ASLOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held at the Thomas Cranmer Centre (TCC), Main Street, Aslockton, Nottingham NG13 9AL on Monday 9 February 2026 at 7:00pm

Present: Cllrs: Fiona Barker (FB), Tim Knight (TK), Chris Haslam (CH) – Chair, George Mitchell (GM), Sharan Pinkney (SP), Donna Johnson (DJ)

In Attendance: Neil Southwell (NS) – Parish Clerk, Cllr C Grocock – Rushcliffe Borough Council, Cllr S Pearson – Nottinghamshire County Council, Chris Smith (CS), Chris Kerr (CK), Steve Oldacre (SO) – Members of the Public
Apologies for Absence: Cllr Nick Wheatley

62. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 January 2026 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.
63. Declarations of Interest
No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.
64. Exclusion of Public and Press
Item 74, finance, required the exclusion of the public or press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.
65. Council Statement
The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council continues to prioritise: Resolving parking congestion at the playing field, Emergency and flood resilience planning, Organising and supporting village events. It was noted that the meeting would be recorded for transparency.
66. Public Forum
Cllr CH enquired if any funding was available to assist with ditch clearance at Aslakr Park. Discussed under point 80
67. Councillors' Reports
Cllr Pearson (Nottinghamshire County Council)
- Over 5,000 Category 1 potholes reported across Nottinghamshire
- No additional funding available; residents encouraged to continue reporting defects
- Yellow line repainting to be followed up
Cllr Grocock (Rushcliffe Borough Council)
- Fly-tipping at Abbey Farm is subject to Environment Agency criminal proceedings (sub judice)
- Situation not worsening
- Awaiting advice regarding the Neighbourhood Plan; estimated cost £30,000–£50,000. Estimated time to achieve such a plan-5yrs.
- Will share indicative cost model
- No planning updates
Cllr Knight – No report

Cllr Mitchell
- Dog fouling on footpaths raised
- Additional bins considered unnecessary; improved signage to be arranged
Cllr Haslam
- Poor road surface on Dawns Lane reported to VIA; response received
Cllr Johnson – No report
Cllr Pinkney
- Noted upcoming WAPFT meeting
Cllr Barker
- Hedge issues on Mill Lane; Highways to be contacted
68. Proposed New Structure – WAPFT
An informal meeting of the Trust is scheduled for 2 March 2026. General maintenance concerns were noted.
69. Lengthsman Scheme
£902.04 has been spent to date. Approximately £300 remains to complete stoning of Footpath 3 before 31 March 2026, after which invoices will be submitted for reimbursement.
Resolved: The Parish Council will continue participation in the Lengthsman Scheme.
70. Allotments
No response has been received regarding letters sent in relation to plots 4 and 9.
The Annual Allotments Meeting was held on 9 February 2026 at 6:30pm.
71. Planning Matters
No planning issues were reported.
72. Speed Sign – Cliffhill Road
A revised quotation of approximately £4,000 has been received for installation on an existing post. The Council's insurers (Zurich) have confirmed that the installation would be covered.
Resolved: Purchase deferred pending confirmation of the 2026/27 precept. Updated quotation to be circulated.
73. Footpaths
- FP8: Barbed wire identified in hedge; hedge leaning and causing obstruction, footpaths officer informed and has inspected. - All stiles to be inspected
74. Finance
The Clerk reported the following balances:
- Current Account: £1,348
- Reserve Account: £17,610
Bank reconciliations were reviewed and noted. No payments were awaiting approval. A precept application for £24,850 has been submitted.
75. Standing Orders
No update.
76. Standing Orders and Policies

The Clerk will issue a schedule of Parish Council policies to support a rolling programme of review.

77. Abbey Lane Road Safety

No update.

78. Summer Picnic

The preferred date for the Summer Picnic was agreed as 12 July 2026, subject to confirmation from WPC.

79. Flood Resilience Planning

Cllr Pinkney reported she is working with a group of residents to investigate flood resilience issues affecting the new houses on Cliffhill Lane

80. Aslaker Park ditches

Members of the public(CK and SO) raised concerns regarding drainage issues at the Aslakr estate and the potential cost of remedial ditch works falling to residents via service charges.

A suggestion was made that the work might qualify for Section 137 funding. The Clerk advised that the work falls outside both Section 137 provisions and the Parish Council's grant policy. One quotation had been obtained; it was suggested that three quotations be obtained for the full scope of works.

Resolved: The informal request for Parish Council support was further discussed, and as it was outside the Parish Council`s policy it was decided not to take this request forward

The vote was unanimous

. The Clerk was instructed to communicate this decision.

Note for Future Reference – Aslakr Drainage

The ditches at Aslakr are designed to manage **surface run-off (pluvial water)** from the estate. Their purpose is to help protect Fields Drive, properties on Abbey Lane, and the allotments from excess surface water. They are **not** part of the village's main flood defence system. The primary flood mitigation feature for the village is the **swale**, which manages broader water flow.

It is important to distinguish between:

- **Pluvial flooding** – caused by surface water run-off from rainfall.
- **Fluvial flooding** – caused by rivers or watercourses overtopping their banks.

This clarification may be worth recording formally to avoid future confusion.

81. Neighborhood plan

Await advice and costings from Cllr GC see report from Cllr GC

82 Items for next agenda

- Finance
- WAPFT
- Speed Sign
- Abbey Lane
- Summer Picnic
- Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting closed: 8:35pm - Next meeting: Monday 9 March 2026 at 7:00pm