



FREISTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE DANNY FLEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE ON

Thursday 17th September 2026, at 7:30pm

Minutes taken by The Clerk: Mrs. Val Austin

(These minutes will be checked at the next meeting before the council amends/approves them as a correct record)

PRESENT: Cllr Nigel Marshall (Chair), Cllr Peter Bedford, Cllr Roy Pearson, Cllr Amy Marshall, Cllr Tony Wheeler, Cllr Shaun Pearson, Cllr Simon Pearson and the Clerk Val Austin.

Also present, one member of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 19:28pm

- 1. Chairman to open the meeting:** Welcome to you all.
- 2. Apologies:** To receive and accept apologies where a valid reason for the absence has been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.
 - Cllr Bridgett Posey – Prior Commitment
 - Cllr Judith Godwin – Prior Commitment
- 3. Public Forum:** To resolve to suspend the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow members of the public to ask questions or make short statements to the council.
 - The Public Forum opened at 19:28pm
 - One member of the public was present. They shared that they now live in Freiston, having previously lived in Boston from 1975 to 1989. They have a strong interest in local history, are open to new information, and they are an artist. They had nothing to report and commented that Freiston is beautifully kept.
 - Cllr Simon Pearson mentioned the weekly coffee morning at the church.
 - The public forum ended at 19:34pm

Re-opening of the parish council meeting: 19:34pm



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4. **Police Matters:** Stats and incidents are available to view on the police website.

Local

- Nothing to report

5. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th August 2026. To resolve as a correct record and to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes:

- All Councillors resolved for the chairman Cllr Nigel Marshall to sign the minutes.

6. **Declarations of interest** (if any): To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests

- No declarations declared

7. **Planning update:** Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - To consider and make observations on all planning applications received and to note planning approvals, refusals, enforcement complaints and appeal decisions advised by Boston Borough Council. –

To include those received between the day of posting this notice and the day of the meeting.

- None received

8. **Updates / Discuss and resolve the following items**

8.1. **Highway and Roads – Cllr Roy Pearson**

- Cllr Roy Pearson mentioned that there was nothing new to report.
- The clerk has chased up, LCC regarding cleaning of the road signs around the village, still no reply, but has another reference number.
- Cllr Shaun Pearson reported Foxhole Lane pot holes.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall discussed Anglian Water repairs along Butterwick Road, mentioned that the pipes are always bursting, a new pipe should be installed instead of repairing.
- The Clerk to write to Anglian Water.
- Update when available



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8.2. Cleaning of Signs around village:

- The clerk emailed LCC regarding cleaning of the road signs around the village. And has sent a couple of photos stating all signs need cleaning.
- The clerk has chased this up but has been given another reference number.

8.3 Brand End Road – Holmers Lane – To Note

- The clerk has been in contact with LCC and advised of the route for the speed changes.
- LCC have replied stating that the limits will not change as they do not meet the accident rates.
- This item to be removed from future agendas.

8.4: Park Lane speed bumps – Update

- Prior to the meeting, The clerk sent an email advising the councillors of a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) for the works to be carried out, to replace the bumps.
- Update when available.

8.5: Priory Road Speeding - Resident complaint

- The clerk has received a reply from LRSP (Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership) advising they do not get involved with speed calming measures and the PC would need to contact the LCC Councillor.
- The clerk has received a reference number
- Update when available.

8.6: Wicksteed – Cllr Nigel Marshall – Update

- Cllr Nigel Marshall mentioned that the equipment has been accessed by an appointed contractor, with the results being a bit harsh on what was required.
- Wicksteed advised a harsh report with advisory information, being minor and medium risks. Prices required for repairs on Rocking Horse and Slide.
- This is an ongoing issue.
- Update when more information is available.



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8.7: Lincolnshire County Council Bus Shelter Grant – Cllr Peter Bedford

- The clerk showed the councillors the quotes received.
- The Councillors resolved to use Bus Shelters Ltd for a two bay with ends, clear all the way through with perching seats.
- Cllr Peter Bedford mentioned that planning permission would be deemed permission.
- Cllr Peter Bedford proposed, and Cllr Simon Pearson seconded and all in favor of going ahead with the quote and applying to LCC for the grant.
- The clerk to deal
- Update when available.

8.8: Complaints re Spittal Hill Road – Hedge – Cllr Shaun Pearson

- The clerk wrote the resident, not received a reply
- Update when available.

8.9 - Resident Complaint – Re Parking & Grass Verge

- The clerk emailed LCC and received a reference number.
- Update when available.

8.10: Resident Complaint – Bull Pastures, Speeding

- The clerk has received an email concerning speeding issues at Bull Pastures.
- Cllr Shaun Pearson mentioned contacting the police to receive an incident number.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall mentioned that there have not been any marks on the carpark for the Danny Flear car park
- The clerk to reply to the resident and inform them that if they have the dates and times, they will look at CCTV
- The clerk to contact the resident

8.11: Donation to FBBL Magazine

- The clerk received an email, regarding a donation for the FBBL magazine.
- All councillors resolved not to contribute at this time, as they produce their own newsletter.
- The clerk to reply.



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9: Finance

- 9.1** Bank Account: Statement of accounts as at 17th September 2026
Community Account Balance - £1,241.65
Instant Access Savings Account Balance - £20518.01
Fixed Term Deposit Account - £40,000.00 – Maturity Date November 2026

- 9.2** To approve the accounts for payments
Payments due September 2026 - £939.07
Payments made in between meetings - £675.69
Receipts received September 2026 - £13.81
It was resolved that the accounts be approved and signed.

- 10: Date of next parish council meeting:** Thursday 15th October – 7:30pm
- Cllr Judith Godwin – Prior Commitment
 - Cllr Bridgett Posey – Prior Commitment

**11: Any other business to go forward to the Thursday 15th October 2026
Agenda. /Note for information.**

- Cllr Peter Bedford requested that the Bus Shelter be kept on the agenda
- Cllr Nigel Marshall mentioned Churchyard maintenance. T A Blackamore to maintain,
- Cllr Nigel Marshall mentioned that the wreath has been ordered.
- Cllr Simon Pearson mentioned that there were a lot of interest in the heritage weekend.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall thanked the Councillors for delivering the newsletter.
- The member of the public commented that the meeting was interesting.

With no further business the meeting closed at 20:07 pm

Signed:

Dated: