

**Minutes of the Keelby Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 commencing 7:00pm.**

Those Present: Councillors T Wright (Chair), M Turner, R Bedwell, K Beedham, T Bentham, J Cowie, E Darwood, and M Soar

In Attendance: Cllr Bean and the three candidates seeking co-option were present. There were no other members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies and reasons for absence – Ref 25/178** – Cllr Bierley
2. **To receive dispensations and declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of interest - Ref 25/179** – none
3. **Public Question Time – Ref 25/180** – There were no members of the public were present.

4. County Councillor's Report - Ref 25/181

Cllr Bean confirmed that the gritting route in the village will be along Riby Road to the junction of Yarborough Road then Yarborough Road to the A18. Cllr Bean is still making enquiries regarding the LCC response to the planning application for the solar farm. Cllr Bean advised that we should place responses on both West Lindsey and NE Lincs portals. The food waste collections will commence in March. Cllr Bean was asked to request the gully cleaner especially for the drains outside 65 Yarborough Road which had been raised by a resident, Mill Lane, Broadway and Victoria Road. Cllr Bean will also make enquiries about when the cat's eyes on Stallingborough Road will be reinstated.

5. District Councillor's Report - Ref 25/182

The report from Cllr Bierley had previously been circulated. There were no comments.

6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 4th November - Ref 25/183

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that these minutes are a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

7. Clerk's Report – Ref 25/184

Thanks were given to Mrs Moorcroft for her kind donation to provide compost and plants for the cenotaph planters. These planters will be reinstated in the spring.

The clerk advised that the Christmas tree on the village green had been replaced and thanks were given to Rob Neilson, Brian Rook, Cllr Mark Turner and Cllr Trev Wright for planting this replacement tree. Cllr Dannatt will arrange for the original tree to be planted in the cemetery.

The permanent power supply has been completed, and thanks were given to Mick and Luke Staples from Roxton Building Services who kindly dug the trench for us and Mark Chadwick from Engreen Renewables Limited who completed the installation.

The clerk confirmed that the letter to the trustees of the Alice South charity had been sent but she had not received any responses.

The quarterly bill for water at the allotments was significantly higher than usual so the clerk had queried this with Anglian Water. They have asked us to carry out a test on the meter to check for leaks. Cllr Cowie agreed to do this check. Cllr Cowie said that the glass on the meter was broken. Clerk will report this to Anglian Water.

There have been two recent polls on Facebook. The first one was to see if there was any interest in contributing towards the costs of the new community seating area on the village green. The clerk confirmed that there were 9 businesses interested in contributing, 14 residents who would contribute, 13 liked the idea but couldn't contribute and 8 felt that it was an unnecessary investment. The second poll was asking for input on what to do with the Christmas tree that was being replaced. There were 49 responses for planting in the cemetery where it could be used as a memory tree, 8 responses for planting in the community orchard and 1 response to plant it elsewhere.

8. Financial Matters – Ref 25/185

The payment schedule was checked by Cllr T Bentham. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments. Cllr T Wright signed as Chair

Invoice Date	Supplier	Description	Cost
03/11/25	E-On Next	Electricity October	£9.76
10/11/25	Wave	Water charges allotments	£125.40
16/11/25	Wave	Water charges cemetery	£21.96
25/11/25	Autela Payroll Services	Payroll Aug-Nov	£87.00
30/11/25	Staff Costs	November	£1542.40
31/10/25	Wickes	2 x bags post crete	£15.00
10/11/25	Dropbox	Annual subscription	£95.88
12/11/25	Amazon	Voucher	£25.00
01/12/25	E-On Next	Electricity November	£9.52
01/12/25	Fuel Genie	Fuel for November	£27.22

Asset register review – Clerk advised that she had removed items with a value of less than £100 and items that were consumables. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to remove these assets amounting to £2358.09.

9. Parish Matters - Ref 25/186

- **Public Seating area on village green** – Cllr Turner reported that he had met with the architect who will now do the drawings so that we can go to tender. We are looking at applying for a Lottery Community grant for this project.
- **Hedge cutting village green** – Clerk has obtained 3 quotes to carry out this work. It was **RESOLVED** to go with the cheapest quote of £200 for a maintenance trim and removal of waste.
- **Fly tipping** – There is often fly tipping near the charity box at the gate of the KSA. It was thought that originally it was the parish council who had requested this. There are now charity collection boxes in the Co-op car park, so it was felt that this one was no longer required. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk should contact the charity to see if it can be removed.
- **Bus route to Immingham** – an email has been received from the mayor's office suggesting that we write to LCC and Stagecoach to request a bus route to Immingham. The clerk has already written to Stagecoach, but a further letter will be sent to LCC. We will also ask the mayor's office to share our comments with local transport partners to ensure they are aware of the demand for improved services.
- **Keelby Gala** – The gala next year will be a joint event with the parish council and the Health Tree Foundation. Cllr Soar said that she is already in the process of contacting dance groups, so a date needs to be finalised. It was proposed that we hold the gala on the 4th July 2026. Cllr Wright requested that the councillors give some thought as to which Keelby charity we want to support so this can be finalised at the January meeting.
- **Roxton Practice Update** – Cllr Wright confirmed that there are now further services being offered at Keelby. A GP is still only there on a Monday but there are health care practitioners there on other days. All appointments are now being filled with no missed appointments in the last month. This report will be shared on the village noticeboard. It would appear that residents are now asking for appointments at Keelby as a result of us advertising that they are available.

10. To receive reports from external organisations - Ref 25/187

- **Sports Association** – Cllr Turner reported it had been quiet. There are still maintenance issues outstanding. The clerk confirmed that she had contacted Cllr Dannatt to try and get this information before this meeting so a decision could be made on what needs to be done but the information has not been received. The 2-year appraisal of the joint agreement will be due again next year.

- **Village Hall** – Cllr Bentham reported that an application has been submitted to the parish council for support in the next financial year. This has been included in the budget. All the posts have been filled, and it is well supported.
- **Library & Youth Club** – Cllr Beedham reported the youth club is well attended. The library is running smoothly. The children from the school are coming back tomorrow. The refurbishment of the toilets is still ongoing. Cllr Bean is assisting with this.
- **Allotments** -- Cllr Cowie reported the materials to repair the fencing have been purchased and will be fitted when the weather improves.

11. To review and approve Tree Policy – Ref 25/188

The policy had previously been shared. Discussions took place and minor changes were agreed. With these changes it was **RESOLVED** to approve this policy.

12. HR and Personnel Committee staff reviews – Ref 25/189

Cllr Turner confirmed that the annual staff reviews have been completed for the handyman and clerk. There were no issues, they were thanked for their work and there was nothing further to add.

13. Correspondence - Ref 25/190

An email has been received asking if the dykes and verges on Riby Road around the entrance to The Paddocks could be tidied. Clerk to ask the handyman if we can have a look at this area. An email regarding the removal of the lamppost poppies had been received but these have now been removed. It was noted that the poppies on Riby Road and Mill Lane, Pelham Cres had gone missing. Further enquires will be made to try and establish where they have gone.

14. Planning applications and decisions received, update on ongoing applications – Ref 25/191

Application DM/0455/25/FUL and WL/2025/00667 It was **RESOLVED** that the same comments made on the NE Lincs portal should be placed on the WL planning portal.

15. Items for consideration at the next meeting – Ref 25/192

None

16. Councillor vacancies – Ref 25/193

There have been 3 applications for the two vacancies. It was **RESOLVED** that a ballot would be undertaken and the clerk would be the returning officer. The applicants each gave a brief presentation to the council, and a ballot was undertaken. It was **RESOLVED** that Ryan Day and Timothy Hughes be co-opted onto the council.

17. Date and time of next meeting - Ref 25/194

Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 19:00 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:33