

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 8th April 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)

In attendance: Rhona Holloway (Clerk), 0 members of the public.

Agenda item/minute item/year	CONSIDERATION AND DECISIONS
	Public Participation: none
01/26	Apologies: Cllr. Peter Wilson
02/26	Declarations of interest: SR and AB on agenda item correspondence for noting Cadent Gas H2 East Pipeline
03/26	Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes from the meeting held on 11 th March 2026 were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
04/26	Matters arising: none
05/26	Reports from District and County Councillors: Cllr. Laughton highlighted that he had arranged a meeting with Director of Children’s services to discuss the recent process around the consultation and reported closure of Dean Hole Primary School, and then the reversal of the decision, he has expressed his concerns around the process and highlighted the anxiety and distress to Parents and children affected by this. He will be seeking some reassurances that this will not happen again and will work to find a way forward for the school for a longer-term future.
06/26	Reports from Councillors and Clerk: nothing to note
07/26	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a. To approve payments for authorisation and to note receipts: Payments totalling £590.50 were approved for payment and signed by 2 Cllrs.</p> <p>b. To approve the financial position as of 31/03/2026 2026 Bank reconciliation £3846.87 was agreed and signed off by the Chairman. It was noted that due to a late payment of last years grass cutting invoice, two payments for the service had been made in one financial year so the balance was lower but would adjust itself during the year.</p> <p>c) To confirm the Parish Councils declaration as exempt from the requirement for a limited assurance review. It was outlined that as the parish Councils expenditure and income for 2025/26 was below the £25,000 threshold then a limited Assurance review was acceptable. The file would now be sent across to the External Auditor for review</p>
08/26	<p>a) Planning matters: 25/01952/FUL planning update- <i>It was noted by all that it seems that the planning Officer and other Consultees view was that this application was acceptable, despite the objections received from the Parish Council and residents. We await the outcome.</i></p> <p>b) For noting 26/00007/HOUSE Lavender House single storey side extension– Application approved- All noted</p>

09/26	<p>To set the date and time for the Annual Parish meeting: The date was agreed as 13th May at 6.30pm prior to the Full Parish Council meeting</p>
10/26	<p>Village environment and appearance including:</p> <p>a. Playground and services include monthly property managers' inspection reports and the woodland area report: It was noted that everything was in order and the cutting team had done a great job with the mowing.</p> <p>b. CIG: Nothing to report</p> <p>c. Allotment update: The new seasons activity has already started on site, and all is going well</p> <p>d. Update on GNRS: Nothing new to note,</p> <p>e. Dean Hole School: It was outlined that the closure decision had been reversed and the school would now be used as a SEND provision as part of the Orchard School in Newark, this would be for a period of two years. Discussions were continuing to take place with all those affected to ensure a smooth transition.</p> <p>f. Renewal of the dog bin emptying contract and noting increased cost. This was noted and the locations of the bins confirmed as being correct.</p>
11/26	<p>Service faults: None to report</p>
12/26	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a) E-mail from Nottinghamshire County Council: Dean Hole Church of England Primary School re its decision- Discussed and noted, the Clerk to seek a further meeting with NCC.</p> <p>b) Letter from the Secretary of JPAG – It was agreed that the Clerk would write back to note that the Parish Council will continue to comment individually on all matters arising from the application for the time being.</p> <p>c) Response from Newark and Sherwood District Council re the Foxholes Solar Farm letter- It was noted that there was an extraordinary Planning meeting on 27th April at 4pm at Castle House to debate this application, all residents welcome. The Clerk to put a note on the website.</p> <p>d) E-mail from Councillor Saddington in response to the Parish Council letter re the Foxholes solar farm cabling through Caunton – this was noted</p> <p>e) Consultation letter from The Orchard School Newark- SR recommended all Councillors input into the Consultation and to make it known across the village</p>
13/26	<p>Items for the next meeting: none</p>
14/26	<p>Any other business: CJ highlighted the need for some weed control measures to be put in place this year. It was proposed that a budget of £300.00 be approved to enable this to be carried out at the appropriate time. This was agreed by all. CJ to seek quotes and appoint a suitable local contractor</p>

15/26	Date of next meeting: The next Full Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 7.30 pm at Dean Hole Primary School.
160/25	Meeting Closed: The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.17

Signed.....
Chairman of Cauntton Parish Council

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