HECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Heckington Parish Council meeting held Monday 26 October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Chambers, St Andrews Street, Heckington

1. **Chair's Opening Remarks (26/092)**
   The Chair, Councillor Wright opened the meeting and delivered the usual health and safety announcements. She asked those present to silent their mobile devices as appropriate.

   She reminded the meeting about the Remembrance Event on Sunday 8 November 2026. She said that volunteers are still required to man the road closures of the High Street and Church Street. She expressed her apologies for the early removal of the wreaths from the War Memorial by an outside organisation.
   Action: Clerk to add to the removal of wreaths from the War Memorial as an agenda item for the November meeting.

2. **Co-option (26/093)**
   The Clerk reported that there have been no expressions on interest in the vacancy arising from the resignation of Councillor Garlick.

3. **Public Forum (26/094)**
   A member of the public reported the flooding at the corner of Eastgate and Cameron Street. This has been reported on Fix My Street and the Clerk recommended that the member of the public reports any defects via the application. The same member of the public asked for a status update on the SID on the Sleaford Road and the Community Speed Watch Scheme. The Clerk reported that there is a fault with the device and asked the public for their patience while this is repaired. Two new volunteers have just received Speed Watch Training which will allow the Caretaker and Clerk to take a step back from the Scheme which is not part of their general duties.
   Action: Clerk to liaise with National Grid in relation to debris left at the end of Oak Way.

4. **Councillors present (26/095)**
   Councillor Atkinson
   Councillor Cocks
   Councillor Dann
   Councillor Davison
   Councillor Gower
   Councillor Spencer
   Councillor Tucker
   Councillor Wright, Chair
   Councillor Young

5. **Apologies (26/096)**
   Apologies were received from Councillor Spencer. The reasons for his absence were noted and accepted.

6. **To receive any reports of member's interest, pecuniary or otherwise in relation to the agenda and any dispensations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (26/097)**
   None

7. Report from the County and District Councillors (26/098)

Apologies were received from County Councillor East and District Councillor Collard. District Councillor Tarry spoke about Anglian Water's (phase III) consultation in relation to the proposed Lincolnshire Reservoir. There are a number of public events that are being held locally. The Clerk will add these to the Parish Council's social media page. The Clerk reminded Councillor Tarry that a number of residents were dissatisfied by the 'no parking signs' that had been installed in number, in their neighbourhoods.

8. Minutes (26/099)

a) **The Chair proposed that approval of the Clerk's notes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2026 is deferred pending amendments suggested by Councillor Dann. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Sexton, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.**

9. General (26/100)

a) Pavilion

i) A review of the objection received in relation to the statutory notice placed in the Sleaford Standard regarding the 'disposal' of the Pavilion and Playing Fields to the CIO dated 13 October 2026.

Councillor Davison said there seems to have been an expectation that there would be a public meeting before the CIO took over the running of the Pavilion. He had no recollection of that but stated that the CIO intended to do this after the handover to present their plans. He said this has been discussed at Parish Council meetings and coffee mornings over the last 12 months; there was plenty of opportunity for consultation. The Chair asked for the views of other Councillors. Councillor Tucker said, *I do agree that it should have been taken to the public, we should have taken the village along with us in the journey to do this with the Pavilion and I think we missed a golden opportunity to do that. I'm under the same impression as the person that has complained-'.*

The Chair asked members whether the Parish Council should now consult or move ahead with the disposal. The Clerk reminded members that this agenda item is to consider the objection that was submitted further to the statutory notice that was placed in the Sleaford Standard not whether to now proceed with a public consultation prior to the 'disposal'. She said members need to demonstrate that they have fully considered the objection.

Councillor Davison repeated his views; there is no reason to delay the 'disposal' further to this objection given that there has been ample opportunity to speak to the Parish Council. **Councillor Davison proposed that the disposal go ahead as planned. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Young, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.**

ii) Valuation, Pygott and Crone

Members noted the changes to the Valuation for the Pavilion and Playing Fields further to the amendments suggested by Councillor Dann.

iii) The final steps relating to the handover over the Pavilion and Playing Fields to the CIO

It was noted that the lease signing will proceed as planned on 27 October 2026. The Chair and Councillors Davison and Spencer will sign the lease on behalf of the Parish Council, and a joint statement will be issued to the public on Friday 30 October 2026.

iv) Terms of Engagement

Councillor Tucker raised an issue with 3.2.c *'consider providing practical or financial support where budgets allow'.* Further to general discussion, **the Chair proposed that the unamended**

document is accepted. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Davison, and the motion was passed by resolution of the Council. Councillor Tucker voted against the motion.
Action: Clerk to add the Terms of Engagement to the website**.**

v) Transfer of £15,000.00 to the CIO
The Chair proposed that £15,000.00 is transferred to the CIO per resolution 26/084 iii). The proposal was seconded by Davison, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council. The relevant spending power is Section 19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.

vi) Waste bins at the Pavilion and Playing Fields.
The Chair proposed that the waste bins at the Pavilion and Playing Fields are still emptied by the Parish Council Caretaker. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Sexton, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

b) East Heckington service provision

- Defibrillator – There has been no response to the letter sent to the owner of the Shell garage with a view to obtaining his consent to install the defibrillator on their site.
- War Memorial – the Clerk has asked for a quote for a valuation so the item can be accurately recorded on the asset register. A TPO application has been submitted to NK to cut back the Yew impacting the Memorial
- Noticeboard – This has been installed
- Waste bin – This is pending installation.
- Christmas tree – the licence has been approved for the siting on Highways land.

c) Health & Safety
Members noted the following inspections have taken place:
i) The annual RoSPA Playground Inspection of the Pavilion Playground is pending.
ii) Fire extinguishers service, Workshop on 5 October 2026
iii) Legionella Risk Assessment, Chambers on 22 October 2026
iv) Generator service, 28 September 2026
v) Routine monthly pest control, Allotments

d) Caretaker Equipment
A review quotes and receive recommendations in relation to the provision of a new mower and digger and discussion relating to the repair (pre-MOT quote) or replacement of the Polaris.

Councillor Cocks reported that the Polaris, the Caretaker's everyday works vehicle, which is currently valued at £500.00 has just undergone a pre-MOT inspection. The quotation for repairs is £3,554.50. The batteries have expired and their replacement will cost in the region of £3,500.00. The Clerk reported that the cost of repairs to the vehicle in 2025 for MOT purposes were £4184.69.

Councillor Sexton added that the Caretaker has recently passed his gravedigging qualification; a digger is also required, and they have explored a multi-purpose vehicle that will also do the mowing. The current mower is a high-end domestic machine not designed for extensive usage.

There was discussion about the benefits of a compact tractor plus attachments.

The Caretaker added that Farol Ltd and Ben Burgess have offered free replacement vehicles in the event of breakdown.

Councillor Davison asked whether purchasing second hand machinery is an option. There was discussion about warranties and the benefits thereof.

Councillor Atkinson enquired as to the age of the Polaris; 10 years old.

Councillor Tucker added that each machine will potentially need to be stored off site. Councillor Sexton went on to say that there are also additional costs in maintaining and insuring each item.

Councillor Cocks provided a brief on what the Parish Council can expect in terms of purchase cost versus Hire Purchase and an Operating Lease.

Councillor Tucker proposed informal meeting to discuss the options available with a view to bringing a proposal to the November meeting of the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Sexton, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

Councillor Tucker proposed the repairs are not carried out on the Polaris. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Sexton, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

e) Ratifications

The Chair proposed that the list of items for ratification is accepted. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Young, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

- To reimburse the Clerk for Wi-Fi charges of £5.99 and £9.99 for the re-issue of the agenda remotely.
- Expenditure for the Polaris pre-MOT at a cost of £85.00 excluding VAT.
- Additional expenditure to the value of £15.00 to cover the cost of the Caretaker's mobile phone repair at a total cost of £55.00.
- Expenditure for a protective cage and installation by Urisk on a hot water pipe at a cost of £180.00 excluding VAT.
- Expenditure for the Pavilion playground inspection at a cost of £399 plus VAT.
- Expenditure for a speaker and microphone stand at a cost of £48.82 inclusive of VAT.

f) Village Walkabout 2026

Item to be deferred to the November meeting of the Parish Council.

10. Committees (26/101)

All Committees have met since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

a) Finance Committee

i) Report from the Finance Committee meeting dated 19 October 2026.
Members confirmed that they had read the minutes and there were no questions arising.

ii) Recommendations from the Finance Committee:

- To use £7,500.00 from earmarked reserves 'Cemetery 2025/26 carry forward' with a balance of £14,482.11 for the purchase of grave digging equipment. A motion will be presented in 10. B) i).

iii) A review of budget heads in the bank reconciliation document versus expenditure per the report circulated by email on 22 October 2026.
Item passed.
Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for the November meeting of the Parish Council.

b) Cemetery Committee

i) Report from the Cemetery Committee meeting dated 22 October 2026 with recommendations for approval.

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Tucker reported that the Committee had reviewed their expenditure versus the budget at the end of the second quarter; several budget sub-headings including Project Forget Me Knot and Memorial Repairs have been bolstered.

1. £35.35 is moved from the rates budget head to the water budget head
2. £600.00 from pest control to be shared equally between Project Forget Me Knot and Memorial Repairs
3. £2500.00 from General Maintenance to be shared equally between Project Forget Me Knot and Memorial Repairs.
4. Unspent monies from Trees and Hedges to be directed to earmarked reserves to ease the burden on future annual budgets and the precept.

This will be formally agreed upon by the Parish Council at the November meeting per the action in 10 a) iii).

Councillor Tucker proposed that £7500 is released from earmarked reserves 'Cemetery 2025/26 carry forward' with a balance of £14,482.11 for the purchase of grave digging equipment. The proposal was seconded by the Chair and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

Action: Clerk to amend the bank reconciliation and reserves record.

Councillor Tucker asked for approval from the Parish Council for the Cemetery Committee to proceed with projects that have been agreed by the Committee i.e. the memorial garden that may fall above the £5k spending threshold imposed on Committees per Financial Regulations. The proposal was seconded by the Chair and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

Councillor Tucker asked for the Clerk to be actioned to add to the November agenda, an amendment to Financial Regulation to remove the £5k limit imposed on all Committees.

Action: Clerk to add to the November agenda of the Parish Council**.**

Councillor Tucker concluded by reporting that the Cemetery Committee has thoroughly reviewed their budget for 2027/28 with some minor amendments.

c) Staffing Committee

i) Report from the Staffing Committee meeting dated 13 October 2026

The Chair of the Staffing Committee, Councillor Gower reported that the Staffing budget had been reviewed and amended. The Committee have discussed the need for on-going Occupational Health assessments for the Caretaker. Members noted that the Caretaker has successfully passed his probation.

d) Events Working Group

i) Report from the Events Working Group meeting on 5 October 2026

The Chair provided a summary of upcoming and potential events for the future.

ii) Committee Status

The Chair proposed that the Events Working Group receives Committee status so that the Committee can proceed under delegated powers via Terms of Reference. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Sexton and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

iii) Terms of Reference

Councillor Davison proposed a number of amendments to Terms of Reference for the Events Committee**. Councillor Dann proposed that Terms of Reference are deferred to the November meeting. The proposal was seconded by Young and passed unanimously.**

iv) Remembrance

- The Clerk provided an update on preparations for Remembrance.
- **Councillor Tucker proposed a donation via Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 of £200.00 to the RBL at the request of Kate Sydney who will kindly be playing the Last Post (without charge to the Parish Council) at the Remembrance Event.**
  Councillor Tucker volunteered to lay the wreath at the East Heckington War Memorial.

v) Christmas

- Members noted with thanks the donation from the 8 Sail Brewery of £250.00 towards the 2026 Christmas light purchase.
- **The Chair proposed that £2,000.00 is approved for the Christmas Light Switch On under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Sexton and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.**

11. Planning Matters (26/102)

a) Members noted the new/amended or registered planning applications including proposed works on trees subject to TPOs, awaiting decision.

Application	**26/1073/HOUS**
Location	Paddocks Paws, The Paddocks, Kyme Road, Heckington
Proposal	Replace existing front boundary fence with 1.8m closed boarded timber fence
Comments	None
Application	**26/1046/FUL**
Location	60 Kyme Road, Heckington, NG34 9RS
Proposal	Erection of 1no custom self-build single storey detached dwelling and widening of existing access
Comments	None
Application	**26/1087/RESM**
Location	Land to the South of Sleaford Road, Heckington
Proposal	Reserved matters application for the erection of 47no. dwellings with access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered pursuant to planning application 25/0165/OUT.
Comments	Pending
Application	**26/1185/PNAGR**
Location	Land at Ashers Farm, Sidebar Lane, Heckington Fen
Proposal	Proposed track/turning loop for farm traffic
Comments	None
Application	**26/1228/VARCON**
Location	The Barn, Littleworth Drove, Heckington Fen
Proposal	Application to vary condition 2 (materials) and 3 (approved plans) – to amend the design of the outbuildings – attached to planning permission 25/1061 HOUS – installation of an off-grid energy system including solar panels, battery storage and associated infrastructure for sustainable self-sufficiency.

b) Members noted the following planning matters awaiting decision or where a decision has been received since the Parish Council meeting on 31 August 2026 20 October 2026

Application	**26/0920/HOUS** (Received by the District Council on 30 July 2026)
Location	21 Burton Road, Heckington, NG34 9QR
Proposal	Removal of existing sun room, erection of proposed extension to rear, and works to loft space with external alterations
Comments	None

Decision	Approved, 22 September 2026
Application	**26/0909/FUL** (Received by the District Council on 30 July 2026)
Location	April Cottage, Kyme Road, Heckington Fen
Proposal	Erection of a mobile wooden horse field shelter
Comments	None
Decision	Approved, 18 September 2026
Application	**26/1048/TPO**
Location	32 Bramley Close, Heckington, NG34 9TE
Proposal	T1 Lime – Reduce the previous reductions points. Overall reduction will be approximately 4/4.5m.
Comments	None
Decision	Approved, 5 October 2026
Application	**26/1034/HOUS**
Location	25 Godson Avenue, Heckington, NG34 9SB
Proposal	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension
Comments	None
Decision	Awaiting decision as of 20 October 2026
Application	**26/1078/TCA**
Location	4 The Green, Heckington, NG34 9RG
Proposal	T1 – Yew – Removal
Comments	Consultation in progress at the time of publishing the agenda
Decision	TPO Not Served, 5 October 2026
Application	**26/0855/HOUS**
Location	18 Oak Way, Heckington, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 9FG
Proposal	Erection of single storey rear extension, replacement detached garage with store, workshop and room in the loft space.
Comments	None
Decision	Approved, 2 September 2026
Application	**26/0630/FUL**
Location	Birch Cottage, Kyme Road, Heckington Fen
Proposal	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a one and half storey replacement dwelling (custom self-build) and creation of new access
Comments	Registered
Decision	Not available

The Clerk reported that there is a new area on the website dedicated to planning courtesy of the Parish Council's webmaster Tony Shaw.

12. Finance (26/103)

a) Members noted the bank balances as of 5 October 2026.

Current Account (Lloyds)	4,714.44
Current Account (Unity)	21.85
S106 (Lloyds)	45,557.78
Deposit Account (Lloyds)	126,931.98
Deposit Account (Unity)	85,550.12
AMC Account (Lloyds)	6,126.31
TOTAL	**268,902.48**

b) Members to note the income received between 4 September 2026 and 5 October 2026.

Account	Description	Amount

Current (Lloyds)	JE Severs reference Smith	333.00
	Grounds Maintenance East Heckington (Sept)	40.00
	Sale of Exclusive Right of Burial	391.00
	Refund RAM (mower repairs)	49.74
AMC (Lloyds)	Key Deposit reference Green	15.00
S106 (Lloyds)	Interest (September)	18.71
Deposit (Lloyds)	Interest (September)	7.02
	Precept 2 of 2	123,844.00
Current (Unity)	None	0.00
Deposit (Unity)	Interest (September)	418.43

c) Councillor Tucker proposed that the expenditure, including expenditure to be ratified, from 4 September 2026 to 5 October 2026 is approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Young and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

The following is an extract from the cashbook edited for confidentiality.

Company	Description	NET	VAT	GROSS
Ram Tracking	Vehicle tracking contract	48.00	9.60	57.60
Amazon	Grass Seed (Cemetery)	63.19	15.80	78.99
Pygott and Crone	Valuation Fees (Pavilion)	700.00	140.00	840.00
Urisk Limited	Annual legionella RA (Chambers)	330.00	66.00	396.00
Cathedral Leasing Limited	Hygiene services (Chambers)	42.00	8.40	50.40
RoSPA Playsafety	Mayflower Park Annual Inspection	83.00	16.60	99.60
Octopus Energy	Electricity supply to the Cemetery from 1 to 31 Aug 2026	40.96	2.05	43.01
Octopus Energy	Electricity supply to the Chambers from 1 to 31 Aug 2026	72.81	3.64	76.45
Diamond Shine Cleaning	Window Cleaning Service (Chambers)	27.00	0.00	27.00
SRP Hire Solutions	Portaloo Hire	114.00	22.80	136.80
EE Wi-Fi	Offsite Wi-Fi access	15.98	0.00	15.98
Lyca Mobile	Clerk Mobile (September)	5.00	0.00	5.00
Lyca Mobile	Caretaker Mobile (September)	10.00	0.00	10.00
Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	7.07	0.00	7.07
CloudNext	Domain Annual Subscription	50.00	10.00	60.00
CloudNext	Hosting Annual Subscription	149.99	29.99	179.98
Boston Seeds Ltd	Grass Seed (Cemetery)	236.97	78.99	315.96
Set in Stone Memorials	Memorial repairs	1765.20	0.00	1765.20
Mobile IT Help	Mobile phone screen repair	55.00	0.00	55.00
Foxhall Plant Hire Ltd	Digger (Cemetery)	520.00	104.00	624.00
Iconic Media Group	Advert (Pavilion)	1420.12	284.02	1704.14
Cleaning Services	Chambers	108.00	0.00	108.00
Heckington Store	Cleaning Supplies (Chambers)	9.68	0.00	9.68
Urisk Limited	Additional repairs identified per Legionella RA	188.00	37.60	225.60
BT	Broadband Supply (Chambers)	33.95	6.79	40.74
Ram Tracking	Vehicle tracking contract	48.00	9.60	57.60
Unity Bank	Service Charge dated 30 September 2026	7.00	0.00	7.00
Lloyds Bank	Service Charges (AMC)	4.25	0.00	4.25

d) Bank reconciliation dated 5 October 2026

The Clerk confirmed that the Chair and Councillor Tucker have verified the accounts. **The Chair proposed that the bank reconciliation is accepted. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Tucker, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.**

e) Transfers

Date	Amount	
17 September 2026	5,000.00	Transfer from deposit account to current account.
8 October 2026	10,000.00	Transfer from deposit account to current account.
20 October	10,000.00	Transfer from deposit account to current account.

The Chair proposed that the transfers are ratified. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Tucker, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

f) Budget 2027/28

i) Finance Committee Recommendations

- Chambers General Maintenance
  Councillor Sexton proposed that the budget sub-heading is increased to £5,000.00. The proposal was seconded by the Chair, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

- Cemetery Income & VAT
  Councillor Tucker proposed that all income and VAT on purchases relating to the Cemetery is re-invested into cemetery projects. The proposal was seconded by the Chair, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

- Investment
  Councillor Dann proposed that general reserves (at year end) are invested in an account offering the best available interest at the time. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Davison, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

ii) Cemetery Committee Recommendations

- Members noted the quotes had been received and approved for the pollarding of trees and the refurbishment of the Chapel and Workshop windows. The pollarding will take place during the current financial year, but the Chapel and Workshop windows will fall into the 2027/27 financial year.

  Councillor Davison asked for it to be recorded in the minutes that the cemetery is a statutory responsibility.

iii) Staffing Committee Recommendations

- Ring fence £10,000.00 in reserves for locum cover for the Clerk and Caretaker.
- The Chair, Councillor Gower reported on minor reduction to the Staffing Budget total for the 2027/28 draft budget.

iv) Events Working Group Recommendations

- Section 137 is increased to £7,500 and Section 137 is also increased to Events.
- Ring fence all monies raised in reserves from the Christmas light switch on for future events.

The Chair proposed that the recommendations made by the Cemetery and Staffing Committees and Events working group are incorporated into the 2027/28 draft budget. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Sexton, and the motion was passed unanimously by resolution of the Council.

HECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
BUDGET
1 APRIL 2027 TO 31 MARCH 2028

PROPOSED RESERVES

Record of ring-fenced/general reserves	**2026/27 Current Reserves Totals**	**PROPOSED 2027/28**	**2027/28 PROPOSED Reserves Totals**
Capital Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
Elections	7,000.00	5,000.00	12,000.00
Legal Fees	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Chamber Maintenance	2,000.00	1500.00	3,500.00
Trees (Village)	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
General Reserves	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
Locum Cover		10,000.00	10,000.00
Playground Repairs		2,500.00	2,500.00
Office Equipment		750.00	750.00
Allotment (Trees, Hedges & Dykes)		1,000.00	1,000.00
Noticeboards		250.00	250.00
Pavilion		2,000.00	2,000.00
Cemetery *(Future Projects)*	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
Cemetery Income VARIABLE – see bank reconciliation	2,868.00	*Variable TBC*	2,868.00
Cemetery VAT		*TBC*	*TBC*
Cemetery Trees	*1,100.00*	2,500.00	*3,600.00*
Cemetery Ring Fenced 25/26	6,982.11	0.00	6,982.11
TOTALS	**59,950.11**	**60,500.00**	**120.450.11**

INCOME SOURCES

INCOME SOURCES (excluding Precept)	Budget 2026/27	Predicted 2027/28
LCC Litter Picking Grant	1,809.00	1,809.00
Cemetery Fees	3,000.00	4,061.00
Library LCC	5,167.00	5,167.00
Library Fines	80.00	125.00
Fair	300.00	330.00
Room Hire	100.00	0.00
Wayleave	174.60	170.00
Interest	800.00	1,000.00
Pavilion Rent	0.00	1.00
PCC Contribution to the Maintenance of East Heckington Cemetery		504.00
TOTAL	**11,430.60**	**13,167.00**

CEMETERY FEES 2027/28

EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL (TABLE 1)	Resident			Non-resident		
	2025/26	2026/27	**2027/28**	2025/26	2026/27	**2027/28**
For the Exclusive Right of Burial for 99 years in an earthen grave 6ft by 3 feet	210.00	221.00	**230.00**	363.00	381.00	**396.00**
For the Exclusive Right of Burial for 99 years in a cremated remains plot 3ft by 2 feet	162.00	170.00	**177.00**	294.00	308.00	**320.00**
If a larger plot is required, 2 standard grave spaces will be required (Parish Council, 31 October 2016).						
INTERMENT (TABLE 2)	Resident			Non-resident		
	2025/26	2026/27	**2027/28**	2025/26	2026/27	**2027/28**
A still-born child whose age does not exceed one year	0	0	**0**	0	0	**0**
A child under the age of 15 years	115.00	120.75	**126.00**	173.00	182.00	**189.00**
Adults (aged 16 years and above)	187.00	196.00	**204.00**	317.00	333.00	**346.00**
Cremated remains (burial)	126.00	132.00	**137.00**	222.00	233.00	**242.00**
Cremated remains (spreading on the surface of a grave or other designated area)	80.00	84.00	**87.00**	145.00	162.00	**168.00**
The right to bury cremated remains in a grave space already having been used for a burial shall only be allowed provided the recently deceased is listed on the Exclusive Right of Burial or, a transfer of ownership will be required.						
These fees exclude the digging of the grave. This must be arranged separately or via the Funeral Director.						
MEMORIALS & TABLETS (TABLE 3)	Resident			Non-resident		
	2025/26	2026/27	**2027/28**	2025/26	2026/27	**2027/28**
For the Exclusive Rights to erect a headstone for 99 years. Single	90.00	95.00	**99.00**	180.00	189.00	**197.00**
*Double**		142.50	**148.00**		283.50	**295.00**
*Kerbs**		50.00	**52.00**		*100.00*	***104.00***
For the Exclusive Rights to erect a tablet for 99 years	80.00	84.00	**87.00**	160.00	168.00	**174.00**
TRANSFER OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL (TABLE 4)					2026/27	**2027/28**
Administration Fee					10.00	**12.00**
Exclusive Right of Burial Administration Fee					10.00	**12.00**
Interment Application Administration Fee					10.00	**12.00**
Application to Erect a Memorial Administration Fee					10.00	**12.00**
Surrender of Exclusive Right of Burial Administration Fee					10.00	**12.00**
Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial Administration Fee					25.00	**30.00**
Search of the Register of Burials					0.00	**0.00**
Chapel Hire					25.00	**30.00**
Memorial Repair Fee						**100.00**
Grave Digging (burial plot)						**400.00**
Grave Digging (cremation plot)						**50.00**

EXPENDITURE

GENERAL	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27 (as amended)	PROPOSED 2027/28
Insurances including motor fleet	6300.00	7500.00	7500.00	**5730.00**
Annual Subscriptions	400.00	2500.00	5250.00	**7000.00**
Village Hall Hire	200.00	120.00	200.00	**150.00**
Election Costs	15,155.00	7000.00	3500.00	**5000.00**
Speedwatch	500.00	0.00	300.00	**300.00**
SID	500.00	500.00	500.00	**2500.00**
Defibrillator	600.00	500.00	1000.00	**500.00**
Training Courses/Subs	800.00	2000.00	1750.00	**1500.00**
Legal Fees	9098.72	3500.00	5000.00	**0.00**
PWLB	3900.00			
Banking Fees	200.00	100.00	150.00	**150.00**
Computer Maintenance	1000.00	540.00	630.00	**0.00**
Stationery & postage	200.00	250.00	600.00	**500.00**
Office Equipment	790.00	200.00	750.00	**750.00**
Printer Ink		485.00	750.00	**300.00**
Telephone	1000.00	120.00	200.00	**200.00**
Broadband	500.00	360.00	400.00	**428.00**
Sundries/Hospitality	350.00			
Refunds	0.00	150.00	150.00	**0.00**
Land Purchase	0.00			
Payroll	1200.00	500.00	500.00	**578.00**
Library/Hub			10.00	**10.00**
Internal Audit	1100.00	500.00	525.00	**380.00**
External Audit		1000.00	1000.00	**1662.00**
Printing (external)		500.00		
Councillor's expenses	150.00	0.00	250.00	**0.00**
Delivery fees (newsletter)		1956.00		
Portaloo	0.00	1500.00	1260.00	**1796.00**
Office equipment (ring-fenced)				
Chair's Allowance	780.00	0.00	300.00*	**300.00**
Staff Health Screening				**500.00**
Drainage Rates (Star Fen)	0.00	57.00		
TOTAL	**45,503.72**	**31,838.00**	**28,045.00**	**30,234.00**

STAFFING	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27 (as amended)	PROPOSED 2027/28
Salaries inc. PAYE and NIC & Pensions	52,000.00	69,953.00	91,430.00	**108,980.00**
Locum Cover	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	**10,000.00**
Staff Travel	125.00	540.00	0.00	**457.00**
TOTAL	**56,625.00**	**73,493.00**	**96,430.00**	**119,437.00**

CARETAKER & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27 (as amended)	PROPOSED 2027/28
Business Rates (Village Green)	610.00	550.00	565.00	**592.00**
Village Maintenance	3700.00	3500.00		
Village Green Electricity			500.00	**525.00**
Replacement Noticeboard/s			5,000.00	**250.00**
Caretaker Equipment, Repairs and Servicing	6000.00	3000.00	4,600.00	**25000.00**
Caretaker Supplies	2130.00	500.00	1000.00	**2676.00**
Diesel	1250.00	1500.00		**1200.00**
Petrol	250.00	500.00	1000.00	**525.00**
Trees/Hedges General	4000.00	1500.00	4585.00	**5000.00**
Replacement Street Furniture				**1000.00**
Other/Registered Waste Removal		500.00	100.00	**100.00**
TOTAL	**17,940.00**	**11,550.00**	**17,350.00**	**36,868.00**

CHAMBERS	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27 (as amended)	PROPOSED 2027/28
Water	400.00	0.00	500.00	**500.00**
Electricity	9000.00	4250.00	3,750.00	**3938.00**
General Maintenance	7619.88	1000.00	3,500.00	**5000.00**
Lift Servicing LOLER & Maintenance	3000.00	500.00	750.00	**473.00**
Window Cleaning		150.00	150.00	**179.00**
Cleaning		720.00	700.00	**1350.00**
Supplies (cleaning/hygiene)		200.00	100.00	**529.00**
Chambers Equipment		200.00	750.00	**750.00**
Testing/Inspections	250.00	1820.00	7,000.00	**1345.00**
Building Repairs (Emergency)		0.00	*See reserves table*	***1500.00***
Rates	2,000.00	0.00	1,725.00	**2861.00**
TOTALS	**22,269.88**	**8,840.00**	**18,925.00**	**18,425.00**

CEMETERY	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27 (as amended)	PROPOSED 2027/28
Water	200.00	150.00	155.00	**500.00**
Electricity	3000.00			
General Maintenance	1000.00	3000.00	1,056.00	**7308.00**
Project Forget Me Knot		0.00	8722.00	**11613.00**
Memorial Safety Checks	0.00	3500.00	14,357.35	**25000.00**
Pest Control	0.00	500.00	0.00	**0.00**
Trees/Hedges	0.00	2500.00	2,500.00	**2500.00**
Rates	610.00	625.00	1,025.65	**1077.00**
Reserves	0.00	12515.11	**14,482.11*	***10,000.00***
New machinery			7500.00	**0.00**
Totals	**4810.00**	**22,790.11**	***35,315.65**	**57,998.00**

*Notes: *Figure £14,482.11 not included in total for 2026/27.*
The 2026.27 budget head original sat at £22,815.65 up but £5,000 added from general reserves (general reserved reduced from £15k to £10k) to memorial repairs and with the addition of the budget sub-heading 'new machinery' at £7,500.00 (taken from cemetery 25/26 carry forward), the sum should now sit at £35,915.65 (minus the reserves figure of £14,482.11). To note with that reserve figure the total would have been £50,397.76. This figure has been used to calculate the deficit recorded in the last row/column above.

WORKSHOP	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27 (as amended)	PROPOSED 2027/28
Equipment				***500.00***
Electricity	3000.00		1,000.00	**1050.00**
General Maintenance			2,900.00	**7,000.00**
First Aid Supplies			150.00	**25.00**
Inspections & testing			1,000.00	**525.00**
Totals	**3,000.00**	**5,500.00**	**5,050.00**	**9,100.00**

SECTION 137/GRANTS	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27	PROPOSED 2027/28
TOTAL	2300.00	4,100.00	6,000.00	**7,500.00**

PLAYGROUND	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27	PROPOSED 2027/28
Annual Inspections			273.00	**101.00**
Repairs			2677.00	**2500.00**
Cleaning & general maintenance			50.00	**0.00**
TOTALS	**400.00**	**3,000.00**	**3,000.00**	**2,601.00**

ALLOTMENT PARISH COUNCIL	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27	PROPOSED 2027/28
Testing			300.00	**300.00**
Trees/Hedges/Dykes	1,300.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	**1000.00**
Dykes				
Drainage Rates	0.00	110.00	150.00	**181.00**
Pest Control	0.00	450.00	550.00	**945.00**
TOTALS	**1,300.00**	**2,060.00**	**2,500.00**	**2,426.00**

EVENTS	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27	PROPOSED 2027/28
TOTALS		**400.00**	**500.00**	**7,500.00**

PAVILION	2024/25	2025/26 (as amended)	2026/27	PROPOSED 2027/28
Other	0.00			2,000.00
TOTAL	**1,250.00**	**50,000.00**	**20,000.00**	**2,000.00**

FINETURF (CIL)	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
TOTALS	**5288.00**	**3888.00**	**8650.00**	**4350.00**

Note: The Fineturf budget head (paid for using previously acquired Section 106 funding that has already been received).

EXPENDITURE TOTALS

TOTALS EXPENDITURE	2026/27	2027/28	Difference between 2026/27 & 2027/28
General Administration	28,045.00	**30,234.00**	2,189.00
Staffing	96,430.00	**119,437.00**	23,007.00
Caretaker & Village Maintenance	17,350.00	**36,868.00**	19,518.00
Chambers	18,925.00	**18,425.00**	(500.00)
Cemetery	35,315.65	**57,998.00**	22,682.35
Workshop	5,050.00	**9,100.00**	4,050.00
S137 and Grants	6,000.00	**7,500.00**	1,500.00
Playground	3,000.00	**2,601.00**	(399.00)
Allotment	2,500.00	**2,426.00**	(74.00)
Events	500.00	**7,500.00**	7,000.00
Pavilion	20,000.00	**2,000.00**	(18,000.00)
TOTALS	**233,115.65**	**294,089.00**	**60,973.35**

Note: Original total for 2026/27 was £220,616.00 (amendments reflect money brought over from reserves including 7,500 from cemetery 25/26 carry forward to the cemetery budget head and 5,000.00 from general reserves to the memorial repairs budget sub heading in the cemetery budget head).

YEAR END PREDICTIONS

	2027/28
Predicted Year End Balance	**70,963.00**
Proposed Reserves	**59,950.11**
Year End Balance minus reserves	**11,012.00**
Budgeted Income for 2026/27	**13,167.00**
Budgeted Expenditure for 2027/28	**294,089.00**
Total Required PRECEPT required for 2026/27	**TBC**

PRECEPT 2026/27
£247,688.00

PRECEPT 2027/28
£TBC

g) Members noted that the interim Internal Audit will take place on 9 November 2026 to be conducted by Stacey Knowles.

h) Members noted the email from PKF Littlejohn, external auditors, dated 21 September 2026 in relation to the limited assurance review for the year ended 31 March 2026.

- Members noted that the notice of audit was not published by the statutory deadline of 30 September due to the Clerk's annual leave. Members agreed that this is something to consider in terms of future annual leave.

13. Correspondence (26/104)

Members noted the following:

a) An email from the Lincolnshire Reservoir Team dated 16 September 2026 providing updates on proposals for a new reservoir in Lincolnshire and their plans for a third phase of consultation.
b) Parish and Town Council Newsletter (NK), September and October 2026.
c) An email from a member of the public dated 5 October 2026 in relation to the Pavilion and Playing field and liaison with Sport England and field maintenance.

14. Date and time of the next meeting/s (26/105)

Committees

Finance Committee Meeting – 11 February 2027
Staffing Committee Meeting – 21 December 2026
Cemetery Committee Meeting – 18 February 2027 at 7.30pm
Events Working Group – 2027 (not scheduled)

Parish Council

2026
Monday 30 November 2026
2027

Monday 11 January 2027 (Precept and Budget Setting Meeting)	Monday 25 January 2027
Monday 22 February 2027	Monday 22 March 2027
Monday 26 April 2027	Monday 24 May 2027
Monday 28 June 2027	Monday 26 July 2027
AUGUST TBC	Monday 27 September 2027
Monday 25 October 2027	Monday 29 November 2027

15. Questions from the public (26/106)

A member of the public said that the Caretaker had offered to use his vehicle instead of using a hire vehicle. The Chair reassured that a cost-effective solution will be found.

The Chair proposed that the meeting is moved into closed session at 8.54pm in accordance with the accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to discuss the agenda item listed. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Young, and the motion was passed by resolution of the Council.

16. Closed Session (26/107)

a) Members noted the decision made by the Monitoring Officer in relation to a complaint about Councillor behaviour at the April meeting of the Parish council dated 16 October 2026.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.58pm.