

HEADON-CUM-UPTON, GROVE & STOKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025, 7.00pm
at Headon Village Hall, Church Street, Headon, Retford, DN22 0RD**

Present: Cllrs: N Greenhalgh, D Landon, R Goulden, J Mosley, C Scothern

C Smith and E Briggs and J Landon,

Apologies: Cllrs S Whelan and D Spencer

In attendance: 1 member of the public

Clerk: Clare Brettell

In the absence of the Chair Cllr Greenhalgh chaired the meeting.

Public Session

Commencement of meeting

25/157 To receive – declarations of interest both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

None

25/158 To receive – apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Spencer and Whelan

25/159 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2025 (Appendix 1)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2025 were accepted as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Vice Chair.

25/160 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decision can be made)

None

25/161 To receive - update from the District Councillor (5 minutes)

Cllr Richardson had contacted National Grid to ask for more communication regarding the demolition work at the Power Station. Cllrs confirmed that nothing has been received directly or by residents. This was noted.

Cllr Richardson informed Councillors that he had objected to the raise in Council tax at Bassetlaw District Council, due to the amount of reserves being held, but this had been over ruled.

The Clerk asked if there was any grant funding available for litter picking equipment.

To be looked into further if required.

Clerk

Speeding issues were also addressed. Cllr Richardson suggested contact with NCC to find solutions with this.

Clerk

25/162 To receive - update from the County Councillor (5 minutes)

Cllr Ogle was not in attendance

25/163 To discuss – Police Report and any issues to report

It was requested that the Clerk make the Police aware of the speeding issues through Grove, and ask for assistance with preventative measures **Clerk**

25/164 To receive

i) update from Parish Councillors on the defibrillator checks including servicing and purchase of new batteries

The monthly checks had been carried out by Councillors, and details entered on the log sheets. It was agreed for the Clerk to look at options for servicing and maintenance to bring back to the next Parish Council meeting. Councillors to provide photos/details to Clerk.

ii) to receive an update on the policy and documentation suggested by Sue Wroe

This was still Work in Progress and may be addressed by a Company taking on maintenance of the 4 defibrillators.

iii) To discuss free training from the Retford Lions Club – agreed for Monday 16th June 2025

The Clerk had arranged date of Monday 16th June. It was agreed for a 7pm start. This to be advertised on the newsletter, community FB groups and the Parish Council Website. Cllrs J and D Landon to arrange the refreshments.

25/165 To receive – update on the work of the Lengthsman

Parish Councillors were pleased with the regular updates from the Lengthsman and the work carried out.

It was agreed to ask if she is able to carry out litter picking anywhere within the 30mph zone, and to look at tidying the War memorial when the daffodils have finished flowering.

25/166 Planning Applications

To receive and where appropriate comment on the following planning applications (including any that have been received since the agenda was issued):

Application No: 25/002019/NEWDEV

Location: Stable Block at Home Farm, Main Street, Grove, Nottinghamshire

Proposal: New Development – Consultation for new property

Existing Plot Name: Stable Block At Home Farm

Proposed House Number: West Stable at Home Farm

It was **resolved** to accept this proposal with no Objections.

25/167 To Discuss the Consultation by *National Grid* - *Proposals for North Humber to High Marnham, a planned new high voltage overhead electricity transmission line between two new substations at Birkhill Wood in East Riding of Yorkshire and High Marnham in Nottinghamshire.* (emailed out to Parish Councillors 2nd April 25)

This was discussed by Councillors and residents encouraged to put their views forward directly to National Grid.

There was concern that there will be a loss of productive land which may become available for solar power etc . The general objection is to the overhead cabling, as underground cabling was not financially viable.

As a nationally significant infrastructure project, Councillors felt they have little weight with this consultation.

25/168 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues or footpath matters in the Village

It was noted that the flooding issues have improved (mainly due to the dry weather) however, the deterioration of the roads need attention – to take up with County Councillor.

Lamp post no. 7 AT Headon Farm is leaning over – Clerk to report **Clerk**
Councillors enquired if mirrors could be installed at the junction from Yew Tree Road onto Westfields, to help with visibility. Clerk to investigate with NCC. **Clerk**

Cllr Smith enquired if the footpath is to be reinstated at Castle woods, Little Grinsley up through Castle Wood through Holme Farm. Tree work is still being carried out and not yet made good. A resident had previously informed the Parish Council that the land owner had confirmed that this would be done. Cllr Smith to take photos and send into Clerk who will take up with the Highways Footpath Officer. **Clerk**

Councillors also requested an update on the Beck where the railings have been removed. This area needs reinforcing with appropriate railings to make safe. **Clerk**

25/169 To receive an update on the car park resurfacing in Headon opposite the church

No response had been received despite chasing. Cllr Richardson suggested the Clerk contact Karen Tarburton at Bassetlaw District Council. **Clerk**

25/170 To update – Progress with new website

Councillors were pleased with the new website. It was agreed for Councillors to send in photos for publication on the website with their contact information.

All Councillors need to ensure that their email account is up and running to ensure compliance

25/171 To update – Glass recycling bins from ROB

Cllr Scothern had put out a poll on FB and had received various responses as to where to best place the Recycle bin in Stokeham. It was agreed to have one near the noticeboard. Cllr Whelan to arrange.

25/172 To discuss – Litter picking, including correspondence from resident

This was noted and a response to be sent.

25/173 To update – The ‘Beck’

Cllrs had had a site meeting with Severn Trent Water at the Beck. They confirmed regular testing is carried out and that the water was of good quality. Advice had been given to report any issues directly to the EA.

25/174 To accept the Financial Risk Assessment

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Risk Assessment carried out by the Clerk.

25/175 Storage of the ‘Enclosure Award’ and taking a digital copy.

This was still being looked into to ensure that residents could access this. Options to be brought back to the next Parish Council meeting.

25/176 To discuss the Date and time of the Annual Parish Gathering if required

A ‘Meet your Councillors’ morning was suggested but not for this year. Options to be considered for next year.

25/177 Financial Matters

177.1 To receive balance on Unity Trust/Santander Bank accounts

Santander Current Account	£1,930.03
Santander Savings Account	£10.47
Unity Trust Current Account	£1,891.01
Unity Trust Savings Account	£15,098.74

177.2 To receive and approve the schedule of payments for March
(retrospectively)

The payments of £1145.18 for March were authorised retrospectively.

177.3 To receive Year end accounts

These were received and accepted as an accurate record.

177.4 To note – payment to be made to D Walton for electricity for Defibrillator

It was **resolved** to make to payment of £30 to D Walton

25/178 To discuss – Correspondence received (all emailed to Parish Councillors)

The Clerk raised the issue of Lamp post poppies and that she had made contact with the Retford British Legion but they were out of stock. Cllr Smith to contact the British Legion directly.

Cllr Smith

It was noted that the Clerk had requested the VE day statues and would let Councillors know if the Parish Council had been successful.

25/179 To recap – items discussed in the meeting for inclusion in the Newsletter

- Defibrillator training from the Retford Lions
- Water Quality at the Beck
- Request for speed monitoring NCC
- Website
- National Grid – Encourage residents to engage directly
- Litter

25/180 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting and to agree the date.

NCC and options for better visibility near Westfields.

Date of next meeting - 12th May 2025

The meeting closed at 8.23pm.

Signed by: _____

Date: _____