

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7.30 pm at Dean Hole Primary School.

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

In attendance: Rhona Holloway (Clerk), 6 members of the public.

Agenda item/minute item/year	CONSIDERATION AND DECISIONS
	<p>Public Participation: 6 Members of the public attended the meeting, and they confirmed that they were attending to get an update on the school closure and the Planning application on the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman highlighted that the school closure had been announced by Nottinghamshire County Council but as the decision was subject to 'Call in' then it wasn't finalised. SR outlined that he hoped that NCC would engage with residents in the village and the Parish Council around how the closure would be implemented if it took place. CC Bruce Laughton gave a run-down of the process so far, he shared his disappointment that he had not been given notice of the Cabinet Papers on the School closure in advance or been made aware it was on that Cabinet meeting for decision. He was writing to the CEO of NCC to express his concern around the closure and the impact it would have on the residents of Caunton and the Parish Council.</p> <p>SR noted that there had been a change to the planning application on the agenda with 4 properties being proposed instead of 5 and a move to a more linear layout. This would be discussed in more detail during the agenda item.</p>
146/26	Apologies: none
147/26	Declarations of interest: SR and AB on agenda item correspondence for noting Cadent Gas H2 East Pipeline
148/26	Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes from the meeting held on 11 th February 2026 were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
149/26	Matters arising: none
150/26	<p>Reports from District and County Councillors: Cllr. Laughton outlined recent events at Nottinghamshire County Council around the democratic process and that changes to that process had been suggested by the current leadership but had been rejected by the majority. He outlined the recent injection of funds into the highways budget and the purchase of 2 Roadmasters, it would mean there was additional capacity to carry out more repairs. He also noted that the leadership had done away with categorising potholes which would be a good thing going forward as all potholes would be treated in the same way.</p> <p>Cllr. Saddington expressed her concern at the proposed school closure, she highlighted the recent NSDC Council Tax setting meeting that voted to approve a zero percent increase in the portion of Council Tax that Newark and Sherwood District Council keep. SR outlined the recent details of the proposed route for the cabling for the Foxholes Solar farm as this now showed the cabling to be routed through Caunton village roads, and through the Beck. It was highlighted that this would have an impact on the village as a whole and the Parish Council had not been consulted on this prior to this route being released, he asked that Cllr. Saddington makes sure that this application is referred for NSDC Planning Committee decision. Cllr. Laughton mentioned he would also bring this matter to the attention of Highways Officers at NCC.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to write to the company to express concern at the lack of consultation with the Parish Council around this routing proposal.</p>

151/26	Reports from Councillors and Clerk: The Clerk noted that the new Lease on the Murphy Moor Land had been completed.
152/26	Financial Matters: a. To approve payments for authorisation and to note receipts: Payments totalling £2695.48 were approved for payment and signed by 2 Cllrs. b. To approve the financial position as of 28th February 2026 Bank reconciliation £6542.35 was agreed and signed off by the Chairman
153/26	Planning matters: 25/01952/FUL: Land to the Rear of Mill Lane, Caunton. It was noted that this was a revision to the application discussed at the February Parish Council meeting. The application was discussed in detail again and the changes to the plans were noted, however the Parish Council still object on the same grounds as before. The Clerk to write to the Planning department at NSDC to re-iterate the Parish Councils objections
154/26	Village environment and appearance including: a. Playground and services include monthly property managers' inspection reports and the woodland area report: Parts of the park are still very wet and so some light mowing has been done around the play equipment only with the remaining parts of the park left. b. CIG: A request has been made to purchase a two-tier planter to enable more flowers and bulbs for a winter and summer display. There are funds available in the CIG to meet the cost. This was agreed by all. c. Allotment update: The new seasons activity has already started on site, and all is going well d. Update on GNRS: Nothing new to note, the recent correspondence had been circulated to all Councillors. e. Dean Hole School: As outlined above. It was noted that at some point there may need to be a Community Panel set up within the village to enable residents to contribute to the next steps.
155/26	Service faults: None to report
156/26	Correspondence: all correspondence has been circulated electronically; All correspondence was noted by Councillors. a) Consultation letter for Cadent's H2 East pipeline Humber to Nottinghamshire b) Nottinghamshire County Council A614/6197 major upgrade: detail of site clearance
157/26	Items for the next meeting: 1) Foxholes Solar farm. 2) Cadent H2 pipeline. 3) 25/01952/FUL planning update
158/26	Any other business: none to report
159/26	Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7.30 pm at Dean Hole Primary School.
160/25	Meeting Closed: The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.18

Signed.....

Chairman of Caunton Parish Council

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