

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 4 June 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 (A)
Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; Comms Officer Dermot Daly; County Councillor Roger Jackson; District Councillor Tim Wendels; Two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence - Cllr Liam Wiltshire had offered his apologies.
2. Declarations of Interest – None
3. Chairman’s announcements – None
4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 07 May 2026 were approved with the amendment that Cllr Glazebrook had declared an interest in the World’s End planning application
5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business.
 - a. Erection of signage boards near to the equestrian centre are close to the hedge and affecting hedge cutting.
 - b. Requesting the 30mph limit approaching the new roundabout is placed at the start of the houses on Nottingham Road. (This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.)
6. County Council matters:

There have been alterations to the No.26 bus timetable.
Following the recent VIA presentation on the new roundabout, the general view was that the work will move the queue at the roundabout from Nottingham Road to a queue from Gunthorpe Bridge; while the works are ongoing there needs to be extensive planning around limiting the traffic going through the village
7. District Council matters:

Local Government Reform still awaiting decision – shadow elections in 2027.
Planning applications:
Enforcement action at Willow Farm – a full audit is to be done by the Enforcement Officer.
Land to north of Epperstone Road – the Enforcement Officer has observed planning contraventions – a notice is to be issued.
Community and Sports awards are open for nominations until 3rd July – full details on District Council website (Comms Officer to circulate and publicise details)
8. Amenities and Village:
 - a. Flood Alleviation – no further update.
 - b. Roundabout roadworks – no further update.
 - c. Lowdham Environment Group
Repair Café has 12 fixers but only two can make the planned date – new date to be arranged (there was a suggestion to use doodle.com).
Christmas: a silver band has been booked. The choir booking is unconfirmed
 - d. Village Car Parking – A meeting will be arranged with VH&PF Committee.

- e. Footpath – there is a fingerpost on Nottingham Road showing the footpath to the Big Field, but the path is blocked by vehicles and building materials – the Rights of Way team are aware.
A sign that marks the footpath near the poly-tunnels (No.18) is missing – this will be reported.
An advertising sign near the roundabout seems to be permanently secured with concrete – NSDC planning to be informed

9. Planning Applications:

- a. 26/00420/HOUSE – 7 Lambourne Crescent – Two storey side extension and front entrance porch: members decided to Object: Loss of privacy - out of proportion.
- b. 26/00661/ADV – Springfield Hotel – erection of exterior signs: No comment
- c. 26/00644/HOUSE – South Sherrard’s Barn Old Epperstone Road – erection of garage: No comment

10. Planning Decisions:

- a. 25-02130-FUL - Gonalston Farm Shop - Residential redevelopment (three dwellings) - Grant Permission
- b. 26-00229-HOUSE - 7 Southwell Road - Demolish conservatory - ground floor rear extension - Grant Permission
- c. 26-00575-TWCA – Land off Plough Lane – Tree removals – No Objection

11. Finance and Assets:

- a. May payments were authorised.
- b. Lengthsman Scheme – Agreed for 2026-27
- c. Signage at Community Building – still awaiting response from the Scouts – defer to next meeting.
- d. VHPFC Play equipment – NSDC Grant not available for playground repairs. It was agreed that grant funding should be discussed in detail at the September meeting – notes will be prepared for circulation before the meeting.
- e. Request to install cycle shelter at The Community Building by Lowdham Colts – Agreed in principle to investigate costs, type of shelter, work involved and whether planning consent is required.
- f. Community Building – Energy fixed tariff ends 19 July 2026 – it was agreed extend for a two-year period.
- g. Community Building – Boiler replacement – quotes were considered and it was agreed to proceed with Epperstone Plumbing.
- h. Community Building – Solar Panels – no quotes received yet – item to be deferred to the next meeting

12. General Matters:

Civic service invitation to Councillors. Advanced notice of the Parish Conference in October at Kelham Hall. No.26 bus is to be severely curtailed in the evening from half-hourly to two-hourly – there was a request to write to the local the MP or the Regional Mayor.
The litter bin that has stood for many years by the COOP entrance door was removed when the work was done recently in the car park and it has not been replaced. There is an increase in littering as a result. NSDC to be contacted

13. Councillors' Reports:

VHPFC has agreed to our offer of assistance in preparing a temporary agreement for positioning of the fish van on the village carpark
Ownership of a damaged fence near the cricket pitch will be investigated.
Quotes are being sought for new Christmas lights.
It was noted that some of the Community may be affected when the analogue phone is switched off.
Recently installed benches need to be maintained

14. Reports from Outside Organisations – None

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 02 July 2026

Meeting closed at 9.06pm

Signed: Chairman.....

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