

Sedgebrook Parish Council



Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9 July 2026 at 7.00 PM

Location: Sedgebrook Social Club, 4 Abbey Lane, Sedgebrook, NG32 2EY

MINUTES

Welcome and open the meeting.

- The meeting was opened at 7.00pm.

- The Chair hoped everyone was enjoying the warm weather but not wilting under the heat.

Welcomed everyone. Mentioned items that keep cropping up at each meeting and thought there is a need to push forward with these projects as they keep getting pushed back. Councillor Chris Warby and the Chair attended the Belvoir Ward Meeting at Harlaxton Social Club on Monday evening and had very informative presentations from SKDC Head of Service, Public Protection, Councillor Paul Stokes, Deputy Leader of SKDC, Andrew Goody, Grantham Canal Society (who would be great for next year's Parish Meeting), a cut short presentation on Community Speed Watch, and a long discussion on planning. District Councillor Rob Leadenham was thanked for arranging this and the recent details he sent out regarding the details of Housing Delivery, Infrastructure and Public Confidence.

- Present: Cllrs Jane Denton, Gill Mahoney (Chair), Alec McNulty, Christine Warby (V Chair), Rachael Yates; Dermot Daly (Clerk); County Councillor Richard Litchfield; District Councillor Rob Leadenham; No members of the public.

26/27/035 Receive and approve any apologies for absence.

- None.

26/27/036 Approve the co-option of up to two Parish Councillors to the Casual Vacancies either from prior applications to the Clerk or from the floor of the meeting.

- There were no interested parties in attendance.

26/27/037 Receive disclosures of interests from Councillors on matters at this meeting and agree any dispensations.

- There were no interests declared.

26/27/038 Suspend Standing Orders (for this item only) and allow for Parishioner Comments and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors.

- County Council report:

There is a trial Community Grant Fund of up to £3,000 per Councillor to benefit Town and Parish Councils - there are defined eligibility criteria with a deadline of February. There is also a £210,000 divisional fund. School Lane closure from 3rd August is still going ahead.

Will be talking to Head of Highways regarding a walkaround of the village.

- District Council report:

Infrastructure report – any comments to support or reiterate the Parish Councils position against S25/2471. Issues regarding lack of public transport has lead to a survey regarding a community transport initiative to set up a service in the remote communities.

- Public comments: No public in attendance.

PLANNING

26/27/039 Review and agree responses to any last-minute planning applications and report any decisions.

(i) S26/0510 - 1 School Lane, Sedgebrook, NG32 2ES - Two storey rear extension and single storey front porch. [Approved] - Noted.

(ii) S26/0556 - The Stables, 1 Chestnut Farm Barns, Village Street, Sedgebrook, NG32 2EW - Infilling of walled patio to form living room extension and creation of new arched opening between room. [Approved] - Noted.

(iii) S26/0557 - The Stables, 1 Chestnut Farm Barns, Village Street, Sedgebrook. - Infilling of walled patio to form living room extension and creation of new arched opening between room. (Listed Building Consent) [Approved] - Noted.

MEETINGS

26/27/040 Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2026.

- It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as circulated.

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Date: 26/07/26 Signat

POLICY & PROCESS

- 26/27/041** Adopt the new Bereavement Policy due to new employment regulations.
- It was RESOLVED to agree and adopt the document as circulated.
- 26/27/042** Adopt the new Paternity Pay and Leave Policy due to new employment regulations.
- It was RESOLVED to agree and adopt the document as circulated.
- 26/27/043** Adopt the new Sickness Absence Policy due to new employment regulations.
- It was RESOLVED to agree and adopt the document as circulated.
- 26/27/044** Adopt the new Whistleblowing Policy due to new employment regulations.
- It was RESOLVED to agree and adopt the document as circulated.
- 26/27/045** Agree scope and responsibilities of the Flood Action Group.
- The Clerk is to chase the positioning of six telemetry (email 16/3/26) – we have provided the intended W3W locations for the equipment and heard nothing; also need to chase the onboarding session (by Kimberley Pickett).
- One tonne bags of sand – 4 bags are perishing – need replacing – first stop will be LCC Highways, if unsuccessful then try SKDC.
- More smaller sandbags will be required – to work out what is required.
- 26/27/046** Agree the election of Vice Chair for the current Council year.
- There was no appetite to stand for Vice Chair.
- It was mentioned that Cllr Jane Denton may be resigning at the end of the calendar year.

GENERAL

- 26/27/047** Agree the scope of the Flood and Resilience Working Group.
- This is a duplicate item - no action.
- 26/27/048** Discuss and agree a grant for fruit trees.
- Defer this item to the autumn.
- 26/27/049** Discuss and agree actions relating to a Wildflower and Sensory meadow.
- Need to know whether the gardening club would provide manpower to create this meadow. Then apply for some funding if a funding stream is identified.
- 26/27/050** Decide on annual play equipment safety check contractor.
- After looking at alternative quote for this service, it was agreed to retain the current supplier and re-book for 2027.
- 26/27/051** Decide on any response to the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan consultation.
- It was decided not to comment.
- 26/27/052** Decide on investment in flood protection measures such as Aqua-Sac.
- It was decided not to invest in the Aqua-Sac and to rely on the existing Aqua-Sac and move on to sand-bags.
- 26/27/053** Make decision regarding a bus shelter, positioning of bus-stop signage, and associated hard-standings.
- It was agreed to go with a kerb and hard-standing on the side opposite the Green and to turn-around the bus-stop sign.
- 26/27/054** Agree replacement of planters on the Green.
- Identify manpower from the gardening club. Need to get three smaller replacement planters up to the value of £200 – identify if affordable composite, stone-effect.
- 26/27/055** Clarify the use of FixMyStreet service.
- The FixMyStreet service is seen as useful but the public need to be encouraged to use it themselves.
- 26/27/056** Discuss results of Archer Survey and make any associated actions.
- The results were shared with the Community Speed Watch coordinator and a response was read out.
- The Clerk was asked to contact LRSP to request these results in a similar form to the previous set of results so that a better comparison can be drawn.
- 26/27/057** Decide on further content for the website, including resume of Parish Councillors.
- To be provided by remaining Councillors.

FINANCE

- 26/27/058** Present, review, and agree the Period Accounts.
- It was RESOLVED to approve the accounts as circulated and presented by the Clerk.
- 26/27/059** Review and approve the Accounts for Payment.
- It was RESOLVED to approve the payments as circulated.
- 26/27/060** Discuss and agree application for CPRE funding towards the renovation of the 6 Phone Kiosk.
- It was felt that we do not have the relevant project to apply for this funding.

REPORTS (for information only)

- 26/27/061** Report progress of the Community Resilience Programme and Flooding.
- Other than the chasing that is needed by the Clerk there is no further update.

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Name: Gill Mahoney Date: 10/9/26 Signature: 

26/27/062 Highways and Footpaths update.

- Cllr Alec McNulty is to report some overhanging vegetation (Virginia Creeper) on a footpath.
- Signage on A52 junction to be chased by County Highways.
- Jetting of gulleys is due around 1st September.

26/27/063 Recreation Field update.

- All looks good.

26/27/064 Phone Box painting update.

- Need specification for refurbishment of phone box (closing mechanism, wire-down and paint, fit of leather strap door retainers), and noticeboard refurbishment.

26/27/065 Environmental update - including fallen leaves disposal.

- Need to remind gulley jetting from the District Council.

26/27/066 Clerk's Report

- The defibrillator was last checked on 18th April.

NEXT MEETING

26/27/067 Consider agenda items for the next meeting on 10th September 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

- Gulley jetting.
- Leaf collection.
- Discuss issues relating to Anglian Water and the valve-flap replacement.
- Discuss and agree a grant for fruit trees.

CONFIDENTIAL

26/27/068 Enter closed session due to confidentiality.

- No public in attendance.

26/27/069 Discuss issues of children playing on the roadway of Whattons Close.

- It was recognised that the Parish Council has no powers to act on these matters.
- It is an open space with no restrictions.
- There has been positive feedback on seeing the children play.
- SKDC are moving to remove any ball game restrictions as it is unenforceable.

26/27/070 Agree end of probationary period for the Clerk.

- It was RESOLVED to end the probationary period and confirm the position.

Close meeting.

- The meeting was closed at 10:13pm.

Authorising Signature
Name: Gill Halsey Date: 10/9/26 Signature: 