

# **FALDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE FALDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Memorial Hall Faldingworth

**Wednesday 30 July 2025**

**Present:** D. Waine (Chair) Debbie Whelan (Clerk), Cllrs W. Green, Cllr D. Dickinson, Cllr. J Land and Cllr. A Bradbury, Cllr. P Sandford

Two members of the public were present

### **25/07/01. To receive apologies and reasons for absence**

There were no apologies received.

### **25/07/02. To resolve to suspend the meeting to allow no more than 15 minutes of public forum**

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting to allow for 15 minutes of public forum.

A parishioner was present with specific interest in feedback on the plans for speeding. These plans will be addressed in the items on the agenda.

### **25/07/03. Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 21 May 2025 were **APPROVED**.

### **25/07/04. Updates from outside bodies**

There were no updates from any outside bodies.

### **25/0705. Resident Issues, taking any required action**

None were received.

**25/07/06. Financial Matters, taking any required action**

- Payments for the period were **APPROVED**
- Bank Reconciliation for the period was **APPROVED**
- The changes in banking arrangements are the next priority.

DD	Bank Charges to 4 May	£ 9.00
DD	Bank Charges to 4 June	£ 13.00
Cheque 101264	Glendale May and June Grass cutting	£ 804.58
Cheque 101265	Elliott Accountancy Services PAYE	£ 144.00
Cheque 101266	Clerk Salary June and July	£ 217.12
Cheque 101267	WFH (A/M, J/J), Reimburse Cloud Next	£ 119.98
Cheque 101268	HMRC PAYE Clerk April and May	£ 144.80

A total of £ 1452.48 was spent.

An income of £ 133.93 was received as interest on the Business Money Manager account, and £436.69 was received from HMRC as VAT return. This reflects as a total income of £ 570.62 for the period.

The Clerk indicated that the VAT paid on the Speed Indicator Device was not included in the VAT return and that they have followed this up with HMRC.

The Current Account reflects a balance of £ 20,871.22

The Business Money Manager Account reflects a balance of £ 31,549.83

The insurance has been renewed through Gallagher Insurance

**25/07/07. Speedwatch**

Cllr Land noted that they were in the process of moving the Speed Indicator Device to a new pole. The circumference of the new pole is different to the circumference of the old pole and new brackets are needed. The Clerk indicated that the £200 for the new pole will be invoiced soon.

The laptop still requires a new battery so that the data can be downloaded from the Speed Indicator Device. Cllr Sandford will email the model number to the Clerk who shall purchase the battery.

Cllr Land indicated that we had some interest in setting up a Speed Monitoring group and will check to see if it is feasible to run the monitoring with the existing numbers.

The new speed signs are erected and are very clear. The one in front of Aelfric needs to be moved in order to relocate the battery-operated Speed Indicator Device on the same pole.

Although the PC has managed to avoid any increase in the precept for some years, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk will put a message on Facebook with respect to the potential need to increase the precept for 2026/2027 to cover the costs of speed control and other expenses.

#### **25/07/08. Playing Field issues, taking any required action**

None were raised.

#### **25/07/09. Planning matters**

Two planning matters were received.

WL/2025/00744 – Application for the establishment of a Chicken Farm (close to Skydock): This is mainly along Spridlington Road.

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will submit an objection to the planning application on the following grounds:

- Increasing traffic which already impacts the village
- Its location near a Z bend which already has significant traffic incidents
- The potential impact of noxious odours for Parishioners

WL/2025/00659 – Application for a dog playing field close to Aelde Felde Farm.

- No objection will be raised.

#### **25/07/10. Correspondence**

An email was received by the Clerk from a Parishioner pointing out that the AGAR and other material forming part of the end of year audit was not present on the website, as it should be. The Clerk replied, thanking the Parishioner and indicated that the error has been rectified.

## **25/07/11     Playground inspection**

The Clerk submitted the quotation received from the Playground Inspection Company who have quoted £295 for inspecting both of the play areas. It was suggested that Councillor Land accompany them on the inspection. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the Playground Inspection Company to proceed with the inspection, and request that Cllr. Land is able to join them.

## **25/07/11.     Grass Cutting at the Soldier Silhouette, Kisimul**

Cllr Waine will continue with the cutting of the grass for the remainder of the year and it will need to be taken over in the event of an emergency. This is to be reevaluated next year.

## **25/07/12.     LALC and LALC training Scheme**

The funds left in for website maintenance are still adequate.

The challenges still continue with the GOV.UK email addresses. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact LALC in this regard and establish whether it may be more prudent to adopt gmail addresses instead, given the lack of sensitive material handled by the Parish Council.

The Clerk is to forward the list of LALC training to all Councillors.

## **25/07/13.     Clean-up of village**

The first scheduled cleanup of the village had very low attendance. The second clean-up had five volunteers. Given that seasonal growth covers much of the litter, it seems more appropriate to hold the event in late February.

## **25/07/14.     West Lindsey funding opportunities**

The Clerk had circulated a call by WLDC for small projects in parishes which could attract funding, It was recommended that we apply for white gates at all four (4) entrances to the village. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk source quotes for the uPVC gates to submit for the funding application.

It was suggested that the Parish Council may also apply for a water supply for the play area in the next tranche of applications. We would need to put a lock on the tap to secure this.

**25/07/15. Outstanding issues from the audit.**

The Clerk raised that a number of policies needed revisiting coming out of the 2024/2025 audit and that these would form part of the agenda for the next meeting.

**25/07/16. Co-option of Councillor**

A Parishioner, Mr. Barrie Buck applied to be co-opted as Parish Councillor. It was unanimously **AGREED** that Barrie Buck be co-opted to serve as Parish Councillor

**25/07/17. Urgent Items not on the Agenda**

A number of issues were raised:

It was **AGREED** that all Councillors are set up on a Whatsapp group. Cllr Sandford has volunteered to proceed with setting this group up.

Cllr Sandford raised the issue of the paucity of memorial poppies on the lampposts last year as being problematic and motivated for the purchase of a set of large poppies. This will be on the agenda for September.

A parishioner on Spridlington Road has asked about the poor state of repair of the bench on Spridlington Road. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Dickinson will repair it.

The hedge on the A46 is overgrown. The residents of adjoining the hedge are responsible for the cutting of the hedge. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk put a notice onto Facebook alerting the parishioners that this is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Low branches on the Oak Tree on the Village Green are obscuring views of traffic. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk is to contact Highways Lincolnshire in this regard and also put a notice onto Facebook, alerting Parishioners as to the action taken.

It was proposed that the Parish Council have a dedicated Faldingworth Parish Council Facebook page to post notices. It will not allow Parishioners to post or comment. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk sets up a Facebook page and gives Councillors administrative rights, subject to the guidelines of the Scheme of Publication policy.

**25/07/18. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20.51pm