

Fulstow Parish Council Minutes

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Location: Fulstow Village Hall

Date: Thursday 3rd September 2026

Time: 7pm

In attendance: Cllr Larder, Cllr Lawson, Cllr Rack & County Cllr Hastings

2 applicants for the vacant Councillor position were also in attendance

Minutes taken by Clerk & RFO M Lawson

Present: Cllr Larder, Cllr Lawson, Cllr Rack and Cllr Hastings.

Also present: Two applicants for the vacant Parish Councillor position.

Minutes taken by: M Lawson, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer (RFO).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Guilliat and Cllr Mann. Cllr Flynn did not attend with no apologies given

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors were invited to declare any personal interests in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. - No declarations of interest were received.

3. Public Participation

The public participation session was opened and closed. No members of the public were present.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16th July 2026, were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Vice Chair, Cllr Lawson.

5. Review of Outstanding Actions

a. Village Signs – McFarland's of Louth Ltd

Cllr Larder had visited McFarland's of Louth Ltd regarding the village signs but was unable to speak to the relevant contact, who was on annual leave.

Action: Cllr Larder to follow up with McFarland's of Louth Ltd. Carried forward to the next meeting.

b. Proposed Location of Flagpole

Cllr Guilliat was to contact the builder regarding the proposed location of the flagpole. As Cllr Guilliat was absent, this action was carried forward.

Action: Cllr Guilliat to contact the builder regarding the proposed location of the flagpole.

c. Photographs of Affected Areas – Main Street and Station Road

The Clerk confirmed that updated photographs showing the potholes and road repairs had been emailed to Cllr Hastings.

Action: Completed.

6. The acting Chair changed the order of minutes 6 & 7 to allow Cllr Hastings to give his report and leave to attend another meeting

Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Hastings

Cllr Hastings provided the following updates:

a. Potholes – Main Street

Cllr Hastings agreed to contact Lincolnshire County Council Highways regarding the potholes on Main Street.

Action: Cllr Hastings to raise the issue with Highways.

b. Pylon Consultation – Phase Two

Cllr Hastings reported that local Council Chairs had met in Ludborough to discuss the second phase of the pylon consultation. The Clerk raised concerns about the lack of communication, noting that the meeting invitation had

only been received on the day of the Parish Council meeting. She had requested that future invitations and minutes be sent directly to herself and Cllr Guilliatt as Chair.

Action: Await further communications and meeting invitations.

c. Disabled Parking Bay – Carlbom Court

The Clerk updated Cllr Hastings regarding a resident's request for a disabled parking bay.

The Clerk explained that the resident had been asked to contact the housing association to establish whether the parking bay was privately owned and reserved exclusively for her use.

The Clerk also advised that, if the bay was privately owned by the housing association, it would be the housing association's responsibility to consider measures to prevent unauthorised use.

d. Local Elections and Devolution

Cllr Hastings advised that local elections were still expected to take place in May following the recent devolution announcement by Lincolnshire County Council. He noted that there remained considerable uncertainty surrounding the proposed changes.

7. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Councillors met with both applicants and agreed that both were excellent candidates with different skills and qualities to offer the Council. It was proposed that the Clerk investigate whether the number of Parish Councillors could be increased from seven to eight, potentially allowing both applicants to join. With only three councillors present, it was also agreed that the vote should be deferred until more councillors could attend. An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting will be arranged once further information is available

Action: The Clerk to contact the Lincolnshire County Council Elections Department to establish whether the number of councillors can be increased.

8. Finance

The following payments were approved by the Council:

Payee	Amount	Description
Net Nerd	£83.99	Email hosting
Grove Wold Farm	£156.00	Grass cutting – May 2026
Grove Wold Farm	£156.00	Grass cutting – June 2026
Grove Wold Farm	£156.00	Grass cutting – July 2026
Total	£551.99	

9. Planning Matters

Planning Application: 01112/26/FUL

Location: Springfield Farm, Main Street, Fulstow, Lincolnshire, LN11 0XF.

Proposal: Extensions and alterations to the existing dwelling to provide additional living accommodation.

Councillors considered the application and unanimously agreed to support the proposal.

Action: The Clerk to submit the Parish Council's supporting comments via the planning portal.

10. Communications Received Since the Last Meeting

a. Disabled Parking Bay – Carlbom Court

The Clerk reported that the resident had again requested assistance in progressing her application for a disabled parking bay with Lincolnshire County Council.

Action: The Clerk to follow up as appropriate, having regard to the outstanding request for clarification from the housing association regarding ownership and use of the parking bay.

b. Village Flagpole – Grant Application

Cllr Hastings had submitted a grant application for the proposed village flagpole.

Noted: The grant application has been submitted.

11. Items for the Next Agenda

Councillors were reminded that requests for items to be included on the next agenda should be submitted to the Clerk by **12th October 2026**.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 7pm**.