

Langworth Group Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Langworth Group Parish Council held at Langworth Memorial Hall on Tuesday 3 June 2025 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllrs M Herbert (Chair), J Jarvis, Mrs S Taylor, R Waite, P Bowser, Mrs K Tyrrell, A Curtis.

In attendance: Cathryn Nicoll (Locum Minute Taker, Lincolnshire Association Local Councils)
No members of the public were present.

Prior to the meeting Lucie Skates and Andrew Darlow of the Witham Valley Access Project gave a presentation to the meeting in relation to the activities of the Project. Project is headed by a group of residents currently from Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton and Reephram and is independent of any council.

➤ **What do we want to do?**

Promote safe walking and cycling in the area by improving public footpaths/bridleways around local villages including links to the south of the Witham.

Encourage exercise.

Connect communities.

➤ **Current initiatives**

Commenting on planning applications/neighbourhood plans to attract gains.

Pursuing "behind the hedge" fieldpaths.

Contacts Lincolnshire County Council for restoration of public fieldpaths which have become blocked and not cleared by landowners.

Members have joined the Lincolnshire Access Forum to increase County Council focus on improvements to the path networks.

Produced local walk leaflets.

New members are welcomed and it was suggested that a member of Langworth GPC could join the group which meets every two or three months. Possibility that Cllr Andrew Hyatt would be interested.

Suggestion that the Project posts on the Langworth FaceBooks.

Council meeting called to order at 8:15 pm

1. **Public Forum:** suspension of Standing Orders for up to 15minutes for members of the public to speak on agenda items, or to suggest items for consideration on a future agenda - no members of the public present.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies of absence received from Cllrs Andrew Hyatt, Cllr Hazel Stilgoe-McCombe - reasons for absence were accepted by council.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** No declarations declared.
4. **To approve the minutes of the PC Meeting held on the 6th May 2025.**
Not yet received from minute taker for the meeting held on 6 May 2025 - to be approved when received.

5. **Comments from County Councillor, District Council and Chairman.**

County and District Councillors not present.

Chairman comments: Chair reported that clerk/rfo, Michelle Vail is recovering and hopes to be back at the end October/beginning November.

6. **Clerk's Report:**

a. Financials - report produced by the clerk/rfo, Michelle Vail was distributed to councillors during the meeting. Noted Cllr Andrew Hyatt has checked the report.

Proposed, Cllr Tyrell, Seconded Cllr Taylor and **resolved** unanimously that report be accepted.

b. Policy Reviews:

Volunteer Policy - Proposed Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Tyrell that policy be adopted, agreed unanimously.

It was unanimously **resolved** the following policies be adopted without change.

Complaints; Proposed Cllr Wade, seconded Cllr Tyrell.

Flyposting; Proposed Cllr Tyrell, seconded Cllr Bowser.

Media; Proposed Cllr Tyrell, seconded Cllr Taylor

Protocol on Communications; Proposed Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Tyrell.

7. **Correspondence:**

Lincolnshire Police - incident statistics had been circulated by the clerk/rfo prior to the meeting for noting.

8. **Emergency Response Plan:**

Nothing to report at the present time - is in draft format.

9. **Play Area:**

Noted

- Cllr Jarvis has attended Play Equipment Course.
- New reports have been received from EKM detailing works needed.
- Cllr Jarvis has been in touch with Playdale for suggestions for play equipment. Other company visits have been planned.
- Funding to be sought from National Lottery.
- Quotations for repairs to bench/fencing to be obtained. However, Cllr Jarvis suggested repairs could be actioned by councillors.
- General playground signs are needed and currently being prepared by Cllr Stilgoe-McCombe.
- Noted poor condition of bench and fencing highlighted by RoSPA.
- Clerk/rfo to obtain quotations for replacement bench(es) for discussion at the July meeting.
- Agreed reserve fund be built up for replacement equipment.
- Matting will need replacing
- Noted three monthly inspections carried out by EKM.
- Annual inspections carried out by external body (RoSPA)

10. **Date of next PC Meeting:** Tuesday 1st July 2025, 7.30pm, Langworth Memorial Hall

Meeting closed: 20:35

Chair
1 July 2025

Noted: Apologies received from Cllr A Curtis for next meeting

LANGWORTH GPC - BANK RECONCILIATION 1st May - 31st May 2025					
CURRENT ACCOUNT, ACCOUNTS PAID					
Date	Description	Money In	Money Out	Bank Balance	VAT
	OPENING BALANCE			8646.49	
09/05/2025	C Rooke, internal audit		£288.00	8358.49	48.00
09/05/2025	Clear Insurance, PC Insurance cover		£497.59	7860.90	
09/05/2025	WLDC, Defib annual maintenance fee		£110.00	7750.90	18.33
09/05/2025	Mr M Herbert, reimburse paper		£7.00	7743.90	
09/05/2025	Mrs M Vail, homework allowance/printing for audit		£26.70	7717.20	
09/05/2025	Glendale, Inv 1259		£819.09	6898.11	136.52
16/05/2025	Sage, payroll		£12.00	6886.11	2.00
19/05/2025	HMRC PAYE		£76.21	6809.90	
19/05/2025	LCC Pension		£296.95	6512.95	
19/05/2025	Mrs M Vail, salary		£874.20	5638.75	
30/05/2025	Service charge on bank account		£4.25	5634.50	
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	TOTALS	0.00	£3,011.99	5634.50	
	CLOSING BALANCE			5634.50	204.85
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT					
Date	Description	Money In	Money Out	Bank Balance	
	OPENING BALANCE			74731.40	
09/05/2025	Interest	48.45			
	TOTALS	48.45	0.00		
	CLOSING BALANCE			74779.85	
Non-regular Accounts for Payment in ~June			NIL		
TOTAL				0.00	
Ear Marked Reserves					
	Elections reserve	£4,000.00			
	CIL monies	£2,712.40			
	New play equipment	£8,557.27			
	Total	£15,269.67			