



Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th March 2026 at Burton Court Bilsthorpe

Present: Cllrs; Steve Kemp (Chairman), B Jackson, C Cooper, D Mincher (late), A Ward, R Stoneman, K McAdam
33 members of the public
Clerk & RFO- Susan Stack

- 25.227 Apologies for absence
D Brickles, B Stanley, NSDC R Holloway
- 25.228 Declarations of pecuniary and/or personal interest
C Cooper, A Ward, B Jackson – Heritage Museum Trustees
- 25.229 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 9th February 2026
It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes (SK/AW)
- 25.230 To receive updates on outstanding items (if available):
None
- 25.231 To consider application to be co opted onto Council with effect from 10th March 2026
The applicant was not present – deferred (SK/CC)
- 25.232 Reports from District and County Councillors
Written report from NSDC Cllr R Holloway as follows:
District Councillor report March 2026
My apologies for tonight as I am unable to attend the meeting but here is a summary of information from NSDC
On Thursday 5th March at the Full Council meeting Newark and Sherwood District Councillors agreed a zero percent increase in their portion of the Council Tax for 2026/27. Nottinghamshire County Council, The Police and Fire Authority have all increased their portion of the Council Tax and so there will be an overall increase. At February's Full Council meeting Newark and Sherwood District Councillors agreed an increase to the Council house rents of 4.8% effective from April,
I have been contacted by the Land Agent for the Owners of Wycar Leys land to discuss the plans for development of the site. I will be attending the consultation on 17th March at the Miners Welfare. I did ask him to get the owners to remove the fly tip that has been left on the land for some time and he said he would let the owners know.
Strawson's are keeping me in the loop around their planning application, this development is classed as being in Rufford Ward, however, Strawson's have said it is important to keep Bilsthorpe residents updated. They are currently working with Nottinghamshire County Council around possible flood mitigation measures for Mickledale close.
I am making NSDC Planning department fully aware of the cumulative impact of any new developments in our Village and to highlight the infrastructure improvements that will be needed if the planning Committee approve these applications. It will be difficult to resist further development due to the increase in Government Housing targets, so it is important to have early conversations around what S106 Developer contributions will be needed to support the village.
I have booked a fresh road sweep around the village following the recent wet weather. There are some issues that have been raised with me by residents, and these are currently being worked on with planned meetings with tenancy managers.

- 25.233 Reports from community groups (CG), working groups (WG) and designated responsibility Cllrs (DR)
- Speedwatch CG - **No report**
 - Flood Resilience team CG (MPurdy) - **No further information**
 - Village Hall WG (CC,KM,BJ,BS) **Information from Edwinstowe has been received and a list of uses that other halls are put to. Have quotes for surveying work that are being progressed ready to come to Council**
 - Remembrance WG (CC,BC,BS,AW) – **First aid cover in place, BS getting quote for street closures from Miners Welfare to Cross Street to War Memorial and other arrangements will progress from there.**
 - Emergency Plan WG (SK,RS,BS) **On hold**
 - VIA Group DR (DM,KM,MPurdy) **Awaiting next meeting date from VIA.**
 - Parks DR (KM,BJ) **Crompton Rd Fence posts are rotten, Motorbike marks all over the park and picture of vandalism as circulated at the meeting noted**
 - CCTV DR (SK) **Working, checked weekly**
- 25.234 Councillor reports
- Cllr Stoneman - attended meeting on hub**
- Cllr Ward - Defibs checked and working – putting together paper on standardising defibs to Zoll**
- Cllr Jackson - Flood Water was highest ever at Church Hill at the weekend**
- Cllr McAdam - Chasing pot holes and ensuring they are all logged and requesting road sweeps**
- 25.235 Public questions (maximum 10 minutes)
- Sweeping is creating pot holes in flooded areas**
- Microlites are flying over houses, invading privacy and creating noise**
- Request not to remove “Summary of the meeting (time permitting, maximum 10 minutes)” from future agendas**
- 25.236 Correspondence
- Request from resident for additional dog bin (and background from BS)
Between Allendale and The Crescent – Cllr Stoneman will contact resident – Defer for report
 - Communication regarding Local Government reorganisation
Noted
- 25.237 To receive and consider current planning applications;
Community Consultation on land off Mickledale Lane
Concerns over flooding effect, type of consultation, lack of notice to residents, pressure on Bilsthorpe facilities with no extra council tax. It was reported that all the details are on Council facebook and individual feedback encouraged
Community Consultation on land on Wycar Lees. Miners Welfare Social Club on 17th March.
Flyers circulated
- 25.238 To consider and adopt/re-affirm the following Terms of Reference
- Committee – Personnel – RS DM SK **None presented**
 - Committee – Finance – To consider changing status to Designated Responsible Councillor group and set Terms of reference **Resolved (SK/KM)**
 - Village Hall Working Group **Resolved (SK/KM)**
 - Remembrance Working Group **Resolved (SK/KM)**
 - Emergency Plan Working Group **None presented**
 - Crompton Road Hub Working Group **Resolved (SK/KM)**
 - Designated responsibility Group Parks **Resolved (SK/KM)**
 - Designated responsibility Group CCTV **Resolved (SK/KM)**
 - Designated responsibility Group VIA Liaison **None presented**
- 25.239 To consider – Litterpicking contract and feedback from meeting with the contractor.
Extended for additional six months (SK/CC)

- 25.240 To discuss – Matters concerning the Crompton Road Hub as follows:
- Approve draft letter to local businesses **Amend map resolution and add compass points to help identify better. Cllr Holloway creating list of recipients.**
 - Agree any press release (content and scope of release) **Approved (SK/CC)**
 - To formally sign (and have witness to) Planning Obligation by way of Unilateral undertaking for NSDC **Duly signed**
 - Note that Vikki will be using KIT days to administer hub correspondence for the project **Noted**
- 25.241 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
- All approved (SK/KM)**
- 25.242 To consider purchase of replacement (faulty) handset for Council mobile of the Clerk's choice (up to £100 ex vat) **Resolved (SK/KM)**
- 25.243 To decide on disposal of tablets **Defer until all received**
- 25.244 To consider the draft Asset Register for end of 2025/26 year **Updated and agreed**
- 25.245 To consider replacement fencing on Crompton Road park border (see picture) **Resolved that Cllr Stoneman will apply for quotations for a solid wood fence from suppliers**
- 25.246 To consider repair to roof adjacent to Heritage Museum (see pictures)
Cllr Stoneman to have it surveyed and obtain quotes. Resolved to give Cllr Stoneman delegated authority such that if cost is under £500 it goes ahead without being brought back to Council
- 25.247 To discuss – any additional action to remove Graffiti/repaint shelter on Crompton Rd Park
No update on graffiti painting – SK to chase up
- 25.248 To discuss – request to renovate original village sign and other matters by Methodist Group
The planning application for the building has been approved and so this project may not go ahead. Defer until additional information available
- 25.249 To consider removal of agenda item “Summary of the meeting (time permitting, maximum 10 minutes)” from future meetings
It was resolved to retain the item (SK/CC)
- 25.250 Date of next meeting(s) 13th April, 11th May (APM), 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December
To note that potential agenda items must be with the Clerk by 2nd April 2026
Noted