



FREISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Thursday 15th October 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 Bridget Posey (Vice Chair) Cllr Peter Bedford, Cllr Roy Pearson, Cllr Judith Godwin, Cllr Amy Marshall (arrived 19:31pm) Cllr Shaun Pearson, and the Clerk Val Austin.

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 Tony Wheeler – Prior Commitment
 - Cllr Simon Pearson – 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.
 - No members of the public were present.
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 17th September 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

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- 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.

01574/26/FUL – The Kings Head, Church Road. Emailed all councillors on 2nd October 2026 for any comments – No objections were received.

- The clerk emailed planning to confirm no objections.

8. Updates / Discuss and resolve the following items

8.1. Highway and Roads – Cllr Roy Pearson

- Cllr Roy Pearson mentioned nothing new to report.
- The Clerk has written to Anglian Water.
- Received a reply stating they have raised an internal investigation in the area, they have spoken to the Network engineer manager, and has been put forward for a mains replacement. Anglian Water advise that a replacement would be advisable. This is in line with budgetary limits.
No time limit was mentioned.

8.2. Cleaning of Signs around village:

- The clerk has chased up, LCC regarding cleaning of the road signs around the village, no reply, but has another reference number.
- Update when available.
- Cllr Roy Pearson and Cllr Bridgett Posey, mentioned that they saw LCC washing signs around the village.
- It appears all the signs have been cleaned.
- The clerk has taken all the reference numbers for the outstanding emails sent and wrote to LCC and have received another reference number
- Update when available



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8.3. Park Lane speed bumps – To Note

- Cllr Shaun Pearson has contacted Lincolnshire County Council as the speed bumps were not installed. No reply received.
- The clerk has also contacted LCC asking what is happening.
- As per the email received from Cllr Peter Bedford, the works will begin 21st October.

8.4: Priory Road Speeding - Resident complaint

- No further update
Nothing to report, to be taken off any future agendas?

8.5: Wicksteed – Cllr Nigel Marshall – Update

- This is an ongoing issue.
- Cllr Nigel Marshall explained that the Inspector was a little harsh on the inspection and there are jobs that need doing, but waiting for a quote from Wicksteed.
- Update when more information is available.

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

- The Clerk reported that a quote had been received from Bus Shelters Ltd.
- Cllr Shaun Pearson measured the bus stop area.
- The grant application, supporting information and photographs have been submitted to LCC.
- LCC has advised that a Community Asset form is also required.
- Cllr Peter Bedford requested that this item remain on the agenda for future updates.

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

- The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the resident and a reply received stating that they did not have any overhanging bushes.
- The Clerk asked who owns the bushes but has not received a reply.
- Cllr Shaun Pearson will find out who owns the property and advise the Clerk.



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8.8: Parking & Grass Verge – To Note

- The clerk emailed LCC and received another reference number.
- Update when available.
- As reported under item 8.2

8.9: Bull Pastures, Speeding – To Note

- The Clerk reported that a reply had been sent to the resident.
- Resolved: That this item be removed from future agendas.

8.10: New Planning Laws – Cllr Peter Bedford

- Cllr Peter Bedford reported on Government changes to the planning process due to come into force on 31 October 2026.
- It was noted that the changes will affect who makes planning decisions, with more decisions being made by planning officers and only certain applications being referred to Committee.
- The changes have been introduced by the Government to create a more consistent process and speed up decision-making.
- The Council has 21 days to comment on planning applications, which is a strict deadline.
- The Clerk advised that planning applications could be sent to councillors by email. Councillors would have five working days to comment, after which the Clerk would submit a no objection response if no comments were received.
- Planning applications dealt with under delegated authority will be noted under the planning item on the relevant agenda.
- The Clerk will prepare a delegated authority document for the Chairman to sign at the next Parish Council meeting.

8.11: Parish Council Liaison Meeting – To Note

- Cllr Shaun Pearson will attend the upcoming meeting.

8.12: Elan- city Warranty Extension – x6 units

- To consider and resolve whether to extend the warranty for the x 6 units.
- Warranty ends 11th November 2026
- Councillors discussed the warranty extension, and all resolved not to extend for the six units.
- The clerk to advise Elan City.



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9: Finance

9.1 Bank Account: Statement of accounts as at 15th October 2026

Community Account Balance - £4,446.86

Instant Access Savings Account Balance - £35,527.26

Fixed Term Deposit Account - £40,000.00 – Maturity Date November 2026

9.2 To approve the accounts for payments

Payments due October 2026 - £1,083.01

Payments made in between meetings - £808.97

Receipts received October 2026 - £20,009.25

It was resolved that the accounts be approved and signed.

9.3 Fixed Term Deposit account – To resolve to continue with fixed term deposit of £40,000.

Rates – 6-month term 2.20% / 9-month term 2.35% / 12-month term 2.75%

All Cllrs Resolved to re-invest with a 12-month term at 2.75%

10: Date of next parish council meeting: Thursday 19th November – 7:30pm

11: Any other business to go forward to the Thursday 19th November 2026 Agenda. /Note for information.

- Cllr Peter Bedford requested that the Bus Shelter be kept on the agenda
- All councillors agreed to help with putting up the poppies around the village
- Cllr Nigel Marshall mentioned that the 2 soldiers have been repaired due to damage.
- A Christmas meal was suggested and councillors decided to have the meal in January 2027.
- Cllr Shaun Pearson to book the venue.
- Councillors decided not to have a meeting in January 2027 and if anything, urgent crops up to be dealt with by the chairman and vice chair.



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With no further business the meeting closed at 19:53 pm

Signed:

Dated:

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