

GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7:30pm

in Greatford Village Hall

Present

Cllr Tony Barker, Cllr Gemma Taylor, Cllr Jason Halsey, Helen Britton (Clerk), David Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Kate Armstrong, Steve Armstrong, Elizabeth Ashby, Nigel Ashby, Rachel Barron-Clark, Richard Barron-Clark, Ibis Channell, Maggie Doust, Alex Doust, Bob French, Jeremy Hockham, Kerry Hockham, Alison Horton, Lois Webb.
Cllr Tony Barker opened the meeting and acted as Chair.

2025/26 -18 Apologies for absence

Cllr Rosemary Trollope Bellew, Cllr Phil Britton, Cllr Ashley Baxter, Cllr Vanessa Smith, Cazz Anders, Mark Imray, Mareia Imray.

2025/26 -19 Approval of Minutes from 24.6.25

Proposed by Cllr Jason Halsey and seconded by Cllr Gemma Taylor.

2025/26 -20 Matters arising

The telephone kiosk has been adopted by the Parish Council and engineers are due to remove the telephony. Please approach the PC if you are willing to paint it (the PC can provide the necessary materials).

2025/26 -21 Co-option of Parish Councillor

No nominations received. The PC is quorate at 3 Councillors. The Vacancy remains open and applications to be part of the Parish Council team would be welcomed to support the voluntary work of the four Parish Councillors.

2025/26 -22 Reports from District Councillors

Report from Cllr Vanessa Smith:

Local Government Reorganisation: No further updates

Recent Local Plan Consultation: Now closed. There will be another consultation on the final draft (Regulation 19 stage) in Spring 2026 before finally being submitted to the National Planning Inspectorate at the end of the year. Current consultations <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/consultations> (Council Tax Support scheme - runs until 30th September.

Food waste collection: From 2026 as part of a national directive. Households will be given two bins (kitchen and outdoor), likely distributed Jan 2026. Further details <https://www.lincolshire.gov.uk/types-waste/food-waste/5>

Updated bin routes: please let Cllr Smith know if any problems with this are experienced.

2025/26 -23 Financial matters

The 2025-26 cash book ledger has been started. Cash in bank stands at £12,969.20 and aligns with the latest bank statement dated July 22nd 2025. Balance does not include £660 of un-cleared cheques, these will be accounted for when the latest bank statement is received by the RFO. Main expenditure since the last report has included parish insurance £488.84, fortnightly for grass-cutting and strimming on the Playing Field in the growing season £180, clerk fees £280, hire of Village Hall for Parish Council meetings £240/ annum.

The Parish Council has agreed to contribute 50% of the costs of improving, for safety reasons, of access to the village hall. The village hall management committee are awaiting quotes.

2025/26 -24 Planning matters

NB. Tree works in areas where there are blanket TPOs automatically receive the suggestion from the SKDC Tree Officer that suitable replacement trees are planted.

Work allowed

SKDC Application No: S25/1508

Applicant: Mrs Elisabeth Beckett

Proposal: Section 211 Notice to remove Cherry Plum tree (T1), Cherry tree (T2) and Ash tree (T3).

Location: 6 Greatford Gardens, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4PX,

App Type: Trees in CA - Section 211 Notice

Work allowed

Application No: S25/1554

Applicant: Anderson

Proposal: Section 211 notice to fell Silver Birch trees, reduce crown of a Silver Birch tree and reduce crown of two Maple trees as well as reducing them laterally.

Location: Hightrees House , Main Street, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4QA

App Type: Trees in CA - Section 211 Notice

Reviewed by PC and no PC response needed.

SKDC Planning Application Consultation S25/1314

Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 15 - Written Strategy: Identification and Remediation of Ground Contamination of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796

Cllr Phil Britton responded with the suggestion to sow grass two years before operation so that a sward is established and is awaiting a response:

SKDC Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 3 (Written Scheme of Construction Phasing) of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Reviewed by PC and no PC response needed.

SKDC S25/1316 Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 10 - Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Evaluation of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796 Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

Reviewed by PC and no PC response needed.

SKDC S25/1317 Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 8 - Permitted Preliminary Works - Temporary Fencing Details of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

Reviewed by PC and no PC response needed.

SKDC S25/1314 Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 15 - Written Strategy: Identification and Remediation of Ground Contamination of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

2025/26 -25 Mallard Pass Solar Farm update

The Parish Council continues to monitor the NSIP planning application and to respond to subsequent planning applications. The Parish Council has attended meetings regarding the Community Benefit Fund which will be distributed through an independent organisation at a future time. Parishioners may find further information on Lincolnshirecf.co.uk.

2025/26 -26 Flood Wardens Report

On behalf of Lincolnshire County Council, Black Sluice IDB has approached a number of Greatford parishioners and local landowners to enforce the requirements to carry out their riparian responsibilities.

Some residents have received Storm Henke flood resilience grants (applications for this are closed).

A full hydrology report is expected by the end of the year; this will underpin projects and suggestions for the authorities to protect Greatford from future flooding.

The Parish Council is attending a multi-agency meeting (12.9.25) to receive, amongst other items, updates from LCC about repairing the main drain that runs along Main Street, and about the fitting of two further hydrology groundwater levels devices. Data from these can be monitored by the Parish Council Flood Wardens and will be communicated to parishioners as necessary.

2025/26 -27 Community Emergency Response Plan team update

Alison Horton gave a report on behalf of the CER Team. There was a good response to the questionnaire, and the CER Plan has been submitted to Lincolnshire County Council. Therefore, the responsibilities of the CERT have now been completed. The CERT is to check any need for indemnity insurance which would be paid for by the PC.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange a meeting with representatives of the PC, Flood Wardens and the CER Team to make clear where different responsibilities lie in the case of an emergency, such as a flood.

2025/26 -28 Playscheme report

The children's summer playscheme ran for one week and was attended by 31 children; 15 children from Greatford were fully-funded thanks to The Greatford Church Charity (the School Fund) and 16 children paid in full for their places. Families of those attending have given very positive feedback and made donations to the upkeep of the play-equipment as a gesture of their appreciation. Cllr Tony Barker expressed everyone's gratitude to Cllr Gemma Taylor for organising the playscheme, and to Alison Horton for her support on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee.

2025/26 -29 Play equipment update

The Clerk has received two quotations and is awaiting a third and will then seek grant funding.

2025/26 -30 Village heritage orchard adopt-a-tree scheme

On 5th October 2025, 9:30-11 a.m. Parishioners are invited to the Playing Field to help with the maintenance of the Village Heritage Orchard. Parishioners are invited to come along and adopt-a-tree comma to ensure they are watered and mulched so that they can thrive, especially as the ground is so dry. Please come along with edging and digging tools, and carpet/cardboard for mulching; the Parish Council will provide other resources.

2025/26 -31 Any other business

Ibis Channell raised some points for the next agenda (road markings on newly-gritted roads, the Parish Council providing the shovel in the grit bin, and what measures are being taken in relation to traffic speeding through the village).

Parishioners are invited to race night on 4th October 2025 in the Village Hall with 70% of proceeds going to Macmillan. NB. there is no Macmillan coffee morning this year.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

The next meeting is on 25th November '25 at 7:30pm in the village Hall.

Please provide items (specific questions, issues or news) for the next agenda as soon as you are able and at least seven working days in advance of the meeting so that the Parish Councillors have time to process them.