

Langworth Group Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Langworth Group Parish Council held at Langworth Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 December 2025

Present: Cllrs M Herbert (Chairman), P Bowser, K Tyrrell, A Hyatt, R Waite, A Curtis, J Jarvis, Mrs M Vail (Clerk), C/Cllr & D/Cllr T Bridgwood.

There was 1 member of the public.

Meeting began at 7.32pm

1. **Open session:** No comment from member of the public.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr S Taylor, Cllr H Stilgoe-McCombe, D/Cllr M Palmer
3. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr R Waite in respect of item 8.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 7 October 2025 and 4 November 2025:**
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2025 as a true record, and these were duly signed.
Proposed: Cllr A Hyatt, seconded: Cllr K Tyrrell. All in favour with two abstentions (Cllrs J Jarvis and R Waite, who had not been present at this meeting).
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2025 as a true record, and these were duly signed.
Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr K Tyrrell. All in favour with two abstentions (Cllrs J Jarvis and R Waite, who had not been present at this meeting).
5. **Comments from County Councillor, District Councillors and Chairman:**
D/Cllr Bridgwood:
 - Councillor Initiative Fund grant monies are available from all three D/Cllrs. **Action: Clerk/Cllr J Jarvis** to obtain and submit form.
 - WLDC is into its budget setting cycle
 - Food waste collection will start in April 2026: a 3-year allowance grant for rural areas will allow for long term planning.**C/Cllr Bridgwood:**
 - He has attended his first IDB meeting – LCC, as Lead Flood Authority, are installing telemetry poles
 - He has forwarded local traffic notifications to LGPC
 - Comments regarding the state of footpaths have been forwarded to LCC managers, and he has requested a walk around in early 2026.
 - He has forwarded on to the mayor's office a proposal from Fiskerton, Cherry Willingham, and Reepham PCs for a late-night bus service. A strategy is currently being formulated should LGPC wish to submit comments and supportive evidence on the proposal.**Chairman:**
 - No comments.
6. **Clerks Report**
 - i. **Note Financial report for November 2025:**
RESOLVED to approve the financial report.
Proposed: Cllr K Tyrrell, seconded: Cllr J Jarvis. All in favour
 - ii. **D/Cllr Darcel CIF monies available:**
Noted that CIF monies are available from all three D/Cllrs. Noted that three benches require replacing. After considering three quotes for benches:
RESOLVED to purchase three Peak benches from TDP at £425.95 + vat per bench, for a discounted price to be sought for bulk purchasing, and for the benches to be part funded by CIF.
Proposed: Cllr A Curtis, seconded: Cllr R Waite. All in favour.
Action: Clerk, Cllr J Jarvis.
 - iii. **Triannual pension valuation: from year ending 31 March 2027 for 3 years, employer pension contribution rate will be 19.2% (down from 26.6%).**
Noted. **Action: Clerk** to sign and return form acknowledging new contribution rate.
 - iv. **Note Clerk's AL 24 Dec – 2 Jan inclusive:** Noted.

7. Correspondence:

TO NOTE ONLY:

- i. **WLDC – Nov newsletter:** Noted.
- ii. **LCC – County Views Survey (26 January 2026) & November Newsletter:** Noted.
- iii. **Community Resilience Newsletter:** Noted.
- iv. **Invite to attend Witham Valley Access Project AGM Tuesday Nov 18th:**
Noted. Cllr A Hyatt had attended; and reported that it had been a useful meeting. The Witham Valley Access Project are checking all local footpaths and are currently undertaking work in Cherry Willingham.
- v. **Project Groundwater Greater Lincolnshire—hosted by LCC —installation of telemetry devices that monitor local watercourse levels:**
Noted that these devices do not replace local people and local knowledge, such as the flood wardens which the community used to have.
- vi. **UDLive: to arrange an onboarding session for parish members to introduce the abovementioned telemetry system and explain how it supports local flood preparedness:**
A date is awaited for the onboarding session.
- vii. **Request from resident for permission to erect Christmas tree on green at Stainton by Langworth:**
Noted that LGPC is unable to grant permission as it is not the landowner. Instead, the resident had been advised to approach LCC for permission.

8. Planning:

- i. **WL/2025/01124: Biodiversity Gain Application for the creation of other neutral grassland and woodland buffer for the purpose of selling Biodiversity net gain units:**
Location: Land at Newball (Deadline to respond to WLDC - 04/12/2025):
Cllr R Waite declared an interest in this item due to a connection with the applicant.
Noted that all planning applications now must show a biodiversity net gain.
After consideration, **RESOLVED** that there are no objections. **Action: Clerk**
Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr A Curtis.

9. Grass cutting quotes 2026:

Three quotes had been sought, and two companies had responded. Both quotes were considered.
RESOLVED to accept the quote from Glendale at £5600.00 + vat. **Action: Clerk**
Proposed: Cllr K Tyrrell, seconded: Cllr P Bowser. All in favour.

10. Emergency Plan update: Nothing new to report.

11. Play Area:

- i. **Update on grant applications:**
WLDC are to be approached. Jack Hubbard of Finding Fitness helps with applications for finding funding. A reminder was given about trying the FCC.
- ii. **Consider bench quotes:** See 6ii above.
- iii. **Planned work:**
RESOLVED for Cllr R Waite to arrange for permanent signs upon receipt of details from Cllr J Jarvis, and for LGPC to reimburse the expenditure. **Cllr R Waite, Cllr J Jarvis, Clerk**
To do: padlock, cutting vegetation back, and wash down of items.

12. Policies:

- i. **Approve IT Policy (new Audit requirement):**
RESOLVED to approve and adopt the IT Policy, as circulated. **Action: Clerk**
Proposed: Cllr P Bowser, seconded: Cllr A Curtis. All in favour.

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman advised of a volunteer who delivers Langworth Local, needing to reduce his round. However, messages between the relevant parties were being passed through the conduit of the Clerk rather than directly to one another. Noted that this practice should not be happening as Langworth Local has no connection with the Parish Council. It was agreed for the Clerk to make the situation clear to all parties. **Action: Clerk**

13. Consider a noticeboard for Reasby parish: No decision was taken to proceed with this.

14. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 6th January 2026, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

Meeting ended at 8.34pm.

Mrs Michelle Vail – Clerk to the Council

Dated: 3rd December 2025

LANGWORTH GPC - BANK RECONCILIATION 1st November - 30th November 2025

CURRENT ACCOUNT, ACCOUNTS PAID

Date	Description	Money In	Money Out	Bank Balance	VAT
	OPENING BALANCE			2167.91	
05/11/2025	Transfer in from deposit account	7000.00		9167.91	
05/11/2025	Mrs M Vail, homework allowance + print		£26.00	9141.91	
05/11/2025	Glendale, Inv 2037		£819.09	8322.82	136.52
05/11/2025	PKF Littlejohn, audit fees		£252.00	8070.82	42.00
18/11/2025	Sage, payroll		£13.20	8057.62	2.20
19/11/2025	LCC, grass cutting contribution	1408.92		9466.54	
19/11/2025	HMRC PAYE/NI		£85.98	9380.56	
19/11/2025	LCC Pension		£306.30	9074.26	
19/11/2025	Mrs M Vail, salary		£896.32	8177.94	
27/11/2025	EKM Ltd, play area inspection		£60.00	8117.94	10.00
28/11/2025	Service charge on bank account		£4.25	8113.69	
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	TOTALS	8408.92	£2,463.14	8113.69	
	CLOSING BALANCE			8113.69	190.72
	DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				
Date	Description	Money In	Money Out	Bank Balance	
	OPENING BALANCE			64985.33	
05/11/2025	Transfer out to current account		7000	57985.33	
10/11/2025	Interest	33.49		58018.82	
	TOTALS	33.49	7000.00		
	CLOSING BALANCE			58018.82	
	Non-regular Accounts for Payment in ~December		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			