quote to create a new cage adjoining the MUGA fencing to secure portable goals is to be obtained. A quote to have the hedge gaps closed is recommended.
 - ii. Solar panels – Cllr Poyzer has concluded that with the consumption model as it is now, it would not be beneficial to invest in solar panels at the Community Building.
- f. Scouts
 - i. Signage by front door will be supplied by the Scouts and fitted by the Council - approved by majority (6:3).
 - ii. Charges: Further investigation is required into the history of the charging agreements before a decision can be made of current and future charges.
 - iii. Cycle rack for about eight bikes would be about £600 supplied and fitted. It was agreed to finalise the quote and proceed with this initiative.

12. General Matters:

- a. There will be a future agenda item on helping to promote a Lowdham Youth Club.
- b. Recommended to consider additional signage for the existing 6 welcome signs to say: A Sherwood Forest Village. Quotes will be sought.

13. Councillors' Reports

- a. Christmas event arrangements are progressing.
- b. The District Local Plan does not appear to recognise farmland and farming, just green belt. Need to raise the issue in writing with the District Councillor.
- c. A Climate Change film is being shown on 4th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.
- d. Councillors will have a CPR training session prior to the November meeting (6pm).
- e. An additional dog litter bin at the Village Hall car park was requested
- f. Newly planted trees in the village have suffered for lack of rain – Street-scene will be asked to check

14. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

15. Date of Next Meeting: THURSDAY 01 OCTOBER 2026

Meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed: Chairman.....

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