

Kettlethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th May 2026
in Kettlethorpe Village Hall

COUNCILLOR C. TURNER WAS RE-ELECTED AS CHAIR FOR THE COMING YEAR

COUNCILLOR T. O'CALLAGHAN WAS RE-ELECTED VICE CHAIR FOR THE COMING YEAR

PRESENT:

Cllr C Turner (Chair)
Cllr R Barnard
Cllr R Elliott,
Cllr C McGowan
Cllr T O'Callaghan
Mr G Cleworth, Clerk

APOLOGIES:

none

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2026 were agreed.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Speeding

Elan City had agreed to accept a cheque in payment of their invoice for the equipment.

D/Cllr Pilgrim had provided some contact details for funding providers. He had contracted these and awaited responses.

It was decided to follow up contacts with a number of possible providers of grant funding. One Earth, Lincs Co-op and Brown & Mason Group (demolishers of Cottam power station, which is causing noise pollution).

Village Hall

The Village Hall had joined the Lincolnshire Village Hall Association, so far without success. Cllr Elliott accompanied by Mrs S Wilcox and Mr Straw from the Village Hall had met their Community Development officer on 29th April representative. , He had suggested another promotion event for the Village Hall and a village-wide survey. He will provide a proforma survey To date this had not been received and Mrs Wilcox will chase this if necessary.

The discussion discussed various possible next steps. It was felt that all regular users of the hall should have one representative of each on the Village Hall committee. A questionnaire of what parishioners expect from the Village Hall could be held.

The Village Hall should have a Safeguarding Policy – the Clerk will check if our is up to date.

Jubilee Park

(a) RoSPA safety report outstanding: there had been no progress. Cllr Barnard will chase the contractor up

(b) Sutcliffe Play to not provide bird-detererring spikes. Alternatives are using cable ties or a gel on the top of the swings as a deterrent. Cllr Barnard will check into this.

(c) Following the resignation of Cllr Smith, Cllr Barnard will reassume playground inspections. The Clerk had obtained a cancellation booking from LALC for former Cllr Smith. Whilst it would be helpful to have a trained councillor to undertake the inspections, this was deferred for the interim. The Clerk will cancel the booking we have with LALC.

(d) Cllr O'Callaghan suggested the installation of some play equipment for younger children.

Village survey / walk around / spring clean

This was cancelled and will be replaced with casual observance when delivering flyers.

AGAR assertion 10

Both the Data Protection policy and the IT policy had minor suggested amendments. The Clerk will implement these and present final copies to the next meeting.

It was decided to undertake a review of all our policies one by one and then have all policies entered on our website in one place.

Defibrillator replacement

The Clerk had contacted WLDC regarding their financial assistance scheme whereby WLDC donates £600 to the project and levies a maintenance charge of £110 per annum., but had received no reply. He will chase and enquire about any lead time between request and delivery/installation.

Cllr Barnard will investigate costs for a bleed kit for storage in the old phone box.

Posting on Facebook

Nothing to post this month

Fix My Street

(a) Title to be changed to "Items to be reported"

(b) The Clerk had chased our County Councillor P Wimhurst as requested. He had received an acknowledgment, but no work to the site had been undertaken. He will chase again.

(c) It was reported that some of the bollards on propeller is land had suffered damage, and there was speculation that the mowers had caused this at their latest cut. The Clerk will enquire.

(d) There remain some areas of grass still not being cut. The Clerk will contact Krinkles.

(e) It was reported that a tree on propeller agent was dead. This was already on Fix My Street and was in hand.

rewilding

Cllr Barnard advised that the cost of new flags to site the bench when it is moved would cost £38. This was agreed. This item will now be removed from future agendas..

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence for April/May to date had been circulated to all councillors
Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter

PLANNING

ref: WL/2024/00996: this was discussed and it was decided that no comment was necessary

FINANCE

The payment of the following invoices for April were agreed by the Council:

already paid: F5 Computing £43.73 monthly charge & £120 domain renewal; Village Hall rental for 2024/25 £330.00

Clerk – PAYE AND SALARY for April

Accounts to the end of April

income £13649.98 expenditure £13801.13; balance £23585.60

These were agreed and accepted by the meeting

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(1) The Clerk had emailed Mrs S Mosedale regarding the replacement of a bench in the Churchyard which was rotten and dangerous. This had been gifted to the Church in 2002 to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. He had received a further email asking if the Council would consider a financial donation towards a replacement. It was felt that given the large outlay on SIDs, we could not help at this time. He will advise her.

(2) The resignation from the Council of Mr Chris Smith was discussed. The meeting accepted his offer to continue to curate the propeller memorial. He will be asked if he could take photos when he undertakes work on the memorial and forward these to the Clerk so that we have an official record and publicise the work on Facebook.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Smith to thank him for his contribution to the Council.

(3) Cllrs O'Callaghan and Elliott had received text messages on their Council domain, seemingly from a chat website. They and anyone else receiving similar were asked to delete them without opening. Cllr Elliott had also had a strange visitor at his door after nightfall. He did not gain admission and had reported the instance to the Police.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place in Kettlethorpe Village Hall on 9th June 2026 at 7pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.