

FALDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FALDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Memorial Hall Faldingworth

Wednesday 21 January 2026

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

Two members of the public were present

26/01/01. To receive apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr Dickinson had his apologies.

26/01/02. Declaration of items of interest.

Cllr. Bradbury indicated a declaration of interest.

26/01/03. To resolve to suspend the meeting to allow no more than 15 minutes of public forum

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

26/01/04. Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 19 November 2025 were **APPROVED**.
The Minutes of the Meeting of the 1 December 2025 were **APPROVED**.

26/01/05. Reports from outside bodies

The Police Chief had emailed all Clerks with updates on policing. This was circulated to all Councillors for information.

26/01/06. Resident's issues, taking any required action

There has been no movement on the Neighbourhood Plan proposed in the September meeting. The Clerk is to contact the proposer and invite them to the March meeting.

26/01/07. Financial Matters, taking any required action

- Payments for the period were **APPROVED**
- Bank Reconciliation for the period was **APPROVED**
- Unity Bank: One cheque that was issued has been honoured. The other was paid electronically from Unity.
- The next priority is setting up the investment account with Hampshire Bank.

Transfer	HDMI Cable and WFH Dec /Jan	£ 33.99
Transfer	Clerk Salary December/January	£ 514.14
Transfer	HMRC / NI	£ 14.57
Transfer	Glendale Hedge Cutting	£ 281.75
Transfer	Reimburse Clerk Solar lights	£ 154.93
Transfer	Reimburse Cllr Christmas Tree	£ 70.00
Transfer	Reimburse Cllr Speaker	£ 59.99
DD	Bank Charges	£ 6.00
DD	ICO	£ 47.00
DD	Bank charges	£ 6.00
TOTAL		£ 1188.37

A total of £ 1188.37 was spent. £ 115.35 was received into the Money Manager as interest.

- The Clerk is to follow up on the VAT return for last April.
- The Current Account (Unity) reflects a balance of £ 16 490.43. This reflects a discrepancy of £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 £ 31 790.24
- The proposed budget of £9825.40 was circulated and it was **AGREED** to accept it as a basis for the precept which is to be submitted by 23 January 2026.
- This reflects an increase of 0.77% on the precept submitted in 2025.

26/01/08. Speed and Speedwatch

- Cllr Land is to furnish the Clerk with the details for purchase of the new batteries.

- Cllr. Land met with a representative of Highways and discussed the placement of speed indicators. It was recommended that three new posts be ordered for speed indicators to allow the maximum effect in the village.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council purchase three (3) new poles at a cost of £600.00 to accommodate the speed indicators.
- The quotation from Elan for two solar powered speed signs was presented: the quotation is £6000.00 including delivery and VAT. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will purchase another two solar powered speed monitors. They will have variable speed indicators and a ‘smiley’ face.
- The Community Speedwatch is on hold for the moment, given other priorities.

26/01/09. Playing Field issues, taking any required action

None were raised.

26/01/10. Planning matters

Planning application WL/2026/00038 had been received and circulated to the Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Bradbury be allowed to speak but not vote. After some discussion about the planning application, it was **AGREED** that it had been posted on social media and that Parishioners were able to comment up until 16 February 2026 and that the Parish Council would act on any Parishioner comments.

26/01/11. Correspondence

There has been no correspondence received requiring noting.

26/01/12. Playground inspection

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Land establishes priorities for action. The Playground Inspection Company have circulated the booking form for this year and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk respond to them to ensure a place in their schedule.

26/01/13. LALC and LALC training Scheme

The LALC invoice has arrived. It was **AGREED** that this will be paid in the new financial year.

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

26/01/14. West Lindsey funding opportunities

- The Clerk reported on the 50% funding commitment by WLDC for the village gateways. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** to hold this over until the next meeting.
- Christmas lights were purchased for the tree on the Village Green, given funding from WLDC in the 2024/2025 financial year, but this arrangement turned out to be unsuitable. It was **AGREED** that a Christmas tree be purchased for erection and decoration in future years. This has been actioned and completed and complementary feedback received from Parishioners.

26/01/15. Outstanding issues from the audit.

Feedback over outstanding items from audit.

- Adoption of documentation

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

The Standing Orders were unanimously **APPROVED** by Council.

The Financial Regulations were unanimously **APPROVED** by Council.

26/01/16. Village Inspection and Clean up

It was **AGREED** that this be held over until the March meeting to be carried out in April.

26/01/17 Co-option of Councillor

Following the resignation of Cllr Buck, due protocols instructed by WLDC and the election officers were followed. Following this, a notice of co-option

was posted. The Clerk had received a declaration of interest from a single parishioner.

It was unanimously **AGREED** that Mr Adrian Taylor be co-opted onto the Faldingworth Parish Council.

26/01/18. Urgent items not on the Agenda

Cllr Waine raised that the defibrillator battery needed replacement by the 26th February 2026. Cllr. Sandford and Cllr Land will accompany them to see how the process works. Cllr. Waine will order the battery.

26/01/19. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2026 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20.37pm.