

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bleasby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th February 2026 at 7.30 pm, in Bleasby Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Michael Coombs (in the Chair), Robert Wallin, Stephen Andersen, Ben Morgan, Nicola Winn and Julieann Gray, Cllr Melton (NSDC), D Bryant (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30pm

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Saddington.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2026

Cllr Wallin proposed an amendment and asked that the phrase "but wanted to counsel caution due to the speed limit" be added to item 11g. This was agreed by all the councillors. Cllr Coombs proposed that the amended Minutes be accepted as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Winn, all members in favour. The minutes were therefore signed.

5. Public Participation

Mr Bartlett from the Jubilee Ponds fishing syndicate explained how the syndicate members had liaised with the Bleasby Grasshoppers team and had cleared the paths of overgrowth including crack willows. Walkers had also commented to them about the deterioration of the paths. The syndicate therefore plan to lay 20 tons of gravel to improve the paths. The Council agreed to provide an additional 20 tons of gravel for the other paths. Mr Bartlett also reported that on 14th February, a working party of syndicate members are going to continue to trim the trees etc before nesting season.

Cllr Coombs reported that he and Cllr Andersen plan to liaise with Mr Bartlett and to delineate areas of responsibility for Jubilee Ponds, (including the meadow and the orchard etc) between the PC and the syndicate. The PC proposes to ask the syndicate to provide a quote to maintain the areas which the PC is responsible for.

Mr Bartlett reported that there had been a few instances of dogs being off lead and behaving in an uncontrolled manner. This is concerning for the fisherman as hooked bait would be dangerous for a dog if ingested.

A member of the public asked if mink were still present at Jubilee Ponds. The Chair and Mr Bartlett said that none had been seen recently but committed to let the PC know if any were seen.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton reported that Fiskerton road is flooding. Cllr Coombs asked if the NSDC could act to see if people are living in the caravan that is sited there given it is in such a risk of flooding.

Cllr Melton reported that funding could be available for the development of neighbourhood plans but not to the extent that prior Parish Councils had received.

Cllr Melton updated the Council on the Shawfield application. He reported that enforcement had stopped the development and exercised their powers to prevent further demolition of the property. The developers at Shawfield were planning on applying for a retrospective planning application which will go through the necessary processes. Cllr Coombs expressed concern that this had happened in the first place, given the dwelling was in a conservation area. Cllr Coombs was also keen to emphasise to NSDC the distress this issue had caused the residents of neighbouring properties.

7. Finance

- a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule if any.

The approval of the payments list was proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Morgan. The vote was unanimous. The Chair signed the payments list.

- b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation and bank balances

The bank reconciliation and bank balances were received and approved.

- c. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

8. Planning

- a. **26/00068/HOUSE Proposed extension, alterations to the roof, including new dormers, external finishes - Shawfield Main Street Bleasby NG14 7FU**

It was noted that multiple applications for this development had been submitted and that none of these applications covered the full extent of the demolition that had already been undertaken. It was felt that this made a mockery of the planning process and that any building could be demolished and then permission could be retrospectively applied for. It was also noted that an engineer's report could now state that the building was unsafe given it had been largely demolished. This development is in a Conservation Area, and the proposed development would negatively impact the character of the area. It was also noted that the increased size of this development would result in the new property impinging on the privacy of neighbouring properties. The originally approved loft rooflights would not have impacted privacy, but the new application replaced these with dormer windows which would overlook not only a common driveway but also the neighbour's windows and garden. The eventual height of the new development, which is not specifically stated, and the modern feel of the render and cladding would be counter to the look and feel of the Conservation Area.

The Council proposed to object to this application which was agreed with a unanimous vote.

The Council also expressed concern about the amount of distress that this provocative action had caused the neighbours.

b. Proposed Base Station Installation at CTIL_235940 21, Station Rd junction of Bleasby Rd Goverton NG14 7FN (NGR: 470591, 350078) by M Group/Cornerstone

Cllr Morgan explained that this is not subject to formal planning as the mast was of insufficient height and it was not in the Conservation Area. Cllr Morgan suggested that Bleasby PC request that Cornerstone/M Group attend a public meeting at Bleasby and talk through the available options. Cllr Morgan felt that a mast on the proposed site would be dominating for Goverton and would provide an eyesore on the entrance to Bleasby. It was also felt that this matter had not received sufficient publicity within the Bleasby area and Cllr Morgan agreed to publicise this on Facebook and other village publicity channels.

c. Any other matters appertaining to planning to include decisions.

There were no other matters.

d. Any other items notified to Bleasby Parish Council prior to this meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting.

There were no other items

9. Correspondence

a. Email from a Borrow Bread Lane resident regarding the maintenance of Borrow Bread Lane

The Council debated this at length. The clerk was asked to reply to the resident stating that, to the best of the Council's knowledge, there were 6 properties obligated to contribute equally to the total maintenance of Borrow Bread Lane.

b. Email re Annual Parish Meeting being held in the village hall on 22nd April at 7.30pm

This date was noted by the Council

c. Email from Newark Community First Aid re First Aid courses.

This email was gratefully received and Cllr Gray agreed to investigate.

10. Update on matters from previous meetings.

a. Speedwatch at Bleasby.

Cllr Morgan reported that he is setting up a WhatsApp group for all the volunteers and Speedwatch training dates will be organised. Cllr Morgan was thanked for his efforts in setting this up.

b. Village Entrance Signs update.

The Bleasby/Goverton sign has been installed. It was agreed that they look really attractive. The village feedback has been positive. Cllr Morgan to take photos and promote their installation. The third sign is to be installed in the near future.

c. Jubilee Ponds

The council discussed this topic and Cllr Coombs and Cllr Andersen were pleased to report that an agreement is being reached with the fishing syndicate regarding maintenance of the Jubilee Pond area.

d. Tree planting project – Orchard Close update.

Cllr Andersen reported that this project was ongoing.

e. Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Morgan reported that this was ongoing.

f. Quiet Lanes and ABC Update

Cllr Morgan reported that a meeting is to be held on Monday 16th February at Fiskerton.

g. Defib and defib training.

Newark Community First Aids offer of Community First Aid Training was communicated to Cllr Gray who committed to investigate.

11. Flooding in Bleasby

a. Flood Action Group Report

A report has been received from the Flood Action Group (attached to these minutes). The Bleasby grips and drains seem to be operating well. Cllr Coombs reported that the newly excavated dyke and grips on Goverton Heights appear to be working well. It was reported that a couple of trees have fallen into Gibsmere Dyke. The Clerk was asked to write to the IDB with Mr Bartlett and Chair on copy.

12. Land and Assets

Cllr Coombs queried with the clerk if the new pumps etc were detailed on the Council's asset register. The Clerk is to confirm.

13. Green Spaces Working Group Update

No report has been received. It was decided to remove this item from future agenda.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

Defibs and defib training/first aid course.

15. Date of next meeting – 9th March 2026

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 9.03pm

*I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 9th February 2026
(approved at PC Meeting held on 9th March 2026)*

Signed

Date

Chair

Bleasby Parish Council

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