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MINUTES OF THE FALDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Memorial Hall Faldingworth

Wednesday 19 November 2025

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

No members of the public were present

25/11/01. To receive apologies and reasons for absence

No apologies were received. Cllr. Buck has tendered his resignation as he has work commitments.

25/11/02. Declaration of items of interest.

There were no declarations of interest raised.

25/11/03. To resolve to suspend the meeting to allow no more than 15 minutes of public forum

Given that no members of the public were present, it was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the meeting.

25/11/04. Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 19 September 2025 were **APPROVED**.

25/11/05. Reports from outside bodies

There were no reports from outside bodies.

25/11/06. Resident Issues, taking any required action

We are slowly progressing with the Neighbourhood Plan proposed in the September meeting. The Clerk sent out a notice on Facebook and there has been an indication of support from parishioners.

25/11/07. Financial Matters, taking any required action

- Payments for the period were **APPROVED**
- Bank Reconciliation for the period was **APPROVED**
- We have been using online banking from Unity Bank. All monies have been moved from HSBC. Two cheques that were issued have not been honoured and we may have to pay from Unity.
- The next priority is setting up the investment account with Hampshire Bank.

DD	Bank Charges to 3 Oct	£ 1.00
DD	Bank Charges to 3 Sept	£ 3.00
Cheque 101272	Royal British Legion /Wreath	£ 25.00
Transfer	Clerk (reimburse) Large Poppies from RBL	£ 95.00
Transfer	D Whelan Clerk Salary October/November	£ 361.92
Transfer	D Whelan WFH October/November	£ 30.00
Transfer (paid)	Glendale September Grass cutting	£ 116.17
Transfer	Glendale October Grass Cutting	£ 71.04
Transfer	LALC Hours for Webhosting	£ 64.80
Transfer	LALC Training Cllr Sandford	£ 42.00
Transfer	LALC Training Cllr Sandford	£ 126.00
Transfer	Cllr Green Reimbursement for oil for fence	£ 175.44
Transfer	Play Inspection Company Annual inspection	£ 354.00
TOTAL		£ 1465.37

A total of £ 1483.30 was spent. There was no income received

- The Clerk indicated that the VAT return submitted earlier in the financial year will be paid into the HSBC account but in terms of the transfer agreement will be paid across to Unity Bank.
- The Current Account (Unity) reflects a balance of £ 18 293.63. This reflects a shortfall of £400 (uncashed cheque) and £49.97 (the balance of the £50 seed funding less the first charge on the account of £ 0.03.)
- The Business Money Manager Account reflects a balance of £ 31 549.83

- The proposed budget was circulated and it was **AGREED** to proceed with it, as a basis for the precept estimate which will be submitted this month. The final budget will be tabled in January.

25/11/08. Speed and Speedwatch

- The laptop is still with Phil Sandford. The Clerk is to collect the laptop.
- Cllr Land reported that we need to purchase a new charger for the old speed– the original charger is working but would benefit from being replaced. Cllr Land is to furnish the Clerk with the details for purchase.
- The quotation from Elan for a solar powered speed sign was presented: the quotation is £3100 including delivery and VAT. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will purchase another solar powered speed monitor. This needs to also factor in the purchase of another pole. It needs to minimally have a variable speed indicator and a ‘smiley’ face.
- The Community Speedwatch is on hold for the moment, given other priorities.

25/11/09. Playing Field issues, taking any required action

None were raised.

25/11/10. Planning matters

No responses to the planning application WL/2025/01001 had been received.

25/11/11. Correspondence

The Clerk reported on correspondence received from a Parishioner which raised issues about the Faldingworth Parish Council Facebook site in particular, as being ‘closed’ and non-transparent. The Clerk noted that the Facebook site is a one-way notice board, in the same way that the website and the old-style notice boards are one-way notices, but that the Facebook site is aimed at an extended audience. The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk

explain this to the Parishioner, indicating that the protocols had been checked with WLDC and LALC and indicate that this issue is closed.

25/09/12. Playground inspection

The Inspection Report has been received from the Playground Inspection Company. The Playground Inspection Company particularly flagged a broken seat on one of the swings as a risk which needs attention. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Land is to establish priorities for action.

25/11/13. LALC and LALC training Scheme

- The Clerk contacted LALC with respect to the GOV.UK addresses. Their position is that this financial year the Clerk must minimally be using the GOV.UK, whilst next financial year, all Councillors will need to use it. Councillors have reported a number of glitches. The Clerk is to consolidate these glitches in order to report back to the service provider.
- The Clerk is to contact LALC with respect to the monies paid out for training and reconcile with the LALC membership fees paid in April
- The Clerk is to forward the list of LALC training to all Councillors.

25/11/14. West Lindsey funding opportunities

- The Clerk has applied for funding to WLDC for the village gateways. There has been an acknowledgement but no final notice of success.
- Given that monies were received by the Council last financial year as a WLDC grant, it was AGREED that the Clerk will purchase Christmas lights for the tree on the Village Green. Cllr Land will arrange their installation.

25/11/15. Outstanding issues from the audit.

Feedback over outstanding items from audit.

- Adoption of standard Code of Conduct

The Standard Code of Conduct was unanimously **APPROVED** by Council.

- Given other priorities in the interim, the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Management System could not be addressed and are held over until January.

25/11/16. Matters arising from previous Agenda

- Tree on Village Green: The authorities intend to take **no action**.
- Dropped BT access point: **Repaired**
- Blocked Drain Spridlington Road: **Reported** but needs monitoring.
- Collapsed fence on Public Right of Way: The authorities intend to take **no action**.
- Dog Bin for Playground: **Reported** but no action possible

25/11/17. Remembrance Day

- The poppies were put up on lamp posts in the village. They have subsequently been removed and kept for use next year.
- Cllr Waine reported that the Memorial Service proceeded well.

25/11/18. Resignation of Councillors

- Cllr. Sandford resigned in the interim between meetings.
- Cllr Buck submitted a resignation letter prior to the meeting, citing work commitments.

Following the resignation of Cllr Sandford, due protocols instructed by WLDC and the election officers were followed. Following this, a notice of co-optation was posted. The Clerk has received interest from a parishioner.

It was **RESOLVED** that an Extraordinary Meeting be convened on Monday 1 December at 7.00 pm at in order to co-opt a new Councillor.

25/11/19 Staffing Review

- Due to the resignation of Cllr Gregson, a third member of the Staffing Review Committee is required. Cllr Land volunteered to serve on the Committee.

- The Clerk indicated some time ago that they would be working from abroad for some time and cited the example of another Clerk in Lincolnshire who was working in an Ex-Pat role. The possibility of the Clerk working remotely has been checked with both LALC and WLDC; the latter note that this has been checked with the, ‘...Deputy Monitoring Officer, who advises that as you are the employee of the Parish Council, it is an employee/employer matter. The District Council has no jurisdiction over your employment terms.
- Council passed a formal resolution that they are satisfied that they are set up to be able to do this.

25/11/20. Urgent items not on the Agenda

None were raised.

25/11/21. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21 January 2026 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21.10pm.