

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7.30 pm at Dean Hole Primary School.

Present: Councillors: S. Routledge (SR), C Jagger (CJ), R. Edwards (RE), S. Michael (SM), Charlotte Webb (CW), P. Wilson (PW)

In attendance: Rhona Holloway (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

Agenda item/minute item/year	CONSIDERATION AND DECISIONS
	Public Participation: A resident enquired about the current position on the Deans Close sewerage charges from NSDC. Cllr. Michael confirmed that NSDC legal team are still looking through the documentation supplied by residents, but they were still to arrange a meeting to discuss further. Cllr. Michael was liaising with NSDC and would report back.
096/25	Apologies: Cllr. Baugh
097/25	Declarations of interest: Cllr. Routledge declared an interest in agenda item 102/25 (a.) invoice for plants and soil. Cllr. Michael declared an interest in agenda item 102/25 (a) Allotment rent
098/25	Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes from the meeting held on 8 th October 2025 were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
099/25	Matters arising: None
100/25	Reports from District and County Councillors: Cllr. Saddington noted that there was nothing new to report from the District Council. Cllr. Laughton advised that he had attended a meeting that morning to discuss Local Government reorganisation, he outlined the options being considered and gave his views on the outcome. He mentioned that it was still unclear how this would affect Parish and Town Councils, the decision would be made by Secretary of State in the summer and then shadow elections would take place in May 2027. Following a question around the Dean Hole Church of England Primary School, he outlined that he felt a decision on the outcome of the new consultation would be made in December/January. It was clear that further discussions with interested parties would need to take place. Cllr. Laughton confirmed he would be happy to liaise with all parties during this phase. Cllr. Routledge mentioned that he had received complaints that the weight limit through the village was not being adhered to by some, Cllr. Laughton mentioned he would discuss this with the Environment agency and report back.
101/25	Reports from Councillors and Clerk: Cllr. Michael mentioned that she had attended a safer neighbourhood meeting, there was nothing of concern to report. Drone footage is being deployed by NSDC to monitor activity at the illegal encampment at Egmont. NSDC were looking at purchasing their own drone and Staff would be trained and licensed to use that, both for enforcement purposes but also for marketing, flooding and any emergency that arose where access was difficult. Cllr. Webb noted that the resurfacing at Amen Corner had not been white lined yet and this could do with being followed up. Clerk to ask Cllr. Laughton. Cllr. Wilson confirmed that the internal Drainage Board had installed the Water level monitor and so now it would be possible to tell when the levels indicated flooding would occur. Cllr. Routledge is still chasing Ross Marshall to discuss flood works within the village.

102/25	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a. To approve payments for authorisation and to note receipts: Payments totalling £773.52 were approved for payment and signed by 2 Cllrs.</p> <p>b. To approve the financial position as of 30th October 2025: Bank reconciliation £9022.57 was agreed and signed off by the Chairman</p> <p>c. To consider the 2026/27 budget /Precept: This was discussed in detail; the Clerk outlined the likely costs for the next financial year which included the new commitment of a dedicated (. GOV) website and e-mail address as part of the 2025/26 AGAR new requirements, it was agreed that a 5% increase in the Parish Council precept would be sufficient to cover inflation, currently running at 3.8% and the extra costs as outlined. This was unanimously agreed.</p>
103/25	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a) 25/01750/HOUSE Mole End Mill Lane Caunton, Demolition of garage/workshop and erection of garage/workshop. Parish Council support</p> <p>b) 25/01667/S73 Mole End Variation of condition 3 attached to permission 22/00842/House annexe to amend the plans – Parish Council support</p> <p>c) 25/01084/HOUSE Rose Garth Mill Lane, granted permission - noted</p> <p>d) 25/01362/FUL The Firs, Amen Corner /Remove condition 9 attached to planning permission 09/00876/FUL to allow the annexe to be used as independent accommodation from The Firs (host dwelling) permission granted – noted</p>
104/25	<p>To review the new lease document for Murphy Moor land: Larken and Co Solicitors had drawn up a new draft Farm Business Tenancy Agreement for the Parish Council to consider, this had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the meeting. Councillors discussed and agreed to accept this and to ask the Solicitors to send on to the new tenant for agreement and signature</p>
105/25	<p>Village environment and appearance including:</p> <p>a. Playground and services include monthly property managers' inspection reports and the woodland area report: All OK</p> <p>b. CIG: A request had been made by SR for ideas on projects for the next year</p> <p>c. Allotment update: CJ. confirmed that a resident had taken up the half allotment plot available as one plot had been split into two.</p> <p>d. Update on GNRSP: The meeting was on 26th November, Caunton Parish Council was registered to attend and SR confirmed he would attend if possible.</p> <p>e. Dean Hole School: It was outlined that Nottinghamshire County Council had released a new consultation on the future of the school. Councillors discussed what response they would provide. It was agreed that the Clerk rewrite the original response letter from July 2023 with a refreshed final paragraph and send to Councillors to comment on before submitting. This needs to be done before 7th December which is the closing date for the consultation.</p>
106/25	<p>Service faults: Clerk to check that all defibs are listed on the British Heart foundation list.</p>
107/25	<p>Website: Clerk outlined that the domain name for the website had been ordered and would take 3-6 weeks to arrive, in the meantime she was populating the site with information for when it was ready. RE would be added to Hugo Fox site to enable her to edit and add content as agreed.</p>

108/25	Correspondence: all correspondence has been circulated electronically; nothing required action from the PC.
109/25	Items for the next meeting: Dean Hole Church of England Primary School consultation response. IT Policy. Extra meetings between now and 14 th January 2026 Cllrs. Would be contacted.
110/25	Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 th January 2026 at 7.30 pm at Dean Hole Primary School.
111/25	Meeting Closed: The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.37

Signed.....

Chairman of Caunton Parish Council

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