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 3 March 2026

Present: Cllrs M Herbert (Chairman), P Bowser, A Curtis, R Waite, K Tyrrell, A Hyatt, Mrs M Vail (Clerk), C/Cllr & D/Cllr T Bridgwood, D/Cllr M Palmer. There was one member of the public.
Meeting began at 7.33pm

1. **Open session:** No public representation.

2. **Apologies:** Cllr J Jarvis, Cllr S Taylor

3. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr M Herbert in respect of item 12 i.

4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2026:**
   RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2026 as a true record, and these were duly signed. ***Action: Clerk.***
   Proposed: Cllr A Hyatt, seconded: Cllr K Tyrrell. All in favour.

5. **Comments from County Councillor, District Councillors and Chairman:**
   C/Cllr Bridgwood:
   - Provided some updates on matters raised during a recent LCC Highways visit to Langworth.
   - LCC have set a 2.99% budget for 2026/27.

   D/Cllr Bridgwood:
   - Provided an update on the RAF Scampton site, including to note that WLDC had approved the submission of an expression of interest.

   D/Cllr M Palmer:
   - WLDC had approved a balanced budget; equating to £7.38 or 2.98% for a Band D property.
   - Food waste bins will be emptied from 30th March 2026.
   - The police have set a maximum budget increase: they are recruiting, but neighbourhood policing is not a priority.

   Chairman:
   - In respect of the flood alert system recently installed by LCC via UDLive, 12 residents have now responded to the leaflet drop offering a sign up to the alert scheme. Local flooding of fields, but not properties, was experienced on 28th February 2026, allowing the alert system to be tested. Feedback from this has been submitted that the alert system needs tweaking.
   - Foul flooding from manhole covers was also experienced which, 18 months ago, Anglian Water had described as a 'complex situation'. A draft letter to send to Anglian Water was circulated for approval.
     RESOLVED to approve the sending of this letter. ***Action: Clerk.***
     Proposed: Cllr M Herbert, seconded: Cllr A Hyatt. All in favour.
     Noted that C/Cllr T Bridgwood would also be approaching Anglian Water.

6. **Review Action Log:**
   The Action Log was reviewed. Updates to be given under the relevant agenda items.
   LL Editor vacancy - It was not known if any interest in the position had been shown. The Memorial Hall Committee had not expressed any interest. Agenda item for April: consider how to communicate with residents in the absence of a local magazine. ***Action: Clerk***.

7. **Recent Highways meeting and resolve upon any required actions:**
   Cllr M Herbert, Cllr A Hyatt, C/Cllr T Bridgwood and a LCC Highways representative had recently walked the local area to review concerns and issues. LCC have some matters to action arising from this activity. Footpaths along Barlings Lane and offshoot roads require repair, but overgrown hedging will hinder this. The property occupiers rent from ACIS so are unwilling to undertake the work themselves.
   RESOLVED to write to ACIS. ***Action: Clerk.***
   Proposed: Cllr M Herbert, seconded: Cllr A Curtis. All in favour.

8. **Clerks Report**

i. **Note Financial report:**
RESOLVED to approve the financial report. ***Action: Clerk***
Proposed: Cllr K Tyrrell, seconded: Cllr R Waite. All in favour

ii. **To Appoint C Rooke Management as internal auditor for the annual return £255.00 + vat:**
Chris Rooke Management are an external accountancy company with no connections to Langworth Group Parish Council (LGPC) or its Councillors, therefore are independent of LGPC. They act as Internal Auditor to several parish councils, so are experienced and familiar with audit requirements. **RESOLVED** to appoint C Rooke Management as internal auditor. ***Action: Clerk***
Proposed: Cllr M Herbert, seconded: Cllr K Tyrrell. All in favour

iii. **LCC Parish grass cutting plans for review and acceptance:**
Noted that plans for Stainton were missing. Plans to be obtained for April meeting. ***Action: Clerk.***

iv. **Quotes for ID badges and hi-viz vests:**
Noted that ID and vests would have been beneficial during the recent Highways walkabout (item 7). ID's are £8.00 + vat each with a minimum spend of £25.00 + vat. A basic hi-viz vest without wording is approximately £3.00 + vat.
RESOLVED to purchase 3 x IDs and 3 x hi-viz vests with wording for Cllr M Herbert, Cllr P Bowser and Cllr A Hyatt. ***Action: Clerk***
Proposed: Cllr K Tyrrell, seconded: Cllr R Waite. All in favour

9. **Policy Review - Two of the policies are relevant to the forthcoming annual return are due for a review.**
   a) **Register of Assets: Members to approve the register as true record of the council's assets:** **RESOLVED** to approve. Proposed: Cllr K Tyrrell, seconded: Cllr R Waite. All in favour
   b) **Risk assessment: Members to resolve to accept the risk assessment for the management and maintenance of the assets of villages within the Langworth Group Parish Council area.** **RESOLVED** to approve. Proposed: Cllr K Tyrrell, seconded: Cllr P Bowser. All in favour

10. **Speed cameras – approve quote**: **2 x speed cameras - £4779.98 + vat, 4 x posts – total £800.00 + vat, Sundries (padlocks, jubilee clips) up to £150.00 + vat. GRAND TOTAL = £5729.98 + vat.**
RESOLVED to order 2 x speed cameras, 4 x posts, plus sundries after LRSP has approved suitable locations. ***Action: Cllr M Herbert, Clerk***
Proposed: Cllr A Curtis, seconded: Cllr R Waite. All in favour

11. **Correspondence:**
TO NOTE ONLY: The following four items were noted as received:
   i. Police update
   ii. LCC Newsletter Feb 2026
   iii. Community Resilience Newsletter, Spring 2026
   iv. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Consultation: deadline 26th March

12. **Planning:**
   i. **WL/2026/00129:** Bay Tree Cottage, Barlings Lane, LN3 5DF, rear extension and alterations to dwelling house (comments deadline: 9th March):
   Cllr M Herbert's declaration of interest was noted and he abstained from voting. With the inclusion of the comment that drains need to be sufficient for the needs of the proposed plans, **RESOLVED,** with one abstention, to support this planning application***. Action: Clerk***
   Proposed: Cllr A Curtis, seconded: Cllr P Bowser.
   ii. **Sudbrooke Neighbourhood Plan Review** - Regulation 16 Submission Consultation (deadline 7th April): Noted. No LGPC comments, but Councillors may comment as private individuals.

13. **Emergency Plan update:** No update available.

14. **Play Area:**
   i. **Update on grant applications:** quotes are being compiled.
   ii. **Bench update** – £900 has been secured in CIF grants (£300 each from the three D/Cllrs), and three benches are on order.
   iii. **Planned work**: updates were given on signage, a lock, and the consideration of more frequent inspections.

15. **Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 7th April 2026, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

16. **Resolve to move into closed session as the following item contains information of a personal or sensitive nature: RESOLVED** to move into Closed Session. Members of the public left at 8.31pm.

17. **Consider any applications for the vacancy of Parish Councillor (Barlings Parish):**
No applications have been received. Consideration was given as to possible candidates.

LANGWORTH GPC - BANK RECONCILIATION 1st February - 28th February 2026

CURRENT ACCOUNT, ACCOUNTS PAID

Date	Description	Money In	Money Out	Bank Balance	VAT
	OPENING BALANCE			**3603.74**	
16/02/2026	Mrs M Vail, (homework allowance £22.50, mileage £21.60, print £8.90,ink for Chairman £86.68)		£139.68	3464.06	
18/02/2026	Sage, payroll		£13.20	3450.86	2.20
19/02/2026	HMRC PAYE/NI		£85.78	3365.08	
19/02/2026	LCC Pension		£306.30	3058.78	
19/02/2026	Mrs M Vail, salary		£896.52	2162.26	
24/02/2026	WLDC, CIF grant monies towards 3 x benches	900.00		3062.26	
	TOTALS	**900.00**	**£1,441.48**	**3062.26**	
	CLOSING BALANCE			**3062.26**	2.20

	DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				
Date	Description	Money In	Money Out	Bank Balance	
	OPENING BALANCE			**58076.06**	
09/02/2026	Interest	26.25		58102.31	
	TOTALS	**26.25**	**0.00**		
	CLOSING BALANCE			**58102.31**	

Non-regular Accounts for Payment in ~March				**VAT**
	TOTAL		**0.00**	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**