

**Minutes of the Meeting of Partney and Dalby Parish Council held
7pm 11th November 2025 in the Victory Hall, Partney**

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

Also in attendance: Jane Slaymaker – Parish Clerk

There was no Open Forum.

54. The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7pm.

55. No apologies were received.

56. No declarations of interest were received.

57. It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2025 as a true record and they were signed by the Chair.

58. The County and District councillors were not in attendance.

59. Finance

- a) The financial position was noted: current account £286.98 and interest account £10,575.84.
- b) The bank reconciliations for September and October were checked and signed by Cllr Middleton.
- c) The last quarters payments and receipts and balance against budget were noted. It was observed that the projected expenditure for the year exceeds the income.

The Chair welcomed Jude Hunton who had been co-opted at the September meeting. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and witnessed.

- d) It was resolved to approve the following payments:
 - 22.09.25 Karl Valentine cemetery grass cutting September (Local Government Act 1972 s.214) £70.00
 - 22.09.25 Value Products cemetery signage £14.20
 - 09.10.25 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
 - 10.10.25 Karl Valentine village grounds maintenance (Highways Act 1980 s.96) £124.00
 - 10.10.25 Karl Valentine cemetery grass cutting October (Local Government Act 1972 s.214) £70.00
 - 11.10.25 Amazon speed gun (S Sargeant reimbursement) (Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s.31) £139.31
 - 24.10.25 Wave cemetery water charge DD £52.24
 - 09.11.25 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
 - 30.11.25 Salary £175.11 (LGA 1972 s.112)
 - 09.12.25 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
 - 31.12.25 Salary £175.11
- e) The income received since the last meeting was noted.
 - 09.09.25 Interest £5.85
 - 09.10.25 Interest £5.21

60. Planning Matters

- a) No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.
- b) It was noted that planning had been approved for 4no. dwellings with garages, detached garden room and vehicular accesses at land off Skegness Road, Partney Ref. 02768 on 31st October and planning had been approved for 6 no. dwellings and detached garages with construction of a vehicular access and internal access roads at land off Skegness Road, Hardings Lane ref:02296 on 11th November.

61. Village Matters

- a) There were no new highway concerns raised. A meeting to take place later this month with LCC Highways and Cllr Brookes.
- b) Cllr Grover did not attend, so no discussion regarding the designation of Partney as a 'large village' in the 2018 Local Plan took place.

62. Internal Council Matters

- a) It was resolved to proceed with obtaining a bus shelter, to be situated on the Highways verge in front of the Red Lion Inn, from The Shed Man at £6,300 subject to the usual guarantees being obtained. The Clerk to apply for a £7,000 LCC grant to cover the costs.
- b) It was resolved to delegate action to the Chair and Clerk to obtain quotations regarding the installation of a concrete base for the bus shelter and proceed with the most favourable contractor.
- c) To was resolved to delegate action to the Chair and Clerk to purchase a new laptop with a budget of £450.00.

Cllr Middleton left the meeting.

- d) It was resolved to accept the reviewed Complaints Policy and Publication Scheme.
- e) It was resolved to appoint Cllr Hewlett as Lead Councillor for Housing and Broadband.
- f) It was resolved to appoint Victoria Clark as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2025/26 at £100
- g) Cllr Lovelock updated the Parish Plan regarding footpaths. Three quarters of the asset survey had been undertaken. So far all assets are in good condition. Cllr Sargeant reported that the speed gun had been purchased and the Hi-Viz jackets and signage would be purchased, and the speed watch locations will be verified. Cllr Oliver had contacted Lincoln Diocese regarding using a section of the Glebe Field as a play area and is waiting for a reply.
- h) Cllr Ratcliffe reported that he was working with the school to link the Emergency Action Plan with the school Emergency Plan.
- i) It was hoped to clarify the position regarding the footpath between the Victory Hall carpark and Maddison Lane for the next meeting. The footpath land is owned by Mr Avison.
- j) It was resolved to delegate action to the Chair and Clerk to order a new defibrillator (pads and batteries are no longer available for the current defibrillator), seeking grants to help with the cost.
- k) Cllr Sargeant submitted the Cemetery Memorial Inspection report. A tidy up session is required. The hedge cut will take place over winter. The railing require repainting next financial year.
- l) The Annual Asset Inspection was noted. There are no matters arising.
- m) It was agreed that the Staffing Committee and Clerk agree a date for the Clerk's annual appraisal.
- n) It was noted that a generous donation of £100, was received from the Coffee Morning, to purchase plants etc for the village planters. The Clerk raised concern that the payment received and spent did not form part of the Council's financial accounts. Cllr Sargeant stated that all receipts had been retained.

63. Correspondence

The Clerk was asked to respond to an email received from a resident concerning parking near a junction on the Skegness Road outside the church wall. Councillors discussed the points raised in the correspondence. A further email had been received about fireworks. A future copy of the newsletter will ask people to be considerate when setting off fireworks. The Clerk was asked to respond to a resident regarding comments made on an application for tree work, in respect of a Beech tree at the Rectory, Partney. The Councillors at the respective meeting felt that they had responded to the information given at the meeting. There was no intention to cause any distress.

64. Clerk and Councillor Reports

Cllr Hewlett reported that the Spsilby Surgery had re-opened and would continue for a 12 month period using locum doctors whilst long term options were considered. The Clerk was asked to write to the Co-op Pharmacy recognising their hard work whilst the surgery was closed. Cllr Lovelock reported that a resident had asked for the streetlight at Maddison Lane/Dalby Road be left on through the night. The Clerk reported that a policing survey was available; National Grid had provided an update; the Household Support Fund was open and Avian Influenza was at Swineshead and Alford. The Council's grass cutting contract had been advertised.

65. The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was noted: Tuesday 13th January.

The meeting closed at 9pm.