

# **ASLOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

Held at the Thomas Cranmer Centre (TCC), Main Street, Aslockton, Nottingham NG13 9AL  
Monday 11 May 2026 at 7:00 pm

### **Present**

Cllrs: Fiona Barker (FB), Tim Knight (TK), N. Wheatley (NW Chair), Chris Haslam (CH), S. Kirkby (SK)

### **In Attendance**

Neil Southwell (NS) – Parish Clerk

Cllr C. Grocock – Rushcliffe Borough Council (GC)

Chris Kerr (CK), John Lindsey (JL), Chris Smith (members of the public) Cllr Angela Probert, Orston P.C. (AP),

### **22. Apologies for Absence**

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

The reasons for absence were accepted by the Council.

It was noted that Cllr G. Mitchell had resigned.

### **23. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 April 2026 were reviewed in detail.

No amendments were proposed by members present.

Resolved: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

### **24. Declarations of Interest**

Members were invited to declare any interests.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

### **25. Exclusion of Public and Press**

It was noted that Item 35 (Finance) contains confidential information.

The Council agreed this item would be held in private under the relevant legislation.

### **26. 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 that the meeting would be recorded for transparency.

### **27. Public Forum**

- AP gave a short presentation regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and advised that the council of which she is a member (Orston) had been given a lead role.
- It was noted that many councils are much further advanced, and it may be beneficial to invite a representative to a future meeting to share knowledge and avoid duplication of effort. It was also considered important to involve members of the public.

Concerns raised by APC councillors included:

1. Cost per council
  2. Planning issues
  3. Housing infill
  4. Resources required to become involved
  5. The need for an APC steering group with wide participation
- CK stated that the Aslacr Park ditch had now been cleared and raised the following points:
    1. Although low in value, the percentage increase in the precept was high.
    2. Use of the APC notice boards — could these be opened up for wider village information?
    3. He also offered help and advice regarding social media. It was noted that the credentials for the existing Facebook page were lost when a change of personnel occurred. TK advised that he would discuss this with CK.
    4. CK advised that he would produce a proposal regarding social media for a future APC meeting.

**Responses to CK's points:**

- (a) NW reported that APC had avoided increases in the precept for a number of years and that costs are only increasing.
- (b) NS reported that the increase satisfied the need to remain below the “small council” level, provided for reserve fund requirements (six months' expenditure), and gave scope for potential future investment.
- (c) The issue regarding notice boards is primarily one of available space, and notices cannot be for commercial gain. It was reiterated that community events can be advertised on the village community notice board.
- (d) APC is also required to support WAPFT due to ongoing losses.
  - JL enquired whether there was a possibility that a defibrillator could be sited at Aslacr Park.
- (i) NS noted that defibrillators were currently an item for discussion.

**28. Councillors' Reports**

- GC reported that there were no planning matters to report.
- FB – no issues raised.
- TK – no issues raised.
- CH – no issues raised.
- NW again noted the contribution of the now resigned Cllr Pinkney.

**29. Playing Fields Trust**

NW gave a brief report and an update following the recent meeting with WPC; however, there has still been little progress.

**30. Lengthsman Scheme**

Members discussed priorities for 2026/27 works and noted that projects are needed.

- FP10 is to be cleared.
- Tree near the church is to be lopped.
- Formal quotations are to be obtained.

### **31. Allotments**

- Plot 8 is to be made vacant to allow time for clearance work.
- Beech trees on the allotment plot are to be removed.
- Plot 9 is now let.
- Following a request there is potential to divide Plot 14. forming two half plots
- All rents have now been paid.

### **32. Planning Matters**

No planning applications or issues were raised for consideration.

### **33. Road Sign**

Via has been contacted regarding the siting of a suitable post.

### **34. Footpaths Update**

The Footpaths Officer is to be contacted regarding continuing concerns.

### **35. Finance**

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

- Precept funding has now been received.
- An application had been received from the Aslockton Cemetery Trust for a grant of £300; this was approved.
- The April bank account schedule is attached.

### **36. Standing Orders / Policies**

- No amendments were proposed.
- Review scheduled for July/August 2026.

### **37. Road Safety**

No issues were noted.

### **38. Summer Picnic**

- The annual event is confirmed for 19 July 2026.
- Volunteers are required.
- The upper limit for the contribution is set at £750.

### **39. Station Waiting Room**

- The waiting room is currently out of commission.
- Windows are rotten and in a poor state of repair.
- It is a well-used and valuable local amenity.
- Ownership lies with EMR, who state that work cannot currently be undertaken as it would be unsafe to do so.
- The line is only closed one day per year.
- Action: contact SP and the Conservation Officer at SBaker@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

### **40. Dawns Lane**

Nothing noted.

### **41. Defibrillator**

- The current device sited at the TCC is the responsibility of APC.
- It is 12 years old, and best practice recommends replacement after 10 years.
- The current batteries are due for replacement in June 2026 at a cost of £400.

- Quotations had been received from three suppliers, and the decision was made to lease a new device from RentaDefib.
- This removes APC from any future liability regarding replacement pads, batteries, or repairs.
- The annual cost will be £434 per annum.
- After the initial rental period of five years, a reduced secondary rental can be agreed.
- This was approved.

## 42. Items for Future Agendas

- Finance
- AGAR Audit
- Summer Event
- Social Media
- Newsletter

### Finance annex

#### Aslockton

#### Business Current Account

01 Apr 26 - 30 Apr 26

Date	Description	Received	Paid	Balance
01-Apr-26	Balance brought forward			586.71
07-Apr-26	NALC training		50.00	536.71
13-Apr-26	Via reimbursement	1350.00		1886.71
14-Apr-26	Payment "L" scheme		35.50	1851.21
16-Apr-26	Work from home		26.00	1825.21
16-Apr-26	Clerk		396.90	1428.31
17-Apr-26	Allotment rent	80.00		1508.31
20-Apr-26	Mowing		17.50	1490.81
20-Apr-26	Allotment rent	55.00		1545.81
21-Apr-26	Mowing		16.25	1529.56
23-Apr-26	HMRC		333.09	1196.47
23-Apr-26	Precept	23950.00		25146.47
27-Apr-26	Bill payment against Stationary etc		107.48	25038.99
27-Apr-26	Transfer to reserve account		23000.00	2038.99
27-Apr-26	Allotment rent	55.00		2093.99
29-Apr-26	Allotment rent	55.00		
	Balance C/FWD			2148.99

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#### Reserve

#### account

01 Apr 26 - 30 Apr 26

Date	Description	Received	Paid
01 Apr 2026	Balance B/FWD		16636.76

27-Apr-26	Transfer from current account	23,000.00	
30-Apr-26	Interest received	13.23	
	Balance C/FWD		39649.99