



Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th December 2025 at Burton Court Bilsthorpe

Present: Cllrs; **Steve Kemp (Chairman)**, **Brian Jackson**, **Dawn Spence**, **C Cooper**, **K McAdam**, and **Bryan Stanley**, **B Costello**
NSDC Cllr R Holloway.
1 member of the public
Clerk & RFO- Susan Stack

- 25.154 Apologies for absence
A Ward, D Brickles, D Mincher, R Stoneman
- 25.155 Declarations of pecuniary and/or personal interest
- 25.156 Litter picking – B Stanley**
- 25.157 Heritage – B Jackson, C Cooper**
- 25.158 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2025
It was resolved to approve the minutes SK BS
- 25.159 To receive updates on outstanding items (if available):
Query on bin stickers – procedural aspect of amending a decision was discussed
Query on informal chat with Heritage outside of original scope
Query on changes on benches from new to repaired benches
Councillors agreed to be more mindful of this in future
Clerk advised that proxy voting proposal must be submitted formally to January meeting
- 25.160 Reports from District and County Councillors
Cllr Holloway, NDSC have purchased drone to assist with planning enforcement, marketing, and available to external hire.
A submission for the LGA Option 1E has taken place.
Cabinet tomorrow, agenda includes extra funding for household and hygiene packs, emergency food vouchers, continue food co-ordinator role, uniform support for primary schools, winter wellness events, home start to continue and welfare benefit advisory service to continue at Bilsthorpe library
Procedure with dealing on fly tipping on Wycar Leys was clarified to the Council
- 25.161 Reports from community groups and working parties

Speed Watch a date for training was established – trainer not available so cancelled	Community Hub Working Party (CHWP) see below Planning consent approved with conditions. NSDC forward plan for funding the hub on agenda for January 20th. Meetings will be resumed after Christmas
Flood Resilience Team (MP) No report	Village Hall Working Party (VHWP) Bs reported that - Feeling the Parish Council should champion the heritage of the building along preserving the house designs, pub (Stanton Arms). Heritage lottery funding may be available for six figure amounts. The VH is one of 20-30 village halls built as a cinema. Would like to see the paperwork from 2018/19 that caused the work to stop (asbestos/rusty steels?). A

	25 year refurbishment programme would be their preferred option. Councillors of that time were recalling their memories. Proposal to be presented at future meeting
VIA Group meeting (DM/KM/MP) Awaiting date to meet	New trees Working Party (BS) BS reported - Replacing trees on Crompton Park and Stoneyfield Lane (Notts CC land) – Ongoing Suggestion made to include welfare site

25.162

Councillor reports

Report on visit to Parliament and took opportunity to mention the traffic lights. Confirmed that funding available and needs referring to Cllr Laughton. Reports made to NDSC and noted they have been dealt with efficiently via their website. A funding application has been made to mark Shaft 1 entrance, Boards at bottom of Crompton park - nails are inadequate. 7 boards required to complete repairs. Cllr Kemp/Jackson to contact wood yards to replace them Concerns with the service of ENVA discussed, Clerk gave agreement to Cllr Stanley with a view to amending the contract to reflect actual weights going in. Put on January agenda.

25.163

Christmas tree has been decorated in the Church. Outdoor tree deferred until 2026

Public questions (maximum 10 minutes)

Issues over flooding, drains and ongoing issues were discussed and hopefully the new VIA communication group will identify a solution for the long term. Leaf clearing may reduce the build up in the drains. Flood signs need putting out more swiftly than now. Physical intervention is not possible by the Parish Council. Road sweeping services could be more effective and better targeted.

25.164

Correspondence – resident ref parking Eakring Rd

Discussed and agreed as dangerous including a motorcycle accident that occurred recently. Police and Notts CC matter. Clerk to write to County Cllr ref Mickledale lane/Mickledale road (at Brookside garage) and Eakring Road near development.

25.165

To consider – To note that invoice from LK2 £7000 ex vat has been submitted for payment from the grant and re-imbursement received

Noted

To consider and appoint works NOT covered by the UKSPF grant as follows:

- Ground investigation £10,680 (only one supplier quoted) Evolve Geo
- M&E quotes (£16,615 recommended) CPW
- Structural Civil (£7,250 recommended) C2C
- BNG/Habitat/CEMP £800 total (only one supplier quoted) Paul Hickling Associates

Timeline for spend expected to span 25/26 and 26/27 budget years. £10k is in 25/26 budget. It was resolved to authorise the spend as set out above SK/BS

25.166

To consider – Inviting Cloudy IT to do a presentation on their services (SK)

It was resolved to invite them to attend on a January Monday evening (non Council meeting)

25.167

To consider – Authorise spend on Christmas tree decorations (SK) £33.97

Resolved to pay SK/CC

25.168

To consider – Free trees to be planted at sites in the village (BS)

Ongoing Cllr S Kemp will assist if required

25.169

To consider financial matters; to review and approve:

- a. Bank Reconciliation – to be reviewed by one Councillor and signed as accurate
- b. Previous month's invoices - to be reviewed by two Councillors and signed as accurate
- c. Budget and financial status
- d. Invoices to be paid

The above were approved and noted SK/CC

- 25.170 To set the draft 2026/27 budget including proposed projects to be incorporated as follows:
Planting Scheme for War Memorial £530 (only one supplier quoted) (BS) **Resolved BS/SK**
Non UKSPF items in 25.163 above **proposed to be taken from reserves (loan balance ringfenced)**
£7,500 of Village Hall project funds to potentially be carried forward into 2026/27 towards surveys and works.
War memorial spend to be reduced to £5,000
Introduce a Chairman's allowance £250
Clerk noted that the precept information is not available at the moment
Clerk will amend the budget accordingly for formal approval
- 25.171 To discuss matters arising from the Local Government Reorganisation affecting the Parish and potential new opportunities/responsibilities.
Defer to next meeting
- 25.172 Summary of the meeting (time permitting, maximum 10 minutes)
Noted
- 25.173 To consider: That in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted
- 25.174 Update (if available) on lease holder insurance reimbursement
Update given – the Heritage report that the current amount requested is unaffordable and an alternative sum was suggested. Clerk to forward Insurance comparison to all Councillors and the Heritage. Clerk advised that a majority of Cllrs and new information will be needed if a decision is to be re-visited within six months.
To be included in January agenda
- 25.175 Date of next meeting(s) 12th January 26, 9th February, 9th March
Noted