

**Minutes of the Meeting of Partney and Dalby Parish Council held
7pm 10th March 2026 in the Victory Hall, Partney**

Present: Cllr Jacqueline Oliver (Chair) Cllr Beth Dawson Cllr J Hunton
Cllr Mick Lovelock Cllr E Middleton Cllr Sue Sargeant

Also in attendance: Cllr Brookes - County Councillor, Cllr Grover - District Councillor,
Jane Slaymaker - Parish Clerk

No members of public attended the Open Forum

78. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which opened at 7pm.

79. Apologies were received from Cllr Ratcliffe. These were accepted.

80. No declarations of interest were received.

81. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2026 were accepted as a true record and the Chair signed the minutes.

82. County and District Councillor reports

County Cllr Brookes reported that there has been a change in policy regarding street lighting. Regarding highway issues, Chapel Lane is due to be resurfaced in 2027 but it is hoped this date can be brought forward. It is very helpful when FixMyStreet is used to highlight concerns. Cllr Dawson asked about the patch repairs on the A16. Cllr Oliver asked about pot holes in Hardings Lane. Cllr Sargeant reminded Cllr Brookes that the footpath to the garage is in a perfect condition to resurface before it deteriorates. Cllr Brookes to chase. Cllr Brookes reported that there will be a new County Council Community Grant aimed at larger projects.

District Cllr Grover apologised for missing the last meeting. The consultation for changing the district and county council structures can be read at www.greaterlincolshireforall.org. Cllr Grover noted that substantial savings had been made at a District level due to sharing of services. He noted that the Internal Drainage Board does great work but skews the Council Tax figures for East Lindsey. There is a further £10million available for the East Lindsey Investment Fund. Regarding the large village update, Cllr Grover will continue to push. The item needs to be addressed through Planning Policy. A question was asked about pylons. Both the Councils have been opposed to the scheme, but the decision is made at a higher level.

Cllr Grover left the meeting at 7.24pm.

83. Finance

- a) It was noted that the current account was £2,532.56 and the reserves/interest account £7,110.62.
- b) The bank reconciliations for January and February were examined by Cllr Middleton and signed.
- c) Bank transfers from the interest account to the current account were noted £1,045.00 on 02.02.26, £877.00 on 10.02.26 and £3,780.00 on 22.02.26. Also, from the current to the interest account on 03.03.26, £7,000.
- d) It was resolved to approve the following payments:
 - 22.01.26 ICO data protection fee DD £52.00
 - 29.01.26 Viking office supplies (Local Government Act 1972 s.111) £29.28
 - 02.02.26 Safelincs defibrillator (Public Health Act 1936, s.234) £1,045.00
 - 10.02.2026 Flagstone Construction bus shelter base (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4) £877.00

23.02.26 The Shed Man 50% remainder bus shelter (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4) £3,780.00
23.02.26 Doxdirect newsletter (LGA 1972 s.142) £76.10
09.03.26 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
31.03.26 Salary £175.11 (LGA 1972 s.112)
09.04.26 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
30.04.26 Salary £214.30

e) Income received since the last meeting was noted

09.01.26 Interest £2.96
03.02.26 ELDC Community Grant £800.00
09.02.26 Interest £2.51
03.03.26 LCC Bus Shelter Grant £7,000
04.03.26 HMRC Vat refund £840.46
06.03.26 ELDC Pride in Place Funding (defibrillator) £870.83

84. 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.

85. Village Matters

- a) Highway concerns had been covered by Cllr Brookes earlier. It was agreed that levels of littering in the District on the highways were dreadful. Cllr Brookes reported that littering had been discussed recently by ELDC. Cllr Brookes suggested that a unitary authority might be better placed to tackle the issue as litter picking and verge cutting could be coordinated. It was noted that in many areas voluntary groups undertake regular litter picking. In Partney and the surrounding area, Mr and Mrs Risi have done an amazing job collecting litter.
- b) The designation of Partney as a 'large village' in the 2018 Local Plan was discussed by Cllr Grover earlier in the meeting.
- c) Possible locations for a local flood alarm system through Project Groundwater Greater Lincolnshire were agreed and the Clerk will send in details.
- d) The installation of a new bus shelter outside the Red Lion Inn was noted. A grant from LCC paid for the shelter. Concern had been raised regarding the raised platform. This will be kept under review.
- e) The purchase of a replacement defibrillator at the Victory Hall was noted. A grant from ELDC Pride in Place funding paid for the defibrillator. The cabinet mounted on the Victory Hall wall has a PATS tested electricity supply to help maintain the defibrillator battery.
- f) Information from the s.106 team at the District Planning Department confirm that the footpath between the Victory Hall carpark and Maddison Lane was not part of the s.106 agreement with the developer of the Fairfield. Responsibility and maintenance therefore rests with the land owner.
- g) It was noted that the Council had been awarded £200 from the ELDC Community Grant scheme for bedding plants, planters and bulbs etc. It was resolved that purchases are made as required.
- h) It was noted that the Council had been awarded £300 from the ELDC Community Grant scheme for Speed Watch equipment. It was resolved that purchases are made as required. It was also noted that before purchasing further equipment the locations for the monitoring need to be confirmed with the Road Safety Partnership.
- i) It was agreed to hold a village tidy up session on Saturday 2nd May. Breakfast rolls would be available for volunteers before work started.

86. Internal Council Matters

- a) Resignations from Councillors Hewlett and Risi had been received. It was agreed to advertise for new councillors and invite interested people to observe the May meeting, with applications reviewed at the July meeting.
- b) It was agreed that the Parish Plan updates from Councillors would be used to produce a matrix which will be shared.
- c) Cllr Ratcliffe reported that information from the school was required to progress the Emergency Action Plan.
- d) Cllr Sargeant reported on the Cemetery inspection checklist. The first grass cut of the season had taken place and looked tidy. It was noted that the railings and gate require repainting in 2027. The water to the standpipe has been turned off over winter and would be turned back on.
- e) It was resolved to accept the reviewed social media policy and grants policy and adopt an amended IT policy.

87. Correspondence

A Flooding Roadshow is available at Boston Football Club on 28th April for drop-in to receive guidance and resources. The LCC asked if the Parish Council would wish to enter a Grasscutting Agreement. The Clerk to find out more information for discussion at the next meeting. A resident asked about the Speed Watch scheme and whether bulbs purchased with money donated from the Coffee Morning had been planted. The Clerk to update on Speed Watch and confirm that the bulbs had been planted.

88. Clerk and Councillor Reports

The Clerk confirmed they had undertaken a data audit. The website accessibility audit was an ongoing process. Cllr Lovelock agreed to check that the website was easy to navigate and was up to date. Cllr Oliver reported from the last Coffee Morning Drop in Session. Concerns were: parking on Maddison Lane (Dalby end); bins obstructing pavements; poor condition of pavements, high quantity of litter on A158 and A16; more seating requested – especially at the end of Maddison Lane where parents/carers gather at school drop off and pick up; concern about the step into the bus shelter; nuisance bonfires; grass cutting contractor praised for doing an excellent job.

89. The Clerk's appraisal to be discussed at the next meeting.

90. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 12th May at 7pm. It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting would take place before the Council meeting at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm