

ASLOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

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

Present

Cllrs: N. Wheatley (NW) – Chair, F. Barker (FB), S. Kirkby (SK), C. Haslam (CH), D. Johnson (DJ), T. Knight (TK)

In Attendance

Neil Southwell (NS) – Parish Clerk, Cllr C. Grocock – Rushcliffe Borough Council, Cllr S.

Pearson – Nottinghamshire County Council

Members of the Public: M. Whitmarsh (MW), J. Whitmarsh (JW), H. Joyce (HJ), L. McDonagh (LM)

63. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

64. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

65. Exclusion of Public and Press

Not applicable.

66. Council Statement

The Council Statement was read.

67. Public Forum

MW gave a summary of the recent traffic incident on **6 July 2026** on **Cliff Hill Lane**, where a speeding car left the carriageway, mounted the pavement, and narrowly missed MW and his dog. The police later apprehended the driver, who was tested for drugs and alcohol. It was understood that drugs were involved.

Supported by JW, HJ and LM, MW stated that speeding through the village is becoming increasingly common and expressed concern that a serious incident is inevitable unless action is taken. He asked what measures could be introduced to improve road safety.

Suggestions included:

- Additional 30 mph signage.
- Vehicle Activated Speed Indicator Devices (VAS).
- Rumble strips.

Cllr Pearson (SP) advised that the threshold for publicly funded highway interventions is high and that it is therefore unlikely that significant measures would be approved. He noted that many traffic calming measures have only limited effectiveness. However, he agreed to continue championing the issue and encouraged residents to continue reporting speeding incidents to the police with as much detail as possible. He also undertook to arrange a site visit with Via East Midlands.

CH advised that APC had previously investigated installing a speed repeater sign through Via, but the quoted cost had been prohibitive.

DJ reported that buses also travel through the village at excessive speed. FB confirmed that the bus company had been contacted previously, but with little effect.

Following the meeting, SP circulated a detailed follow-up email to all parties.

68. Councillors' Reports

TK - Reported that the planned joint village fete with Whatton Parish Council had been cancelled. A replacement event, including a **Colour Run**, is now planned for **20 September 2026**.

DJ requested that the original grant of **£750** be carried forward to support the replacement event. NS suggested combining this with the Council's annual WAFT grant of **£1,000**, giving a total grant of **£1,750**. This was agreed.

DJ - Reported ongoing traffic issues associated with the Business Park on Old Grantham Road. Requested that a "**No Left Turn**" sign be installed to improve safety and traffic flow. Agreed to obtain the management company's contact details so that NS could write to them.

FB - Reported that East Midlands Railway were seeking APC`s help with clearing vegetation obscuring level crossing warning signs at Abbey Lane and The Sidings. After discussion it was decided that this was a matter for EMR to take up with the residents of the properties concerned. NS to notify EMR.

CH - Following the earlier road safety discussion, proposed that APC purchase its own speed repeater sign for installation on a suitable existing post. This proposal was agreed by a majority vote with FB dissenting. FB further suggested approaching a local farmer regarding the installation of a post in an appropriate field location if required.

SP - Reported that County Council budgets remain under significant pressure. Noted that pothole repairs appear to be progressing at an improved rate. Confirmed that concessionary bus fare arrangements have been agreed.

CG - Reported that a letter had been sent to EMR regarding the station waiting room. No date has yet been arranged for a site visit. There were no planning updates.

69. Playing Fields Trust - Following the recent Playing Fields Trust meeting, it has been agreed to proceed with establishing a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)**.

Both APC and WPC have also agreed in principle to lease the playing field to the CIO. A timetable for implementation is to be agreed.

70. Lengthsman Scheme

Current expenditure under the scheme stands at **£95**.

The quotation from KC for **£850** was approved.

71. Allotments

Following the update letter sent to MW (Plot 3), remedial works have been delayed due to injury. A follow-up letter will be sent requesting an updated timescale.

NW will write to RS regarding his approach to FB. Further correspondence has since been received.

72. Planning Matters

No new planning matters were reported. N.S. to forward APC`s response to the traffic assessments commissioned by the developer for the two proposed properties on Chapel Lane.

73. Road Sign

Covered under previous agenda items.

74. Footpaths Update

The Footpaths Officer will be contacted regarding continuing concerns.

SK has now assumed responsibility for this area.

75. Finance

Invoices were made available for Members' scrutiny.

76. Standing Orders / Policies

- No amendments were proposed.
- The annual review remains scheduled for July/August 2026.

77. Road Safety

Covered under previous agenda items.

78. Summer Picnic

Covered under previous agenda items.

79. Station Waiting Room

Covered under previous agenda items.

80. Dawn's Lane

No matters were raised.

81. Defibrillator

No response has yet been received from Aslacr Park.

82. Items for Future Agendas

- Finance
- Social Media
- Newsletter
- Hedges

Finance Annex**Business Current Account**

1 June 2026 – 30 June 2026

Date	Description	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)
	Opening Balance	853.08	
09 Jun	Audit 2026		73.00
09 Jun	Office Expenses		154.99
15 Jun	Clerk Home Working Allowance		26.00
15 Jun	Clerk Salary		396.70
18 Jun	June Mowing		16.25
19 Jun	Bench Mowing		18.00
22 Jun	Transfer from Reserve Account	1,000.00	
	Totals	1,853.08	684.94
	Closing Balance	1,168.14	

Reserve Account

1 June 2026 – 30 June 2026

Description	Amount (£)
Opening Balance	39,676.77
Interest Received	29.38
Transfer to Current Account (1,000.00)	
Closing Balance	38,706.15