

ASLOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

Held at the Thomas Cranmer Centre (TCC), Main Street, Aslockton, Nottingham NG13 9AL
Monday 13 April 2026 at 7:00pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs D. Johnson (DJ) and S. Pearson (SP).

The reasons for absence were accepted by the Council. Resolved: Apologies were noted and approved.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 March 2026 were reviewed in detail. No amendments were proposed by members present. Resolved: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare any interests. No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

4. Exclusion of Public and Press

It was noted that Item 14 (Finance) contains confidential information. The Council agreed this item would be held in private under the relevant legislation.

5. Council Statement

The Chair reiterated the Council's priorities:

- Supporting and organising community events
- Maintaining village assets and environment
- Improving communication with residents

It was confirmed the meeting would be recorded for transparency.

6. Public Forum

Sara Kirby attended and introduced herself to members. She outlined her background and interest in contributing to parish matters.

Members welcomed her participation and discussed potential involvement. Resolved: Unanimous agreement to proceed with co-option. Action: Clerk to issue forms and progress appointment.

7. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Grocock provided updates on the Neighbourhood Plan and LGR.

Progress remains slow and requires local leadership.

Actions agreed:

- Invite Orston PC representative Cllr. Angela Probert to the next meeting
- Invite Chris Smith
- Clerk to write to SP regarding highways issues

Fly-tipping at Abbey Farm continues to be monitored in conjunction with the Environment Agency.

Other matters included IT costs, public safety concerns, and village maintenance.

8. Playing Fields Trust

The Council reviewed governance arrangements and legal advice.

Options were discussed but no final decision made. A meeting with WPC is scheduled.

Further documentation is still awaited.

9. Lengthsman Scheme

The 2025/26 programme has been completed successfully. Funding reimbursement has been received. Members discussed priorities for 2026/27 works.

10. Allotments

Plot 8 tenancy remains incomplete and requires follow-up. Most renewal payments for 2026/27 have been received. A new tenant may take Plot 9.

Actions:

- Inspect plots 4, 14, 16 CH and FB. - Book hedge contractor for September 2026

11. Planning Matters

No planning applications or issues were raised for consideration.

12. VIA Road Sign – Cliffhill Lane

Updated costings and alternative suppliers were reviewed. Members discussed possible locations. Resolved: Defer decision to next meeting.

13. Footpaths Update

Stoning works on footpath 3 have been completed to a satisfactory standard.

A safety concern regarding barbed wire on footpath 8 was raised. Action: Consider remedial work under Lengthsman Scheme.

14. Finance

The schedule of payments was reviewed and approved. Precept funding is still awaited.

The AGAR audit process is now due and will be progressed.

15. Standing Orders / Policies

Policies relating to grants and IT were noted. No amendments proposed.

Review scheduled for July/August 2026.

16. Road Safety – Abbey Lane

No updates were available at this time. This remains an ongoing concern.

17. Summer Picnic

The annual event is confirmed for 19 July 2026. Initial planning arrangements were briefly discussed.

18. Flood Resilience Planning

Updated Environment Agency guidance was acknowledged. No further action required at present.

19. Dawns Lane Inspection

VIA will undertake a road inspection. The Council will be informed of findings and any repairs.

20. Correspondence

A grant request for £300 was received from Aslockton Cemetery Trust. This will be considered at a future meeting.

21. Items for Future Agendas

- Finance – Planning - Playing Fields Trust - Speed sign

Finance Report March 26

Bank Reconciliation Report

Current Account

01 Mar - 31 Mar 26

	Description	Money in	Money out
	Opening balance	536.99	
02-Mar-26	Bill payment against Rent Feb 26 (TCC)		31.50
	Transfer from SLA ASLOCKTON PARISH to Business		
11-Mar-26	Current Account	1000.00	
11-Mar-26	Bill payment against Insurance (Zurich)		396.00
12-Mar-26	Footpath stones		143.77
12-Mar-26	Footpath stones		136.31
16-Mar-26	Payroll cost		396.70
16-Mar-26	Payroll cost		26.00
16-Mar-26	Allotment rent	25.00	
16-Mar-26	Allotment rent	55.00	
16-Mar-26	Allotment rent	55.00	
16-Mar-26	Allotment rent	30.00	
17-Mar-26	Allotment rent	55.00	
17-Mar-26	Allotment rent	55.00	
19-Mar-26	Allotment rent	55.00	
19-Mar-26	Allotment rent	30.00	
	Labour re footpath stoning reimbursed from		
20-Mar-26	Lengsthman scheme		270.00
20-Mar-26	Allotment rent	55.00	
23-Mar-26	Grounds maintenance		20.00
24-Mar-26	Allotment rent	55.00	
	Total	2006.99	1420.28
	Closing balance	586.71	

Reserve Account

Opening Balance 1 March 26	17623.61
Interest received	13.15
Transfer current account	1000
Closing balance	16636.76