KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FORTERRA CANTEEN, KIRTON ON MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026 at 6.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs D Surgey (Chair) R Batty, N Batty, R Fegan, C Bown and T Wildgust (arrived at 7.05pm)

APOLOGIES: H Atherton

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Cllr D Clark of Notts County Council (arrived at 6.50pm)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Two members of the public

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISION	ACTION POINTS
1	Apologies For Absence	H Atherton	
2	Declaration Of Interest	None	
3	To Approve The Minutes Of The Last Meeting	The minutes from the meeting of 2 February 2026 were approved and signed.	
4	Public Participation	No comments made. County Cllr D Clark arrived at 5.50pm.	
5	General Power of Competence	The conditions to satisfy the General Power of Competence were confirmed and it was **resolved** to adopt the General Power of Competence.	
6	Internal Auditor	The appointment Dixon Accountancy as the internal auditor for the financial year ending 31 March 2026 was **confirmed**.	

		It was **resolved** that as the Parish Council's gross income and expenditure for the current year does not exceed £25,000, the council qualifies for exemption and that the AGAR Part 2 Certificate of Exemption be submitted. Cllr T Wildgust arrived at 7.05pm.	
7	Flooding	A report prepared by the Clerk was **received** following a meeting and village walkabout between VIA, Notts County Council and Kirton Parish Council on 26 March 2026. The report is included as an appendices to these minutes. Two members of the public spoke on their experiences and concerns regarding flooding in the village. County Cllr D Clark spoke on flooding matters and his work to progress concerns with the NCC Flood Risk Team. It was clarified that NCC are responsible for land drainage, VIA are responsible for highways drainage and Severn Tent are responsible for foul water.	Residents video footage from flooding to be sought to be shared with Cllr D Clarke. Cllr D Surgey will promote this request on the village Facebook page. A further flooding action meeting will take place in mid April.
8	Pinfold	Councillors reviewed a narrative prepared by Cllr N Batty and Cllr R Batty for the plaque which is to be sited in the Pinfold. Groundworks, as previously quoted and agreed by Council, will commence during mid April to May. The groundworkers will require use of hired mechanical equipment, which is likely to cost approximately £400 in addition to the agreed groundworks costs. A picket fence will be installed, along with sleepers, a bench and a donated stone trough is to be moved to the site. A design diagram is attached to these minutes.	Cllr N Batty will share details of the Pinfold restoration works with the Church Council.

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9	TPO's	Cllr T Wildgust, who is also a District Councillor, provided insight into the following TPO enforcement cases: • 25/00299/ENFB - Land Near Boughton Industrial Estate, Tuxford Road, Boughton • 24/00006/ENFA - Near Rollin Fabrications (hedge)	
10	LGR	An update on Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) was **received.** It was **noted** that N&SDC will host a Parish Council Conference at Kelham Hall on 10 October 2026.	
11	H2East pipeline	County Cllr D Clark provided information from his attendance at a H2East pipeline event. The hydrogen pipeline is planned to be installed to Forterra Brickworks. It was agreed that Kirton Parish Council will join the Joint Parish Action Group.	The Clerk will invite a representative from H2East to attend the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will make contact with the Joint Parish Action Group.
12	Village maintenance	A Station Road sign has been installed. Fly tipping has been reported and subsequently cleared. Thanks were expressed to past and present residents who have donated bulbs to the village. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs R and N Batty for planting and village maintenance works. The great work of the litter pickers was noted.	Cllr T Wildgust will sand and oil the benches.
13	Accounts	It was **resolved** to verify and sign the current account bank reconciliations for the current financial year to 1 March 2026 PAID ACCOUNTS since the last meeting: Storage bins £15.96 Postage of land reg £9.25	

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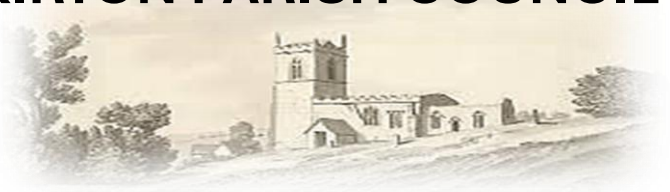

		Land reg search & post Pinfold £10.60 Postage and stationary £10.25 Hugo Fox website - Feb £11.99 Mower wheel gauge front £33.45 Ink / printing £24.49 Flowers £18.00 Sign Writer - Station Road Sign £50.00 Salaries Feb 2026 (inc HMRC) £340.87 Petrol - mower £81.51 N&SDC - Dog Waste Contract £143.52 Hugo Fox website - March £11.99	
14	Banking	It was **resolved** that signatories for new Unity Trust Bank Accounts will be: Signatory and full internet access: Cllr N Batty an the Clerk Signatory and payment approval internet banking access: Cllrs D Surgey, C Bown, T Wildgust and H Atherton	
15	Correspondence	It was agreed that Kirton Parish Council will join the Joint Parish Action Group. Residents correspondence regarding flooding was noted. Cllr R Fegan's resignation letter was noted and the Chair thanked him for his service.	
16	Dates of the next meetings	Monday 11 May 2026 Monday 15 June 2026	

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Flooding and Drainage Report to Council – Meeting of 30 March 2026

Following extreme heavy rainfall overnight 27 into 28 February 2026 Kirton experienced flooding. Drains were observed to be overwhelmed and backing up and there were high volumes of water in the ditch. Since midnight Kirton received 22mm of rainfall, equating to circa 89,000 litres of water per acre (i.e. 89 tonnes). With an approximation of 380 acres of land this equates to 33.8 million litres of rainfall in 9 hours, falling onto already saturated clay land. The impact of which is illustrated below.

The Parish Council shares residents concerns of flooding in Kirton and organised a meeting with stakeholders. The meeting, held from 3pm on Thursday 26 March was attended by:

- County Councillor Dave Clark
- Louise Poole Richardson from VIA East Midlands
- Darren Pirog from VIA East Midlands

- Parish Councillor Heather Atherton
- Parish Councillor Nicola Batty
- Parish Clerk Michelle Paxton

Earlier that the day, VIA East Midlands had arranged for a camera survey to inspect the ditch running beneath the road to determine whether it was obstructed. The inspection found no blockages and there was evidence of water flow.

It was noted that the riparian ditch does not appear to have been cleared in some time, is shallow and has a volume of vegetation which requires clearing to assist future water flow away from the village.

In the UK, the responsibility for maintaining a riparian ditch lies with the riparian landowner, which is the person or party who owns land or property next to, or through which the watercourse flows. They must ensure water flows freely, removing debris, clearing blockages, and maintaining the banks and bed. VIA advised they have written to the adjoining resident of the riparian ditch with regards to the upkeep on 4 occasions since October 2024, the most recent times being August 2025 and in the last week, with no response to date. They also advised Land Registration is currently pending.

The group undertook a walk around the village. This included inspection of the riparian ditch, road gullies, walked through Kirton Park, up the footpath and to the fields beyond, enabling all parties to gain a fuller understanding of the local topography and drainage conditions of the land. During the walkabout the group spoke with several residents, including some who kindly demonstrated measures they had implemented, for example constructing a private drain to help direct rainfall away from their properties and downhill.

While waking in the village, several other non drain and flooding issues were highlighted and reported, for example tree maintenance work requests.

VIA East Midlands will ascertain the gully cleaning schedule and provide this information back to the Parish Council.

The meeting was a productive starting point and provided valuable insight for all involved. The next step is for the group to meet with the Nottinghamshire Flood Risk Team with a meeting date to be agreed in April 2026.

Michelle Paxton – Clerk – March 2026

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Pinfold Plan

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Approved minute reference: 26/27 18

Date: 11 May 2026

Signed: D Surgey