

DRAFT MINUTES

GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL

27th January 2026 at 7:30pm in Greatford Village Hall

Present:

County Cllr Ashley Baxter, Cllr Phil Dilks, SKDC Ward Cllr Vanessa Smith, Parish Cllr Phil Britton, Cllr Tony Barker, Cllr Jason Halsey, Cllr Caroline Nathan, Elizabeth Ashby, Nigel Ashby, Helen Britton (Clerk), Ibis Channell, Alex Doust, Bob French, Bob Hogg, Alison Horton, Mareia Imray, Mark Imray, Lois Webb.

2025/26 - 48 Apologies

Cllr Gemma Taylor, Kerry Hockham, Jeremy Hockham, David Anderson, Margaret Anderson

2025/26 - 49 Approval of Minutes from 25.11.25

Proposed by Cllr Caroline Nathan, seconded by Cllr Tony Barker.

2025/26 - 50 Approval of Minutes from 8.1.26

Proposed by Cllr Tony Barker, seconded by Cllr Caroline Nathan.

2025/26 - 51 Matters arising

- Grit shovels, provided by Cllr Tony Barker, in all grit bins.
- Litter pick date set for Saturday 28.2.26 10am- 11:30am

2025/26 - 52 Reports from County and District Councillors

SKDC District Councillor Vanessa Smith Report

Local Government Reorganisation No further updates

Food waste collection: As previously reported: This forms part of a national directive. Households will be given two bins (5l kitchen and 23l outdoor), likely distributed January 2026. Collections due to start Mar/Apr 2026 Further details <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/types-waste/food-waste/5>

Council Tax: SKDC is inviting comments on Council Tax proposals for the 2026/27 financial year. A two-week consultation opened on 19th January on a proposed increase of 2.99% on SKDC's element of Council Tax. This equates to an average annual increase of £5.66 for a Band D property. If approved, the average total annual Council tax for a property in Band D for services provided by SKDC in 2026/27 would increase from £189.37 to £195.03

SKDC is running free Skateboard workshops during half term. Sessions will run at 11am, 11.45am, 12.45pm and 1.30pm on each of the following days: February 16 at Deepings Skatepark at the John Eve Field in Market Deeping. February 17 at Stamford Skatepark, Recreation Ground.

Thetford Farm Quarry: Due to be held at planning committee meeting LCC on 9th Feb

Application in for Langtoft (Ashwood homes) S25/2540 South of the church, east of A15 - 49 houses

Wates are consulting Baston residents regarding proposed planning application on field south of Greatford road and west of A15 - 283 houses

I am very concerned about the cumulative effects of these developments and in particular the impact they will have on the already dangerous A15

Greatford Specific:

Followed up with emails re school bus for senior- school age Greatford children, copied in Cllr Taylor. LCC will not provide a bus to any senior school. Delaines unable to service the route privately.

I also note recent plans for a large development of 3,000 dwellings near Wittering which form part of Peterborough's draft local plan:

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/planning-and-development/planning-policies/local-plan-review>

County Cllr Ashley Baxter Report

Formal consultation for local government reorganisation starts February '26. Decision by summer. May 2028 will be the new Authority.

Alicia Kearns MP and Stamford Mayor Amanda Wheeler leading the application for Stamford to be a Town of Culture.

Council Tax will rise the maximum amount (permissible without a referendum.) 2.98%

Baston and Langtoft had their Weight Limit put in place. Lorry Watch requires number plates of offending vehicles. Cllr Baxter supports similar weight limit for Greatford.

LCC Highways have outstanding flood works, including collapsed culvert resulting from Anglian Water's sewer works in 2015. Greatford Flood Wardens have written to LCC to expedite the works.

2025/26 - 53 Finance

Financial statement for tonight: RFO is unable to reconcile bank account due to missing October statement, awaiting replacement from Natwest. Latest balance as of January 6th confirmed at £16650.85. VAT recovered from 2023 and 2024 - £576.68 received. Expenditure since November '25: JRE Pest Management £275 (moles), annual defibrillator subscription £120, clerk fees £280, churchyard tree cutting £96, Playing Field grass cutting £90.

2025/26 - 54 Planning

Application No: S25/1988

Proposal: Section 211 Notice to reduce Mulberry tree to previous cut points

Location: White Cottage Carlby Road

Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4PR

Decision/Date: Work Allowed 1st December 2025

Application No: S25/1864

Proposal: The reduction of Cypress hedge in the rear garden by 4m

(indicated on the map by a red line). Re-pollarding of a Weeping Willow tree in the front garden (indicated by a yellow dot). Crown raise to 5m over roadway an Ash tree (indicated by a green dot) and crown raise to 5m over roadway a Maple tree (indicated by a purple dot). On the same Sycamore tree removal of low level limb over the driveway.

Location: 4 Greatford Gardens Greatford, Lincolnshire PE9 4PX

Decision/Date Work Allowed 15th December 2025

Application No: S25/2149

Proposal: Section 19 application to vary planning condition 2 (list of approved plans) of planning permission S25/1319 to amend orangery

Location: Banthorpe Lodge Belmesthorpe Road, Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4QF

Decision/Date 16th December 2025

Rutland County Council

PROPOSAL: Discharge of Requirement 6 (Detailed Design Approval) of Schedule 2 of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 (as amended) in relation to Phase

1, Highway Works, Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stamford Road Essendine Rutland

Response date 28.1.26

Reviewed, no response from GPC

SKDC Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 13 - Construction Traffic Management Plan for Phase 1 - Highway Works in relation to The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

Response date 22.1.26

Reviewed, no response

SKDC Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 10 (1) (c) - in relation to Phase 1 Highways Works - Updated Written Scheme of Investigation of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

Response date 22.1.26

Reviewed, no response

SKDC Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 15 - Ground conditions for all Phases of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

Response date 22.1.26

Reviewed, no response

SKDC Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 17, Skills, Supply Chain and Employment of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

Response date 22.1.26

Reviewed, no response

SKDC Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 14 - Soil Management Plan for Phase 1 - Highway Works in relation to The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

SKDC Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 9 - Surface and foul water drainage for Phase 1 - Highway Works in relation to The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No.796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

Response date 22.1.26

Reviewed, no response

Discussion regarding the process whereby LCC advises SKDC about how to respond to the above Mallard Pass Proposals. Cllr Phil Britton asked Cllr Baxter to ensure that SKDC's response will have adequate technical knowledge. SKDC are to meet Mallard Pass on 12.2.26.

2025/26 - 55 Response to Mallard Pass Solar Farm Community Benefit (CB) offer

Cllr Phil Britton has been attending parish meetings with Mallard Pass regarding the offer. A CB offer is not a legal requirement. Mallard Pass has given a final offer of £96000/ annum for the life of the solar farm. Parishes may bid each year for a share via an independent body.

2025/26 - 56 Speedwatch

Campaign took place on 17.12.25 and there were two offenders. Awaiting training date for new volunteers.

2025/26 - 57 Flood Wardens update

The river systems have coped well with very recent rainfall. The ditch at the back of Greatford Hall has been cleared. Culverts need replacing on farmland towards Baston. Reporting and removing blockages is working better. Parishioners are encouraged to keep reporting related issues via Fix My Street so issues are logged. The process of siting additional groundwater sensors is in progress. The Hydrology Report is required to underpin further actions by the authorities so parishioners will be contacted imminently for access to properties to inform this report.

2025/26 - 58 Any other business

Ibis Channell had some points about traffic and said that she will raise these fully in the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm

The next meeting is on 31st March and comprises the Annual Parish Meeting (annual reports) followed immediately by a Parish Council meeting. This meeting will start at an earlier time of 7:00pm (not 7:30pm as in Towers & Spires)