

**Minutes of the Meeting of Partney and Dalby Parish Council held
7pm on 14th July 2026 in the Victory Hall, Partney**

Present: Cllr Jacqueline Oliver (Chair) Cllr Beth Dawson Cllr Jude Hunton
 Cllr Richard Jones Cllr Mick Lovelock Cllr E Middleton Cllr Andy Ratcliffe
Cllr Sue Sargeant

Also in attendance: Cllr Grover - District Councillor, Jane Slaymaker - Parish Clerk
No members of public were in attendance.

22. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23. All councillors were present.

24. No declarations of interest were received.

25. It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2026 and the Chair signed the minutes as a true record.

26. It was resolved to approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 2nd June 2026 and the Chair signed the minutes as a true record.

27. The County Councillor was not present. District Cllr Will Grover reported that another round of the East Lindsey Investment Funding will be available in September/October. The food waste caddies will be delivered from 27th July onwards and the scheme goes live in October. There will be a weekly collection. Cllr Grover will attend a meeting with the Planning Portfolio Holder to discuss Partney's allocation as a 'large village'. The 'scores' will need to be redone for the new Local Plan, however, this has been put back due to the Local Government Reorganisation and also the government has imposed a 150% uplift to the housing target. Cllr Grover reported no response regarding the developer Max Hugo and the planning application for land off Skegness road. Cllr Grover is to have a further meeting with the relevant Planning Officer.

28. The councillor vacancy application form from Richard Jones was considered and it was resolved to co-opt Richard Jones as councillor. Richard was welcomed and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

29. Finance

- a) The financial position was noted: current account £919.68, reserves/interest account £12,121.37.
- b) Bank reconciliations for May and June were checked and signed by cllr Middleton.
- c) The following payments were approved:
 - 28.05.26 Fixings Direct Ltd yellow line marking paint £28.64
 - 02.06.26 A Cannell village grounds maintenance (Highways Act 1980 s.96) £120.00
 - 02.06.26 A Cannell cemetery grass cutting May (Local Government Act 1972 s.214) £150.00
 - 08.06.26 CloudNext .gov.uk domain name £60.00
 - 08.07.26 A Cannell village grounds maintenance £120.00
 - 08.07.26 A Cannell cemetery grass cutting June x 3 cuts £225.00
 - 09.07.26 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
 - 24.07.26 Wave water charges cemetery DD £20.12
 - 09.08.26 Lloyds bank fee £4.25
 - 31.07.26 Salary £214.30 (LGA 1972 s.112)
 - 31.08.26 Salary £214.30
 - 08.26 SLCC subscription 50% £42.00

- d) Income received since the last meeting was noted:
09.05.26 Interest £3.12
09.06.26 Interest £4.61

30. Planning Matters

- a) Cllr Lovelock reported that an amended plan had been submitted with regard to T00658/26/RVC Section 73 application, Land Off Skegness Road Hardings Lane Partney. Cllr Oliver declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 7.23pm. Cllr Lovelock took the chair. The amended plan refers to a post and rail fence to be erected inside the plot boundary (i.e. not encompassing the boundary hedge) and the dwelling has been moved further away from the plot boundary to the west. Cllrs were pleased that some of their comments had been taken into account, however, they were disappointed that a wildlife corridor was not mentioned. The Clerk to submit comments to ELDC.
- b) There were no planning decisions or appeal notifications since the last meeting.

31. Village Matters

- a) Cllr Ratcliffe updated on highway matters. The footpath to the Fuel Pumps shop has yet to be resurfaced, despite councillors being advised it would be. Vegetation is also encroaching onto the footpath. Chapel Lane vegetation is causing concerns. The church is due to cut their hedge shortly. The condition of the Scremby Road footpath is poor. Councillors expressed disappointment that Maddison lane was relined and then surface dressed. It is now awaiting relining. The Clerk to contact Highways, and copy in Cllr Brookes, expressing concern about all the above points. Residents are encouraged to report issues on FixMyStreet. The Chair to write a flier tutorial on FixMyStreet to help.
- b) It was resolved to submit an application for the District Councillor Community Grant scheme for £500 towards the purchase of a Speed Indications Device (SID).
- c) Cllr Lovelock made an amendment to the proposal to discuss a SpaceHive funding application and proposed using the remaining Covid grant of £2,476.73 towards the purchase of a Speed Indication Device (SID). It was resolved to accept the amendment. A meeting is arranged with a representative of the County Council to discuss types of SID's and locations.
- d) Councillor agreed to attend the following Councillor Drop in Sessions at the Coffee Morning: 4th September, cllr Jones, 6th November, cllr Sargeant, 8th January, cllr Oliver, 5th March, cllr Ratcliffe.
- e) Cllr Sargeant reported that due to the long term illness of the Administrator at the Road Safety Partnership, it was impossible to get the locations verified for the Speed Watch initiative. Cllrs Lovelock and Ratcliffe offered to help put up the 30 and 40mph signage.
- f) It was resolved not to take over responsibility for the grass cutting contract from Lincolnshire County Council as councillors did not want it to become a future precept liability for the village.
- g) It was decided not to purchase of a solitary bee nest/hotel for the Victory Hall bus shelter, where solitary bees try and nest as there was concern about bee stings.
- h) Cllr Ratcliffe updated on the Emergency Plan. The Primary School Governors and Head are in agreement. The Caretaker's contact details will be included. The information then needs to be put in a standardised form and presented at the September meeting.

32. Internal Council Matters

- a) It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Lovelock, Middleton and Sargeant to the Staffing Committee .
- b) It was resolved that Cllr Lovelock would be allocated Planning Lead.
- c) It was resolved to appoint Victoria Clark as Internal Auditor for the period 2026 – 2029 and the Chair and the Clerk were authorised to sign the engagement letter.

- d) The following policies were reviewed and adopted: risk assessment for litter-pick; Cemetery Regulations; Communications policy; Complaints policy; Safeguarding policy; Training and Development.
- e) It was resolved to adopt a new Cemetery schedule of costs. This was prepared by cllr Sargeant and the Clerk using comparable figures from nearby local authority managed cemeteries.
- f) Cllr Sargeant presented the Cemetery checklist. An old stump is to be removed. Grass seeding might need to be repeated due to the dry weather. Cllr Sargeant offered to clean the bench. The gate and railings need repainting next year.

33. Correspondence

A resident requested support for planning matters, it was considered that the Planning Lead, cllr Lovelock would be able to assist. The offer of free orchard trees was declined due to there being no suitable land owned by the Parish Council. The Lloyds Bicycle Tour of Britain will be passing on the A16 on 3rd September. Residents are encouraged to wave flags etc. The Community Emergency Response Team meeting will be attended by cllrs Oliver and Sargeant. The Grimsby to Walpole newsletter and Minerals & Waste Plan consultation had been previously circulated.

34. Clerk and Councillor Reports

Concerns from the Drop In Session included street lighting at junctions from midnight for safety reasons. Cllr Jones and the Chair will look at refreshing the Parish Plan, to be presented at a future meeting. The Clerk reported that the yellow paint for the new bus shelter had been delivered and Andy Carnell would be asked to see if he might paint the lines.

35. The next meeting of the Parish Council meeting was noted: Tuesday 8th September.