Minutes of a meeting of Aslackby, Laughton & Graby Parish Council held on Monday, 21st September 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 S Roberts
Cllr M Dodds
Cllr G Atkinson

Cllr M Hill (Lincolnshire County Council)

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

The Chair Cllr Mark Fairhead welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to the member of the public that were in attendance.

0110.054.26 Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons given.

There were none

0111.054.26 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

0112.054.26 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.

Although members of the public had attended the Open Forum none stayed for the Full Council Meeting.

0113.054.26 To adopt the notes of the meetings held on the 27th July 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 27th July 2026 as a true record.

0114.055.26 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other organisations.

Cllr M Hill (LCC) reported:

DRAFT

a) Local Government Reorganisation has been paused but local Town and Parish elections will still take place in May 2027.
b) Recycling centres will be operating a booking system from November 2026
c) Drainage improvements already minuted.

CORRESPONDENCE

0115.055.26

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) R RSN – Newsletters 30.07.2026
b) LALC – Enews 14.08.2026
c) SKDC Planning Lists 03-07.08.2026
d) RSN – Newsletters 13.08.2026
e) HW Lincs Newsletter – August 2026
f) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 30.07.2026
g) SKDC Planning Lists 10-14.08.2026
h) RSN Weekly Newsletter – 15.08.2026
i) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 06.08.2026
j) LALC – Enews 08.08.2026
k) SKDC Planning Lists 17-21.08.2026
l) LCC – Town & Parish Newsletter August 2026
m) SKDC Planning Lists 23-28.08.2026
n) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 13.08.2026
o) RSN Newsletters 21.08.2026
p) LALC – Enews 28.08.2026
q) National Allotment Survey
r) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 27.08.2026

B) Items for discussion

a) SKDC Informal Street Name Project

The clerk explained to members that SKDC were trying to remove the anomalies with residents properties that were not shown on the post office records.

DRAFT

b) Winter Salt Programme

Lincolnshire County Council had made their yearly offer of providing a ton bag of salt for Towns and Parishes.

c) Lincolnshire Day 1st October

d) Proposed Lincolnshire Reservoir

The clerk reminded members of the ongoing progress of the proposed new Lincolnshire Reservoir which is likely to come into operation in 2040.

Proposed Cllr S Roberts Seconded Cllr A Carr-Bilas

Resolved: To receive the above correspondence en bloc

0116.056.26 Highways

a) **Tree Cutting** – The clerk informed members that his discussions with BT/Openreach and not been particularly productive and their view was it was the landowners responsibility to deal with the issue.

The members were of the opinion that a letter should be sent for the attention of the MD of SL engineering Mr James Riley whose land the offending trees sit upon.

b) **Flood Improvements** – This item was discussed at the start of the meeting to enable residents to take part. The discussion is summarised below:

Cllr M Hill (Lincolnshire County Council) introduced the subject.

He commented that a scheme of drainage improvements was due to commence in November due to the consistent flooding over the past few years in Aslackby.

- LCC Engineers did preliminary work but realized that it was a bigger issue than they had thought.
- Extensive detailed investigation and design work has been undertaken to understand the surface water issues that have impacted the village.
- The investigations have shown that much of the existing highway drainage network within the village is in a state of disrepair.

DRAFT

- Significant work is required to bring the system up to standard and provide highway drainage improvements to the area.
- Works will begin in November (subject to approval) and will last for 4 months with a stand down period during the two-week Christmas holiday period.
- The project will include the replacement of existing surface water systems along with installing new sections with access chambers and road gullies throughout.
- Phase 1 will commence with works on a section of the A15 and is aimed to prevent surface water run-off entering the village.
- Phase 2 will commence on Temple Road towards the Ford.
- Phase 3 will commence on parts of Sovereign Street.
- Phase 4 will move onto sections of the west end of Aveland Way.
- Road closures will be necessary due to narrow sections of the carriageway and the need for suitable working areas.
- Access to SL Engineering will remain from the direction of the A15 throughout.
- Traffic restrictions and phasing will move systematically through the village as works progress.
- To enable the use of the Laughton Road turn off 8no passing bays are being installed.
- Access for residents will always be allowed. It is hoped that when the contractors are not working and the road is passable it may be left open.

The consensus was that clearly this was a major step forward to assist the village and help the prevention of possible flooding.

Questions were asked of Cllr Hill as to the pattern of work and would small sections be completed within the working day to enable a smoother flow of traffic passing through the village.

Cllr Leighton commented that we should use all the means open to the Council to ensure that local residents were totally aware of what was happening and that the long-term gain outweighed the short-term pain of the works going on.

Concerns were raised by the residents regarding access from their driveways, but Cllr Hill assured them that this would not be an issue.

Cllr Roberts asked Cllr Hill when businesses would be notified that these works are soon to commence? Cllr Hill responded that this was the first stage of the process where the local Parish Council are notified and further information will follow to residents and businesses.

DRAFT

Cllr Roberts also queried the starting time for the contractor to which Cllr Hill replied that the normal starting time would be 8.00am.

During the conversation it was also identified that siting the contractor's equipment could be a possible issue.

Questions were all so raised with regard to emergency vehicles and school transport gaining access but this was not seen as a problem.

Cllr Leighton also mentioned that the section of the brook beyond the bridge was not particularly clear at present and needs to be dealt with.

A member of the public highlighted new equipment on the bank of the brook that he had not noticed before, but he was reassured by Cllr Hill that these were new tele metric's to provide early warning signals to warn of possible flooding.

Cllr Leighton asked the following final questions with regard to defences for individual home owners who have properties that border the brook:

1) Who is responsible for maintaining and repairing the bank of the brook?
2) What methods of repairing or strengthening the bank are recommended?
3) What permissions are needed to perform any work?

It was suggested that professional advice should be sought from Santec who are advisers on flood prevention to Lincolnshire County Council.

One of the residents present said that they had installed faggots of tightly bundled coppiced wood to aid prevent bank erosion.

In conclusion it was hoped that this project would assist the village in its attempts to prevent future flooding in its streets and entering residents properties but armed with the knowledge that it would not solve all of the problems.

c) Upgrade of 'Public Rights of way'

Various applications have been made to upgrade byeways to byeways Open to all traffic. Cllr Hill continued that recently the Government had Passed legislation that did not allow upgrades of this nature.

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

0117.058.26 Planning

DRAFT

The clerk was still awaiting a response from SKDC with regard to the status of the conservation area extension.

0118.059.26 Approval of Treasurers Report for the period to 31st August 2026

The clerk presented the accounts for the period to the end of the financial year 31st August 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 £ 3,479.66 with the bank account showing a positive balance of £ 15,303.30.

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

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

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

0119.059.26 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments to the members that totalled.
£ 324.25.

31/07/2026	L Fisher	320.00
18/08/2026	Bank Charges	4.25

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

0120.059.26 Bank Account

The clerk reported that the bank account was now up and running and that all parties had received the necessary paperwork.

0121.059.26 Financial Year End Audit

The clerk confirmed that all relevant paperwork had been disclosed to the external auditors PKF Littlejohn and that their report would be available at the next Parish Council Meeting.

0122.060.26 Remembrance Sunday

The clerk enquired of the members if the Parish Council took part in any Remembrance Service event during the period of Remembrance. The response was no but after further discussion it was decided that a wreath of poppies should be placed on the memorial at the Parish Cemetery the week before and the week after. Remembrance Sunday this year is Sunday 8th November.

Proposed Cllr S Roberts, Seconded Cllr M Dodds
RESOLVED: To purchase a wreath as described above and place on the appropriate memorial in the Parish Cemetery.

0123.060.26 Local Government reorganisation

The clerk informed members that plans for Local Government reorganisation announced in July had been put on hold by Central Government.

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Angela Rayner, informed all local Councils that the Government had received new legal advice and they wanted to make sure that the reorganisation met the new administrations priorities.

Proposed Cllr A Carr-Bilas, Seconded Cllr R Miller
RESOLVED: To receive the above information

0124.060.26 Neighbourhood Watch

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

0125.060.26 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.

Cllr Roberts reminded members that it was ‘Community Skip day on Sunday and all help would be appreciated.

DRAFT

The skip would be in the village from 9.00am to 12.00pm and managed by Cllr Roberts herself..

0126.061.26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that although the next scheduled meeting had been arranged for the 5th October it should be put back to the 19th October 2026.

The following dates had previously been agreed through to December 2026:

Monday 16th November 2026

Monday 14th December 2026

The meeting closed at 21:12Hrs

Signed …….. Chair

Date ……

DRAFT