

**Minutes of the Keelby Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th January 2026 commencing 7:00pm.**

Those Present: Councillors T Wright (Chair), M Turner, R Bedwell, K Beedham, T Bentham, J Cowie, R Dannatt, R Day, T Hughes

In Attendance: Cllr Bean, Cllr Bierley, Cllr Lawrence and one member of the public.

The chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed the two new councillors.

1. **To receive apologies and reasons for absence – Ref 26/01** – Cllr Darwood, Cllr Soar
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 26/02** – none
3. **Public Question Time – Ref 26/03**

The member of the public had noticed that volunteers had trimmed some bushes at the KSA and he wanted to know why the branches had not been taken off site. Cllr Wright advised that it was agreed that the trimmings would be placed in the brush to further enhance this area for nesting and to encourage wildlife habitation. The member of the public then asked why this had not been done with the tree that was pollarded on the village green. It was explained that this job was contracted to an external company who had included the removal of the branches in the price. The member of the public said that the KSA should be kept to a reasonable standard and rubbish should not be dumped anywhere. This statement was directed at Cllr Wright. The member of the public raised parking on the side of the road at the sports ground and said in his opinion the matches were oversubscribed and felt that this was a danger to traffic. He then went on to ask why pitches were being marked out on the outfield of the cricket pitch. He asked if the football pitches were not suitable. Cllr M Turner agreed for Cllr Wright to respond. Cllr Wright responded saying that there are 16 teams now playing on there so further pitches are needed. The cricket club have been consulted on this and kindly agreed to this being done. Cllr Bedwell confirmed that this was the case and this had been done last year and they were kept in a good condition and were no problems. The member of the public said that in his opinion the football club is oversubscribed and that Keelby is only a small village, so the parking facilities are a problem. In his opinion the reason why additional pitches are needed is because the other pitches are not suitable and up to a standard for winter use. He raised that the football club had shared on Facebook that they had won an award for best kept pitches in Lincolnshire but said that this was not the case in the winter as they become waterlogged and can't be played on. These comments were noted. The member of the public then asked why the handyman was carrying out work at the KSA. He was advised that the handyman was trying out the edge cutter tool which he had not used before so had used the path to the skate park (which is the council's responsibility) before using it in the village. The member of the public thought that it should have been tested on the paths in the village. The member of the public then left the meeting.

4. County Councillor's Report - Ref 26/04

Cllr Bean confirmed that the cat's eyes on Stallingborough Road will be replaced. These had been overlooked by the contractor. Cllr Bean had made some enquires regarding the gully cleaning. Yarborough Road is annual; Broadway and Victoria Road are both bi-annual. Broadway is due in June and Victoria Road is due November 2027. If there are any problems in the meantime, they should be reported on Fix My Street. The work on the trees on Riby Road should commence on the 20th March 2026. The parking restrictions at the School and Cemetery/Church area have now gone to the council's planning and regulation committee. Cllr Bean sits on the planning committee so will keep an eye out for it. We have been notified of an upgrade to the lights on the A180 which are being replaced with LEDs. The owner of the Keelby Fish and Chip shop has contacted us to ask about advertising boards. They would like to put signage on both ends of Yarborough Road and also on Broadway. The business owner has contacted Lincolnshire County Council who have advised her that it is a Parish matter. Cllr Bean advised that it is a county issue and shouldn't have been passed back to the parish. This matter was discussed by the councillors. It was agreed that local businesses should be supported but it was felt that if advertising was allowed for one business

it would have to be allowed for all businesses which would then become too much. There are very strict rules about advertising at junctions anyway as the signs may become a hazard for road users. Cllr Wright will go back to the owner and advise that if she did want to proceed it would need to be done through LCC.

5. District Councillor's Report - Ref 26/05

The report from Cllr Bierley had previously been circulated. Cllr Bierley confirmed that everything is in place for the new food waste collections to start soon. Cllr Bierley reported that there had been a litter pick last Friday along Roxton Road which had resulted in a lot of rubbish being collected which he had managed to get collected on the Saturday by West Lindsey. Clerk to write a thank you letter to the co-ordinator of this. Cllr Bierley also mentioned that there may be a grant available from West Lindsey for business development which could help local businesses. Cllr Lawrence had nothing further to add.

6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 2nd December - Ref 26/06

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

7. Clerk's Report – Ref 26/07

The clerk had arranged for a new water meter to be fitted at the allotments. A date and time had been arranged but the clerk had not heard anything further so was unsure if it had been done. Cllr Cowie to check.

The clerk advised that the tap at the cemetery runs very slow. Cllr Dannatt said that the problem would need to be sorted by Anglian Water as there is a broken part on the meter. It was agreed that the clerk should arrange for a repair.

The council were advised that £40 had been raised for Shine charity from our Christmas jumper meeting in December.

The Care4All box at the KSA will be removed.

Clerk had emailed Tom Gising regarding getting a tree survey done on the tree at the KSA and had an out of office back. Cllr Bean advised to email again.

The new councillors are all booked on the new councillor training.

Cllr Wright asked if a reply had been received from the trustees of the Alice South Charity. Clerk confirmed that no response had been received.

8. Financial Matters – Ref 26/08

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
18/11/25	Timber Specialists Humber Ltd	Fencing posts for allotments	£16.22
18/11/25	S H Somerscales Ltd	Fencing for allotments	£86.24
02/12/25	Lebara	Mobile phone top up	£5.00
08/12/25	Engreen Renewables Ltd	External lights. Wiring box, PIR, consumer unit door	£1568.12
19/12/25	LALC	Annual subscription	£495.54
19/12/25	LALC	Training scheme subscription	£204.00
30/12/25	Staff costs	December	£1053.00
02/01/26	Fuel Genie	Fuel for December	£24.17
06/01/25	HP Instant ink (J Milson)	Annual printing costs	£36.00
05/01/26	E-On Next	Electricity charges kiosk December	£10.66

- The Cil return was approved and signed. This return shows that the remaining £120.91 was spent on the cenotaph refurbishment and shows the income of £7083.
- The quarterly bank reconciliation was checked by Cllr Beedham and approved.

- The final precept for 26-27 was discussed. The changes requested at the November meeting had been included along with updates on staff costs that were not known when the first budget was done. It was proposed and seconded that an additional £500 should be included for tree maintenance in line with the tree policy. A vote was taken and all councillors were in favour. It was **RESOLVED** that the precept of £29,858 should be requested. The chair and two members of the council signed this.

The chair thanked the clerk for her work on preparing this budget.

9. Parish Matters - Ref 26/09

- **Public Seating area on village green** – Cllr Turner shared two designs that had been prepared. It was proposed and seconded to go with Option 1. All in favour. Costs should be obtained for both designs. There is £5000 in the budget towards this project and Cllr Wright thought that a grant from the Lottery fits well with this project so was confident that funding could be obtained. We have also had businesses and residents say that they would be willing to contribute. It was suggested that the path should come from the car park and not from the footpath as shown on the diagram. In addition, there is also a seat looking towards the cenotaph.
- **Play area** – A inspection report from Sovereign had previously been shared. Sovereign installed the gym equipment but also check the play area. This report highlighted some minor issues which Cllr Wright confirmed have now been sorted.

10. To receive reports from external organisations - Ref 26/10

- **Sports Association** – There has not been a meeting. Cllr Dannatt had prepared a report showing outstanding items from the fire and safety report. These items total £703. As the budget for this year will overspend, it was **RESOLVED** to proceed with two of the jobs. To seal the holes in plant room, fireproof the loft hatch and fix various fire signs to doors and walls. These two jobs total £145. The remaining items will be funded as a priority in the 26-27 budget in April.
- **Village Hall** – Cllr Bentham reported that the meeting is next week.
- **Library & Youth Club** – Cllr Beedham reported the library re-opened on Saturday and the youth club re-opens on Thursday. There are no problems with either.
- **Allotments** - Cllr Cowie reported he is waiting for better weather to start fixing the fencing.
- **Speed Sign at Coop** – this has been returned for repair

11. Correspondence - Ref 26/11

The email received asking about gully cleaning has been covered previously.

An email had been regarding the litter on Roxton Lane, but this has now been sorted with the litter pick.

A police update has been shared showing staffing levels in West Lindsey. There is 1 inspector, 2 sergeants 5 full time police officers (one on maternity leave), 1 part time officer, 4 community support officers and 2 police constables targeting high offenders. Council felt there were not many staff for West Lindsey but there was nothing that could be done about it.

12. Planning applications and decisions received, update on ongoing applications – Ref 26/12

Application WL/2025/01196 - no comments.

13. Items for consideration at the next meeting – Ref 26/13

Gala planning. Bus route to Immingham, Community Speed Watch

14. Date and time of next meeting - Ref 26/14

Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 19:00 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:06