

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026 held in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Smith Cllr Whittaker-Smith Cllr Allan

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

None received

2. To receive declarations of interest

None

26/18 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

Prop: Cllr Allan

Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

decision was unanimous

26/19 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- Clerk had been contacted again by a resident regarding the emptying of the dog bins around the village. The resident had already contacted Newark & Sherwood on the matter. It appears that it may be the dog bin on Retford Road by the junction with Main Street which has the main issue. N&SDC have said that there is often a significant amount of litter in this bin. Clerk to check who's responsibility litter bins in that area are.
- Clerk has found a paper shredder of the current required security standard for £34.99 at Argos and a new safe of the required standard, fully fitted for £245 + VAT. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and purchase these items.

Prop: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

Sec: Cllr Allan

decision was unanimous

26/20 To suspend standing orders for public participation

A discussion with the attending public was had and standing orders were resumed for the meeting to carry on

26/21 To Discuss the current Grounds Maintenance Contract (confidential item)

It was agreed following a discussion that the cost of work already undertaken will be paid in a lumpsum rather than in monthly payments for the termination of the contract.

Prop: Cllr Allan

Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

decision was unanimous

26/22 To Discuss & Award the Grounds Maintenance Contract from the tenders received

This will be decided by an email discussion once a few points have been clarified with contractors.

Prop: Cllr Allan

Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

decision was unanimous

26/23 Planning: To discuss any received planning applications

- No new planning applications had been received but a resident had sent a copy of a licence change application for Walesby Forest. Clerk had contacted the licencing department to enquire why the Parish Council had not been informed of this officially and had received a response to say that due to the Licensing Act 2003 Parish Councils are not part of the notification process for any premises licence applications.

26/24 Payments for approval

All payments were approved

Prop: Cllr Whittaker-Smith Sec: Cllr Allan

decision was unanimous

26/25 To receive items for information and future meetings

- Clerk asked to price up new safe and shredder for the next meeting

26/26 Time and date of next meeting

Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 6:30pm

Meeting closed at 7:56 pm