



Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th August 2026 at Burton Court Bilsthorpe

Present: **S Kemp (Chairman) K McAdam, D Mincher, B Jackson,**
4 members of the public
Clerk Susan Stack

MINUTES

- 26.60 Apologies for absence – **Parish Cllrs R Stoneman, A Ward and B Stanley, D Brickles, NSDC Cllr R Holloway, (C Cooper accepted at previous meeting)**
- 26.61 Declarations of pecuniary and/or personal interest
B Jackson (Village hall Heritage matters)
- 26.62 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2026
It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes (SK/BJ)
- 26.63 To receive updates on outstanding items (if available):
- Boundary review request ref Mickledale Lane to A614 (SK)
Chairman attended Rufford PC meeting ref boundary and S106. It was suggested that we contact the District Councillor/planning dept. reference sharing of S106/CIL between parishes (if possible). Also raised A614 junction query - James Gamble is looking into.
 - Graffiti incidents and cleaning requirements SK **We have been unsuccessful in finding any contractors – KM to look into professional graffiti and offer of potential community support from local business received.**
 - Skate Jam SK – **KM reported on a successful event. NSDC impressed with the event and area. Stalls attended as planned and there were no issues.**
 - Crompton Rd fencing installation – **Fencing completed. Fence has been put in front of existing in parts after complaints from residents.**
 - Distribution of cleaned tablets – **Returned and being distributed three to Scouts and one to Veterans**
 - Village sign installation – **Happening ASAP**
 - Himalayan Balsam – **Update given by resident, Notts Biodiversity group are having difficulty getting access to Strawsons land as they think that it is starting in a small wood. Needs to be removed at source then follow the water flow. County Council has overall responsibility for the removal with landowners required to remove from their property and public areas via County Council. Chairman to contact Rufford PC and Strawsons copying in County Councillors.**
- 26.64 Reports from District and County Councillors
Cllr R Holloway – written submission;
Government have announced their decision on the choice for Local Government Reorganisation for our area. Two new Councils will be created One covering Nottingham City Council and parts of Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe and one covering Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood and parts of Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe. Work will now begin on the transition towards the creation of the two new unitary councils. Elections for these new Authorities will take place in May 2027 this will create two shadow authorities ahead of the new Councils being formally established in April 2028. These elections will replace local elections. (I will not be standing in these Elections)
Bilsthorpe will no longer have a dedicated Ward Councillor, the District and County Councillor role will cease to exist, and they will be replaced by 3 new Councillors shared

across the Muskham and Farnsfield area (Muskham and Farnsfield is based on the current County Council divisional boundary) this includes North Muskham, South Muskham, Bathley, Cromwell, Norwell, Cauntton, Carlton on Trent, Sutton on Trent, Weston, Ossington, Kneesal, Maplebeck, Hockerton, Kirlington, Edingly, Halam, Bilsthorpe and Farnsfield District and Borough Councils will continue until April 2028 when the new Unitary Authorities take over. (that is when my term of Office expires) Parish Council elections will take place in May 2027 and will cover a term of 5 years this time to align with the new Authorities Election timetable.

26.65 Reports from community groups (CG), working groups (WG) and designated responsibility Cllrs (DR)

- a. Speedwatch CG **No report**
- b. Flood Resilience team CG (MPurdy) **Flood indicator being installed FOC on the bridge under the trail to alert team via their 'phones**
- c. Village Hall WG (CC,KM,BJ,BS) **KM Co Ordinating quotes for structural survey, which will come to the Council for approval.**
- d. Remembrance WG (CC,BC,BS,AW) **No update**
- e. VIA Group DR (DM,KM,MPurdy) **Doing work in village at present**
- f. Parks DR (KM,BJ) – **Benches have been painted on Sparrow Park by BJ but concerned that it will just be graffiti'd again. Invoice for materials to be paid. Graffiti on concrete on Crompton cannot be removed**
- g. CCTV DR (SK) **SK to contact CCTV company suggested**

26.66 Councillor reports

BJ -Thinking of Black Hammerite for War memorial area and will keep painting until it is used up

KM –reported on Balsam

26.67 Public questions (maximum 10 minutes)

Planters are looking sad due to lack of water. Scouts are looking after two planters. Suggested that remaining planters are removed due to lack of ongoing care. Mickledale lane may need moving to nearer the new sign. Add to September agenda “Mickledale Lane and Sparrow Park planter issues” and “future of planter care in general” M Purdy to remove plants as they are dead.

26.68 Correspondence

Enquiry from resident was reported and reply from Cllr Holloway has been sent to the person concerned who expressed thanks

26.69 To receive and consider current planning applications;

Application for permission in principle for a minimum of 9 dwellings and maximum of 9 dwellings Land Adjacent Wycar Leys Kirklington Road Bilsthorpe

Ref. No: 26/01058/PIP

Objection - More buildings without any infrastructure, pressure on services, over intensification and application size designed to circumvent S106 contributions (SK/KM)

26.70 To receive – Crompton Road Hub Report (circulated via e-mail) **Cllr Mincher outlined the anticipated costs of £1.8m with NSDC setting aside £1.3m towards it. To secure the £1.3m we need to start within a timescale. Of the £1.8m, other funding contributions are being sought at which stage (when we can demonstrate full funding in place) NSDC will release and ringfence the £1.3m. Business cases and enquiries from potential users have been received confirming community interest in the project.**

26.71 To discuss – 2027 Village Centenary (BS) **Not present. BJ confirmed that it was in 2025 therefore remove from agenda.**

26.72 To discuss – Villager publication **KM will attend any future meetings on behalf of the Parish Council**

26.73 To consider request to plant and water two planters in the village from residents
Resolved to approve the offer with thanks (SK/KM)

26.74 To note the Conclusion of Audit and its publishing on 2nd August 2026

The Clerk advised that it has gone on the website and into the notice boards.

- 26.75 To consider financial matters; to review and approve:
- a. Bank Reconciliation – to be reviewed by one Councillor and signed as accurate
 - b. Previous month's invoices - to be reviewed by two Councillors and signed as accurate
 - c. Budget and financial status
 - d. Invoices to be paid
- It was resolved to receive and approve all of the above (Invoice from Thronton Firkin approved (SK/DM))**
- 26.76 Summary of the meeting (time permitting, maximum 10 minutes)
- No queries**
- 26.77 To consider application to be co-opted onto the Council
- Jess Fletcher gave a presentation and was welcomed onto the Council (SK/BJ). The Declaration of acceptance of office was signed and a copy of the code of conduct issued.**
- 26.78 Date of next meeting(s) 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December
- To note that potential agenda items must be with the Clerk by 2nd August 2026 – **add accepting of apologies for absence from D Brickles.**