

**Minutes of the Meeting of Partney and Dalby Parish Council held
7pm 8th July 2025 in the Victory Hall, Partney**

Present: Cllr Jacqueline Oliver (Chair) Cllr Beth Dawson Cllr Caroline Hewlett
Cllr Mick Lovelock Cllr Andy Ratcliffe Cllr Sue Sargeant Cllr Packa Risi

Also in attendance: Jane Slaymaker – Parish Clerk
2 Members of the Public

No comments were made in the Open Forum.

21. The Chair opened the meeting at 7.06pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
22. Apologies were received from Cllr Middleton. These were accepted.
23. No declarations of interest were received.
24. It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 20th May 2025 as a true record and the Chair signed the minutes.
25. It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 17th June 2025 as a true record and the Chair signed the minutes.
26. The County and District councillors did not attend or send a report.
27. One application for the Councillor vacancy had been received and it was resolved to appoint Caroline Hewlett. Cllr Hewlett signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was invited to join the meeting and welcomed to the Council.
28. **Finance**
 - a) The financial position was noted. Current account £1,903.47 and Reserves/Interest account £10,552.03.
 - b) The bank reconciliations for May and June were checked by Cllr Lovelock and initialled as accurate.
 - c) The balance against budget and last quarters payments and receipts were noted.
 - d) It was resolved to accept the following payments:
 - 27.05.25 Karl Valentine cemetery grass cutting May (Local Government Act 1972 s.214) £140.00
 - 02.06.25 Dox direct newsletter printing (LGA 1972 s.142) £71.76
 - 09.06.25 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
 - 16.06.25 Lincolnshire County Council Road Safety Partnership fee (Highways Act 1980 s.274A) £50
 - 16.06.25 Partney PCC contribution towards flag (LGA 1972 s.144) £44.00
 - 26.06.25 Karl Valentine cemetery grass cutting June (Local Government Act 1972 s.214) £140.00
 - 26.06.25 Karl Valentine village grounds maintenance (Highways Act 1980 s.96) £76.00
 - 09.07.25 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
 - 31.07.25 Salary £175.11 (LGA 1972 s.112)
 - 09.08.25 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
 - 31.08.25 Salary £175.11
 - e) Income received since the last meeting was noted:
 - 09.05.25 Interest £5.16
 - 09.06.25 Interest £6.30

29. Planning Matters

- a) No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.
- b) No planning decisions and/or appeal notifications had been received since the last meeting.

30. Village Matters

- a) Cllr Risi reported that a new 'no entry' bollard had been installed at the junction near the Fuel Station. County Councillor Cheyne (Executive for Highways) had been contacted regarding various highway issues but had not provided an update at this time. Councillors asked that the Clerk write again to County Councillors Brookes and Cheyne and also request an Archer Speed Survey for Dalby village and Dalby Road, Partney. The Chair to obtain some feedback regarding 'parent voice' to put to the County Councillors.
- b) There had been no feedback from Cllr Grover regarding the designation of Partney as a 'large village' in the 2018 Local Plan. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Grover expressing dissatisfaction.
- c) It was agreed to discuss the ELDC Community Grant Scheme application at the September meeting.

31. Internal Council Matters

- a) The resignation of Cllr V Risi was noted. The Clerk had contacted ELDC and the vacancy is being advertised.
- b) It was resolved to accept the following: Co-option policy, Disciplinary policy, Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Complaints Policy, Grievance policy, Health and Safety policy (minor changes).
- c) It was resolved adopt a litter-picking risk assessment with a change to the likelihood of a collision to a 3. The Clerk was asked to contact ELDC for some litter-picking gloves and hoops.
- d) It was resolved to adopt a Reserves policy.
- e) The Chair reported that an approach had been made to the Diocese regarding Glebe Field as a possible location for a Play Area. The Diocese Land Agents will be reviewing land holding in the next few months and the request will be considered at that time. The Chair reported that the publican of the Red Lion was happy for a bus shelter to be situated outside the pub on Highways land. There is the possibility of grant funding from the County Council for 80% of costs. It was resolved that the Clerk obtain 3 quotations for the next meeting and apply for Highways permission to site a structure. Cllr Lovelock reported that all the Parish footpaths had been walked and they were well marked and walkable. It was noted that Anglian Water had installed monitors in the drainage system. Lead Councillors for the Parish Plan to cover housing and broadband provision will be looked at in September.
- f) Cllr Ratcliffe reported that the Emergency Action Plan had been looked at by Lincolnshire Resilience Forum. Cllr Ratcliffe to make contact with the school to see if the school might be used as a second venue. The Plan will then be signed off by the Parish Council and County Council.
- g) It was resolved to include Councillors .gov.uk email addresses on the website.
- h) The Cemetery checklist was noted. The water leak has been fixed. The Clerk to contact Anglian Water to claim a refund. The additional topple test to be undertaken shortly for the memorials that failed the 5 yearly inspection. Affected memorials to be made safe by lying the memorials flat.
- i) It was noted that a joint training session with Spilsby Town Council and Hundleby Parish Council for Community Speedwatch is to be arranged.

32. Correspondence was received from National Grid. Councillors were advised to make their own comments regarding the consultation. ELDC have a funding information session on July 9th.

33. Cllr Ratcliffe reported that at the last Councillor Drop in Session concerns were: footway condition; speed limit on Dalby Road; Chapel Lane hedge; Highway grass-cutting; Spilsby Doctors; street lighting – predominantly from the village to the Fuel station. Street lighting and Spilsby Doctors will be on the agenda for the September meeting. The Clerk reported that a thank you had been received from the PCC for the contribution towards the replacement flags.

34. The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was noted, being 9th September at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm.