Minutes of a meeting of Aslackby, Laughton & Graby Parish Council held on Monday, 22nd June 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Aslackby

Present: Cllr M Fairhead (Chair)
Cllr A Carr-Bilas
Cllr M Leighton
Cllr R Miller
Cllr G Atkinson
Cllr M Dodds
Cllr S Roberts

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

The Chair Cllr Mark Fairhead welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members for voting him in as Chair of the Parish Council.

0074.037.26 Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons given

Apologies were received from SKDC Cllr k Able

Proposed Cllr A Carr-Bilas Seconded Cllr S Roberts

RESOLVED: To approve apologies for absence from Cllr Able and the reasons given.

0075.037.26 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

0076.037.26 To ask if members of the public, resident or employed within this Parish, have any intention to speak under any agenda items of this meeting.

There were none present.

0077.037.26 To adopt the notes of the meetings held on the 18th May 2026 as a true record and to resolve for the chair to sign them.

Proposed Cllr A Carr-Bilas Seconded Cllr R Miller

RESOLVED: For the chair to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2026 as a true record.

0078.038.26 Matters outstanding for discussion

The clerk suggested that as most items had a suitable agenda item then they should be discussed under their relevant heading.

The only item not covered by an agenda item was the matter carried forward from the previous meeting that was the provision of a skip for the villagers use.

Discussion from the members questioned whether a skip was required at all but it was formerly agreed that the Parish Council should continue with the provision of a skip for Villagers to dispose of items they would normally have to take to a LCC recycling centre.

The members considered setting aside metal items so that they could be taken as scrap and receive some monetary consideration but it was decided that this would not be worthwhile.

It was agreed that the date for the provision of the skip would be the Saturday 26th September and that it should be an all-purpose skip.

0079.038.26 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other organisations.

Cllr K Able (SKDC) was unable to make the meeting but sent the following short report:

- Article 4 data gathering has begun for all wards in Grantham to understand Asylum Seeker dispersal in the hope we can change Planning permissions for future applications of HMOs for 1 – 4 occupancies. Once we have the evidence to support this, we are looking to push this to be district wide.
- Unsuccessful in becoming Black Sluice Rep for the District.

CORRESPONDENCE

0080.038.26

The clerk produced a list of correspondence for the members to review and receive.

The clerk informed the members that if they wished to inspect any item of correspondence then they should contact him direct.

A) For Information only - to be received en bloc

a) RSN – Newsletters 20.05.2026
b) LALC – Enews 22.05.2026
c) SKDC Planning Lists 18 – 22.05.2026
d) RSN – Newsletters 25.05.2026
e) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 21.05.2026
f) SKDC Planning Lists 25 – 29.05.2026
g) RSN Weekly Newsletter
h) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 04.06.2026
i) LALC – Enews 05.06.2026
j) SKDC Planning Lists 05.06.2026
k) LCC – Town & Parish Newsletter May 2026
l) SKDC Planning Lists 12.05.2026
m) RSN – Newsletters 17.06.2026

B) Items for discussion

A) Lincs Reservoir Project

The clerk informed members that he had updated them on various occasions with regard to the above project and had decided to incorporate into the information pack details of the timeline for the project.

This confirmed that a decision on the project would not be made by the Secretary of State until 2027/28 and that construction if successful would not start until 2029/30 with a Reservoir supply date of 2039.

b) Proposed Development of a mainstream SEND Hub at Pointon/Donington

The clerk reported to the members that LCC were consulting on the proposed development of a mainstream SEND Hub at both Pointon and Donington.

The clerk thought that members may want to share this information with local families who it may be of interest too.

This was also an opportunity for members to comment on this proposal.

c) Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan proposed Reg 19 Consultation

The clerk informed members that a consultation was currently being run by LCC with regard to the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

d) Lincolnshire Bus Information

This piece of information highlighted Lincolnshire County Council's dedicated bus website https://lincsbus.com

e) SKDC Funding Grants

The clerk provided information regarding South Kesteven District Council's Community Funding Grants.

The clerk asked members to consider any possible purchase that might benefit the community and if anything came to light then a possible application to the fund could be made.

Proposed Cllr S Roberts Seconded Cllr G Atkinson

Resolved: To receive the above correspondence en bloc

0081.040.26 Highways

a) Tree Cutting – Having reappraised the are of concern this matter has now been taken up with British Telecom and the clerk is waiting to receive a response.
b) Grass Cutting – Cllr Roberts had received a complaint from a resident with regard to poor grass cutting in a certain area of the Parish. This matter had been alleviated by a direct conversation with the contractor and the resident is happy that the matter is now resolved.

Proposed Cllr A Carr-Bilas Seconded Cllr S Roberts
Resolved: To receive the above information

0082.040.26 Planning

The clerk reported that following the Council's last meeting he had approached South Kesteven District Council with regard tom the status of the conservation area extension and was awaiting a response from them.

Cllr Leighton had asked about the significance of the Conservation area and it was discussed if residents were really aware of the CA boundaries and what CA status meant to them. The clerk had provided in the information packs a short summary of the key points with regard to Conservation area's.

The extended CA boundaries were clarified for the members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

0083.041.26 Approval of Treasurers Report for the period to 31st May 2026

The clerk presented the accounts for the period to the end of the financial year 31st May 2026.

The clerk had prepared an Income & Expenditure account statement and backed it with the usual spreadsheet that had previously been provided.

Income & Expenditure showed a surplus of Income of £ 5,063.83 with the bank account showing a positive balance of £ 17,072.87.

The above information was supported by a balance sheet for the period to 31st May 2026.

The clerk had also included a bank reconciliation to support the Parish Council's bank statement.

Cllr Leighton asked if this information could be available for the general public and the clerk responded that this was not an issue and he would soon be in a position to post this to the Parish Council Google Drive to allow access to all Councillors and also to post them to relevant sites to enable local residents to access them.

Cllr Roberts asked the clerk what in his opinion the reserves of the Council should be held at. Cllr Dodds mentioned that at one point the Council had to enter into a very expensive loan to purchase the Cemetery land. This caused the clerk some concern because at this point intime the land was not recorded in the Parish Records. Discussion continued around the Cemetery Land and the clerk said that he would discuss this with Brian Wilkinson who had been a previous chair of the Parish Council.

Cllr Miller informed the members that Cllr Hill had told him that the minimum the Parish should hold as reserves was two years precept.

Clearly the members were interested as to what they should hold as reserves without the possibility of being questioned by residents as to whether it was too high.

Cllr Carr-Bilas stated that as far as she was concerned, any reserve should be held in a separate interest earning account.

Conversation turned to the forthcoming decision by Central Government on Local Government reorganisation and the fact that Parish Council's may be asked to

perform more statutory duties and the costs that would be involved in taking on further responsibilities.

It was decided that a further discussion should take place at the Parish Council's next meeting around the level of reserves that the Council should hold and the level of the requested precept.

Proposed Cllr M Leighton, Seconded Cllr A Carr-Bilas.
RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurers report and accounts for the period to 31st May 2026.

0084.042.26 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments to the members that totalled £1,864.80.

20/05/2026	Payroll	587.66
20/05/2026	HMRC	283.94
27/05/2026	BDG	523.20
27/05/2026	Zurich	241.00
27/05/2026	Aslackby Village Hall	229.00

Proposed Cllr A Carr-Bilas, Seconded Cllr G Atkinson
RESOLVED: To Approve the payments as listed

0085.042.26 Bank Account

The clerk reported that the bank had closed the old cheque book account before the Parish Council's new internet banking account had been opened.

The clerk assured the members that this would not affect the Parish Council's ability to operate as it conducted very few transactions.

Cllr Miller was of the opinion that a letter of complaint should be sent to the bank and a request of compensation should be requested.

The general opinion was that the Parish Council should at least wait until the new bank account was fully operational.

0086.042.26 To receive the Internal Audit Report

The Internal Auditor had sent in his final report and was presented to the members. The clerk suggested that members read through it and raise any questions that they

think pertinent. The clerk continued that he would be submitting the required paperwork to the external auditor by the end of the week and requesting a full audit.

0087.043.26 Cemetery

This item is still under review.

0088.043.26 Neighbourhood Watch

The clerk had included the Nation Associations newsletter in the members packs.

0089.043.26 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.

0090.043.26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The following dates were agreed through to December 2026:

Monday 27th July 2026

Monday 7th September 2026

Monday 5th October 2026

Monday 16th October 2026

Monday 14th December 2026

The meeting closed at 20.24Hrs

Signed ……. Chair

Date ……