

**Minutes of the Keelby Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 commencing 7:00pm.**

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

In Attendance: Cllr Bierley and Cllr Lawrence. Cllr Bean arrived late.

1. **To receive apologies and reasons for absence – Ref 26/15**– Cllr Beedham, Cllr Bean,
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 26/16**– none

3. Public Question Time – Ref 26/17

There were no members of the public present

4. County Councillor's Report - Ref 26/18

There had been a webinar on the Local government re-organisation which was attended by some councillors and the clerk. It was felt that most of the information shared at this event had already been given to us by Cllr Bean. There are 4 options that are being considered. Formal consultation by the government will commence this month for 7 weeks, the vesting day for the new unitary authority will be 1st April 2028 with elections for officers will taking place in May 2027 based on a decision date of May 2026. There will be 3 further parish events and details on these will be released later. Cllr Bean apologised for arriving late but had come on from another Parish council. He advised that the parking restrictions at the church are on the agenda for the meeting on Monday. The council tax has been announced and there is a 2.9% increase.

5. District Councillor's Report - Ref 26/19

The report from Cllr Bierley had previously been circulated. Cllr Bierley confirmed that he will share the statistics on the new food waste collection service every quarter when they are received. Cllr Bierley had spoken to the postmaster at Caistor who had advised that he would be happy to provide a service in Keelby, but the Post Office are against it.

6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 6th January 2026 - Ref 26/20

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the meeting on 6th January 2026 are a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

7. Clerk's Report – Ref 26/21

The clerk confirmed that the meter at the allotments has now been replaced. The tap at the cemetery is still ongoing. Clerk to contact AWS again

Clerk has arranged a meeting with Tom Gissing from LCC on 23.02.26 who has agreed to look at the tree at the KSA.

The Care4All box at the KSA has now been removed.

The new councillor training had been attended by Cllrs Day, Cowie and Hughes.

The green bins for the cemetery will be renewed

8. Financial Matters – Ref 26/22

The insurance needs to be renewed on 2nd March. The clerk had obtained an alternative quote. This was a package so the main areas of cover could not be changed. The clerk had confirmed that all the additional items we currently have insured all fit into one of their categories. It also gives cover for the war memorial and the play equipment which we currently do not have. Both companies offered a reduction if we signed up for a 3-year agreement. The premium for Clear Councils was £2110.30 which was £17.33 more expensive than Zurich it was felt that for this extra amount we would have cover for the war memorial, play/skate park equipment. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that we purchase the Clear Council insurance for one year only. This payment was then written onto the payment schedule.

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

Invoice Date	Supplier	Description	Cost
08/01/26	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 renewal	£84.99
16/01/26	Zurich Insurance	Mower insurance 26-27	£406.75
30/01/26	Staff costs	January	£853.58
09/02/26	Clear Councils	Insurance 26-27	£2110.30

Payroll Provision – Clerk had obtained an alternative quote for payroll provision as there have recently been some inaccuracies. Clerk had obtained a quote from Suffolk Association of Local Councils who offer a payroll provision. Their charges would be £13.50 a month which is cheaper than what we are paying now. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to move to SALC at the beginning of the new tax year.

9. Parish Matters - Ref 26/23

- **Public Seating area on village green** – Four companies have been contacted for quotes and electronic copies of both pathway options have been sent to quote on, even though we are all agreed that the circular option 2 is the preferred option. We are now awaiting site visits and then quotes for the work which will be shared at the next meeting.
- **Keelby Gala** – Cllr Day, Cllr Turner and the clerk will represent the council with the gala planning and support Cllr Soar. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the parish council's half of the profits should go to the Youth Club. The other half will go to the Health Tree Foundation.
- **Bus route to Immingham** – Cllr Wright has had positive conversations with the chair of both Great Limber and Habrough parish councils. It was agreed that we should also write to Immingham Town Council to ask for support from them.
- **Community Speed Watch** – A co-ordinator is required to look after the electronic speed signs and arrange the sessions. Cllr Wright has been doing this but does not want to continue long term with this. There are new volunteers wanting to be involved. Cllr Hughes agreed to co-ordinate this but would not be available for daytime sessions.
- **Bus shelter on Yarborough Road** – LCC had offered to update the bus shelter on Yarborough Road and remove the concrete one. It was felt that there was nothing wrong with the concrete one so it was **RESOLVED** to ask LCC if they would consider putting a shelter at the Caddle Road bus stop as currently there isn't one there.
- **Twinning Association** – The twinning association would like to hold a street naming ceremony when the French come over in May. Clerk to see if she can establish if it has been confirmed that a street on the new development will be named Rue De Maisdon

10. To receive any reports and updates from external organisations - Ref 26/24

- **Sports Association** – Cllr Turner had attended the meeting on Sunday 1st February

Individual sport updates as follows:

Bowls - Quiet period for the bowls team. The team have worked hard treating the green. Area around the green tidied, benches have been varnished and covered up.

Tennis - continued to run club night over the winter when the weather allows. Hopefully resuming the super drills sessions in the Spring run by local coach Tracey Cardy. Will address the moss issues which returns every winter when the temperature and conditions are good enough to apply "court care solutions". General weeding and fence repairs also addressed.

Football - Work being progressed inside the Pavillion to be able to produce teas and coffees and to have a "club shop" selling Merchandise. The ground staff have been doing a sterling job preparing pitches through the very wet months. Because of the success of last year's boys and girl's tournament Keelby are hosting again in early and mid-May. 2/3rd May for boys and 17th May for the girls. This will be a good publicity for the facilities but also an excellent revenue stream for the football club and ultimately KSA. KUFC has spent circa £1k on repairing players entrance shutters. There was also work being done this weekend with a Kitchen deep clean and repaint.

Cricket -Obviously very quiet this time of year however the square and outfield will be getting some TLC as the weather allows.

£320 has been spent on general maintenance by KSA for various repairs including Initial water tank patch up, door locks and fittings etc. 3 of the roller doors need repair as the sensors are failing this is not due to vandalism. It was agreed in appendix A of the PC/KSA document that this would be a 50/50 split between KSA and PC. Cllr Dannatt reported that he had spoken to WLDC regarding planning and funding for the storage area and outside toilets. They took with them a drawing and will come back to us.

- **Village Hall** – Cllr Bentham reported that it was well supported and the 200 club is going well. The event that they organised broke even. The panto is now on and there are a few tickets still available for purchase.
- **Library & Youth Club** – Cllr Bentham reported the youth club is well supported numbers are staying constant. The library now has the children from the school attending.
- **Allotments** - Cllr Cowie reported that the water meter has been replaced and when the ground dries repairs to the fence can commence.

11. Correspondence - Ref 26/25

A thank you has been received from the North's who raised a magnificent £8k for the air ambulance.

An email from a resident flagged up his concerns around the verges and dykes near the Ribby Road entrance, The Paddocks and hedges and dykes on the Barton Street. Cllr Bean will try and find out whose responsibility the hedges are from Ribby Road past the garage through to Yarborough Road. The handyman has trimmed some of the basal growth on the trees around the Paddocks entrance but there is still another one remaining.

Cllr Hughes had mentioned that there seems to be very little adverting for events being held in Keelby. Cllr Bierley confirmed that the next In Touch magazine will be published at the end of March. There are notices placed on noticeboards, Facebook and on the Village Hall website.

12. Planning matters – Ref 26/26

- **New planning process survey** – It was resolved that Keelby Parish Council should put in a counter response which will be led by Cllr Bierley.
- **Grange Energy Park** – The clerk has shared emails between Grange Park and Cllr Dannatt in response to our comments on the planning application. They are now wanting to meet to discuss the matter further and to talk about details of a community grant. It was proposed, seconded **RESOLVED** that we should meet with them in a closed meeting on 10th February. A vote was taken there were 5 for, 2 against and 3 abstentions.
- **Application WL/2026/00020** – no comments on this application

13. Items for consideration at the next meeting – Ref 26/27

Parking on pavements, Gala

The meeting closed at 20:13