

Minutes for a meeting of the Burgh le Marsh Town Council
Tuesday 27th May 2025
Burgh le Marsh Town Council, Tinkers Green, Jacksons Lane Burgh le Marsh

Present: Chairman: Cllr David Hartley
Deputy Chairman: Cllr Mike Greenhalgh
Cllr Lisa Broomfield, Cllr Pat Phillips, Cllr Chris Sanderson, Cllr Mandy Willis,
Cllr Pauline Cooper. (7)
Clerk: Kelly Stevenson

Public Five members of the public
Cllr Jimmy Brookes of ELDC and LCC.

Public Sessions

Council welcomed Cllr Jimmy Brookes and gave congratulations on becoming Mayor of Skegness.

Public Comments & Council Responses

- **Windmill Drive – Waste at Tree Bases:**
Residents noted waste accumulating around the bases of trees on the grassed area at Windmill Drive. Although the grass is being maintained, the waste remains and may be overlooked.
Action: The Council will ask the Handyman or Contract Gardener to clear the area.
- **Windmill Drive – Memorial Stone Condition:**
A request was made to clean and restore the memorial stone at Windmill Drive.
Update: A quote has been obtained for the restoration. However, the Clerk advised that the exact wording on the stone is currently unreadable.
Action: This matter will be added to a future agenda for further discussion.
- **Footpath Damage – Broadband Works:**
Cllr Pat Phillips raised concerns about the poor condition of footpaths following recent broadband infrastructure work. The paths had previously been resurfaced by LCC last year and are now left uneven and hazardous.
Response: Cllr Brookes agreed to report the issue and liaise with LCC Highways to seek rectification.
- **Cllr Brookes' Comments:**
 - Congratulated the Council and all involved in organising the VE Day event, noting it was well-attended and strongly supported by residents.
 - Food Waste Collection: LCC will begin food waste collections in 2026. Small bins will be distributed to all households. A total of 27 new collection vehicles have been purchased.
 - Underground Power Cabling Consultation: Cllr Brookes attended a recent consultation in Burgh. Residents should also be alert for an upcoming consultation on pylon installations, expected in June or July. These consultations are not well publicised.
Council Action: The Council requested that the local MP be invited to attend the upcoming consultation. Cllr Brookes agreed to extend the invitation.

Council meeting:

113.1 Receive apologies.

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Victoria Driver, Cllr Graeme Driver, Cllr Sue Nutman, Cllr Jim Moss, Cllr Neil Cooper.

114.2 Receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011, being any pecuniary interest on agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests and any written requests for dispensation.

Under the Localism Act 2011, Cllr David Hartley and Cllr Mandy Willis declared an interest as members of the Windmill Heritage Group, which is listed in the payment schedule to receive a grant award from the Council for the VE Day 80 commemorative books distributed to residents.

115.3 Approve and adopt as minutes the notes from the meeting held on 13th May 2025.

It was resolved to adopted as minutes the notes from the meeting held on 13th May 2025.

116.4 Chairmans remarks and welcome.

The Chairman expressed gratitude for being elected, calling it a great honour. The Council's focus for the year will include the **purchase of the Methodist Church building** and developing enhanced community facilities.

The Chairman also attended the **pipeline consultation**, providing an explanation of the process and the reasoning behind both underground and overhead pylons. All councillors were urged to attend upcoming consultations to voice the Council's objections.

117.5 Consider finance matters:

1. Approve payments and receipts for May 2025 (see appendix 1)

Council resolved payments totalling £7667.76, including VAT as scheduled:

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier	Bank
27/05/2025	1,145.83	229.17	1,375.00	War memorial cleaning May2025	Alpha Memorials Ltd	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
27/05/2025	100.00	-	100.00	WI - Ingredients re-reimbursement for VE Day 80	Women's Institute	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
27/05/2025	486.00	97.20	583.20	Road Closure 08/05/2025	Chevron Traffic Management	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
27/05/2025	264.61	-	264.61	Baptist Church - VE Day 80 - refreshment costs.	Baptist Church	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
27/05/2025	159.00	31.80	190.80	Cleaning supplies (WC)	Peter Hogarth & Son Ltd	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
27/05/2025	995.26	199.05	1,194.31	Grass cuts (2)	Glendale	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
27/05/2025	2,322.61	-	2,322.61	Staff Costs	Nest	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
27/05/2025	250.00	-	250.00	Windmill Heritage Group - Donation (VE Day books)	Windmill - Heritage Group	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
27/05/2025	780.00	-	780.00	Cleaning - WC Market Place	The Captains Cleaners	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
22/05/2025	90.00	-	90.00	Footpaths - contract Gardener	Edward Crick	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
22/05/2025	44.55	2.23	46.78	Electricity - Public Toilets	Total Energies	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
22/05/2025	15.00	-	15.00	TV Licence	TV Licensing	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
19/05/2025	4.25	-	4.25	Bank Account Charge (Lloyd's Current)	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
19/05/2025	61.00	-	61.00	Business rates (Market Place Car Park)	ELDC	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
19/05/2025	40.95	8.19	49.14	BT - phone / broadband	BT	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
16/05/2025	135.00	-	135.00	village footpaths	Edward Crick	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
09/05/2025	7.49	1.50	8.99	Amazon prime delivery	Amazon	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
09/05/2025	100.00	-	100.00	Singer - VE Day 08/05/2025	Cash account	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
08/05/2025	36.70	-	36.70	Water charges - library	SES Business Water	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
02/05/2025	29.15	5.83	34.98	Gas burner, Hanging basket Hooks	Amazon	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
02/05/2025	21.15	4.24	25.39	A4 Copier Paper / clipboards	Amazon	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
	7,088.55	579.21	7,667.76			

Council Resolved receipts totalling £42,569.69, included the first instalment of precept payment.

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Customer	Bank
09/05/2025	22.19	-	22.19	Interest	Lloyds Bank	Lloyd's Instant Access Account (30-97-67 31021768)
28/04/2025	42,547.50	-	42,547.50	ELDC precept payment	ELDC	Lloyds Bank Current Account (a/c 00318763)
	42,569.69	-	42,569.69			

2. Approve summary of costs / donations relating the VE Day event held on 8th May 2025. (see appendix 2)

It was *RESOLVED* to approve total expenditure of **£967.27** for the VE Day event. Following discussion, it was *RESOLVED* to donate **£100.00** to the WI for cake ingredients. A WI member present at the meeting will confirm payee details to the Clerk.

It was noted that invoices are still expected for the community cake and flyer printing. A full financial review will follow once all invoices have been received.

3. Approve Council's financial statements for May 2025 (see appendix 3)

It was *RESOLVED* to approve the financial statements showing total funds of **£115,949.34**, which include:

- General Reserves: £43,670.59
- Earmarked Funds: £31,144.78

It was noted that earmarked fund balances will reduce as payments are made.

118.6 Consider and approve council's insurance renewal for 2025 (see appendix 4)

Following review, it was *RESOLVED* to proceed with the Council's insurance renewal effective **14th June 2025**.

Action: The Clerk to instruct renewal.

119.7 Receive update on the purchase of Methodist Church (verbal update)

A formal agreement for the **£90,000 offer** is still pending from the Methodist Church. The property manager advised that the Circuit Leaders' meeting in June is expected to confirm the approval.

A **preliminary application** has been submitted to the National Lottery Grant Fund. If successful, the Council will be invited to submit a full application and business plan.

To be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

120.8 Review of arrangements and councillor actions for Picnic in the Park on 2nd August 2025 (see appendix 5)

Council *RESOLVED* to proceed with plans for the event. Arrangements include:

- Children's entertainer
- Live band and singer
- BBQ hosted by the Baptist Church
- Football shoot-out hosted by the football club
- Fancy dress competition (*Cllr Lisa Broomfield* to organise prizes)

An ice cream van booking remains outstanding.

It was *RESOLVED* that all councillors will participate as safety marshals for one-hour shifts.

Further updates and actions will be reviewed at the June Council meeting.

121.9 Consider any commemorative acts for VJ Day 80 on 15th August 2025 (verbal update / appendix 6)

It was *RESOLVED* to contact the Parish Church to explore the possibility of a commemorative service.

Action: Cllr David Hartley to make enquiries and report back.

To be reviewed at the meeting on **24th June 2025**.

122.10 Consider and review requirements for Tinkers Green (see appendix 7)

1. Entrance Resurfacing

A hole has reappeared at the entrance. It was repaired approximately a year ago.

It was *RESOLVED* Cllr Mike Greenhalgh get a quote to do a more permanent repair.

Action: Cllr Mike Greenhalgh to get a quote for a repair and report back to Council.

2. Additional Benches/Bin

Requests were received for new benches near the football pitch and lower Tinkers Green.

It was *RESOLVED* to explore the addition of **two benches** at approximately **£300 each**. Hedge cutting may be necessary to allow space for installation.

Action: Clerk to investigate hedge cutting and report back by email or via future agenda.

123.11 Correspondence (see appendix 8)

1. Resident (anonymous) letter regarding sale of the picnic site and to consider wildlife. Noted by Council. As the letter is anonymous no reply can be issued.
2. Residents letter and complaint regarding fibre broadband. Noted by council. Council would advise the resident to issue a formal complaint with the broadband company. Present at the meeting, Cllr Brooks of ELDC advised he had contacted the installation company, and the street install in question had unfortunately been omitted. It is planned for future installation. Council made no additional comment.
3. Emails from Wilsons Estate agents of 22nd May 2025. Member of the Cricket Field would like to now arrange a meeting the Council. Email correspondence for suggested dates has been completed. It was resolved Cllr David Hartley, Cllr Jim Moss and Cllr Mike Greenhalgh will attend for the council and report back. Council will be updated once a meeting date is confirmed.

4. Email from LCC of 14th May 2025 with a resident's complaint of the road closure on 8th May 2025. The complaint has been investigated and explanation emailed back to LCC. A full apology to the resident.
Noted by Council.

124.12 Exclude public the press and public pursuant to the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Action 1960 due the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

It was Resolved to exclude members of the public from the meeting due to the nature of the business to be discussed.

Five members of the public and Cllr Jimmy Brookes left the meeting.

125.13 Consider and Receive tenders relating to the sale of picnic site (see appendix 9, provided at the meeting)

Outcome of confidential discussion:

Council again noted the anonymous correspondence and consideration for the wildlife.

Council received seven (7) tenders for the purchase of the site. One (1) tender has since been withdrawn.

Following discussion, it was unanimously Resolved to accept the highest tender of £42,500 and sell the picnic at Gravel Pitt Lane.

It was Resolved to instruct Hodgkinson's Solicitors to act for the Council on the sale transaction.

Action: The clerk to instruct Hodgkinson's Solicitors to act for the council in relation to the sale.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed

Dated: 24/05/2025