

DRAFT MINUTES

GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7:30pm in Greatford Village Hall

Present:

Kate Armstrong, Elizabeth Ashby, Nigel Ashby, GPC Cllr Tony Barker, Lincolnshire County Cllr Ashley Baxter, Helen Britton (Clerk), GPC Cllr Philip Britton, Ibis Channell, Alex Doust, GPC Cllr Jason Halsey, Jeremy Hockham, Kerry Hockham, Mareia Imray, Mark Imray, GPC Cllr Caroline Nathan, SKDC Cllr Vanessa Smith, Lois Webb.

2025/26 - 86 Apologies for absence

GPC Cllr Gemma Taylor.

2025/26 - 87 Approval of Minutes from 24.6.26

Proposed by Cllr Tony Barker and seconded by Cllr Jason Halsey.

2025/26 - 88 Matters arising

The 30 mph road sign on Stow Road has been re-sited, as permitted, to give better warning of the change in speed limit when entering Greatford.

2025/26 - 89 Reports from District Councillors

Report from Vanessa Smith

District issues:

Bin collections: In previous weeks these have been earlier in the day to protect staff from the recent high temperatures. I have received an increased number of complaints over the summer regarding missed collection. However, I have not had any issues raised from Greatford. If residents do have concerns, then please get in touch. Ibis Channell raised that the binmen deserve high praise for their work; Cllr Ashley Baxter will feed this back to staff.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR): Central Government have indicated that their preferred way of reorganising the local authorities in Lincolnshire will result in two new unitary authorities covering the area that was previously covered by Lincolnshire County Council and the Districts. Under these proposals, the new Lincolnshire City Authority will serve around 208,000 residents across 816 square kilometres, while the new Lincolnshire Rural Authority will be responsible for approximately 574,000 residents across more than 5,120 square kilometres. South Kesteven has been placed within the new Rural Lincolnshire Authority, which stretches from Stamford in the south to North Cotes on the Humber Estuary, a journey of more than 70 miles and almost two hours by road. This new authority will become one of the largest councils in the country, yet it will lack a natural administrative and economic centre. Lincoln, the county's historic city and principal hub, has been separated into its own authority,

leaving the remaining rural council without the focal point around which much of the county naturally operates. The challenges facing Rural Lincolnshire will be immense. It will be responsible for maintaining an extensive road network, delivering services across vast rural areas, supporting dispersed communities, and responding to the increasing threat of coastal flooding. I will continue to stand up for a system of local government that is accountable, effective and truly serves the people of Lincolnshire. I do not think the plans, as presented, are good for residents or helpful for local democracy and I will do what I can to oppose them. Current plans anticipate there being an election to the new shadow authority in May 2027.

Banking: A new banking hub is to open in Stamford, Lincolnshire. The hub will be based at Stamford Arts Centre, on St Mary's Street, for one year until a permanent home is found for the service. The facility, set up by Cash Access UK and run by the Post Office, will open in early September on weekdays from 09:00 to 17:00 BST. The hub will provide access to cash and face-to-face banking services.

Planning: 283 Houses at Baston (s26/0710). This is likely to be determined by committee no earlier than September 2026. Archaeological surveys have recently been carried out. I am opposed to this on the grounds of there being inadequate highway infrastructure to support such a development. I believe the A15 and its junctions at Baston and Langtoft are already too dangerous.

Planning: SKDC Local Plan: I have heard that there may be further delays with this, however, the reason for and implication of the delays has, as yet, not been formally communicated to councillors. Whilst this may mean there could be a longer period of speculative development this risk is unlikely to have a significant impact on Greatford since it is protected from large planning applications as it is listed as a smaller village in the local plan.

Mallard Pass: I remain concerned that the flood mitigation strategies have not been properly and objectively assessed. Several other applications for the discharge of conditions have recently come forward.

County Issues:

Public consultation on Lincolnshire County Council Local Plan for Mineral and Waste closed at the end of July. I did what I could to raise awareness of this locally as I believe that the current plans will have a significant negative impact on our area and are disproportionate.

Campaign to reduce A15 through Baston and Langtoft to 30mph: This has been launched by our local MP. Personally I am not sure that it is the speed of the traffic that is the problem. I tend to think that problems have more to do with the volume of traffic using the A15 which make it harder for traffic to pull out onto the A15 from the Baston and Langtoft crossroads.

From County Cllr Ashley Baxter:

Cllr Baxter explained that there are limited options to challenge the decision regarding LGR.

Planning:

The weight-limit at Baston is not yet installed.

The new Anglian Water reservoir is due for completion in 2034.

The decision between Anglian Water and The Environment Agency regarding ownership of the damaged and problematic drain in Main Street, Greatford has been embargoed.

2025/26 - 90 Financial matters

Cllr Jason Halsey (RFO) reported that the balance at the end of June was £19298. The RFO is awaiting an invoice for the new ramp entrance to the village hall. The parish insurance quotation for 2026/27 has increased due to increasing the replacement cost of the play equipment. ACTION: Clerk to explore the cost of a three-year term.

2025/26 - 91 Planning matters

PC Consultation Application No: S26/1343

Applicant: Mr Tony Barker

Proposal: A 5m reduction in height of a mature Tree of Heaven to reduce the risk of failure and to maintain amenity.

Location: Barham House , 2 Greatford Gardens, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4PX

TPO No. App Type: Works to TPO Tree(s)

The application is to be amended.

2025/26 - 92 Mallard Pass Solar Farm planning update

Cllr Phil Britton explained that there have been a further 14 Discharge Notices (DN) in relation to Mallard Pass to be reviewed by GPC as one of the Consultees. The focus is on the DNs pertaining to soil management and surface water drainage. The responses are made in liaison with the Mallard Pass Action Group and aim to protect Greatford from further flooding and traffic issues.

SKDC S26/0957 Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 7 - Landscape and Ecological Management Plan for Phase 2 Main Construction Works in relation to The Mallard

Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

SKDC S26/0950 Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 11 - Construction Environmental Management Plan for Phase 2 Main Construction Works in relation to The Mallard

Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

SKDC S26/0887 Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 14 - Soil Management Plan for Phase 2 Main Construction Works in relation to The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No.

796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

RCC 2026/0595/MALDIS Discharge of requirement 11 (Construction Environmental Management Plan - CEMP) of Schedule 2 of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 (as amended) in relation to Phase 2, Main Construction Works.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stamford Road Essendine Rutland

RCC 2026/0597/MALDIS Discharge of requirement 14 (Soil Management Plan) of Schedule 2 of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 (as amended) in relation to Phase 2, Main Construction Works.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stamford Road Essendine Rutland

RCC 2026/0608/MALDIS Discharge of requirement 7 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) of Schedule 2 of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 (as amended) in relation to Phase 2, Main Construction Works.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stamford Road Essendine Rutland

SKDCS26/0949 Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 13 - Construction Traffic Management Plan for Phase 2 Main Construction Works in relation to The Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

SKDC S26/0951 Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 9 - Surface and Foul Water Drainage for Phase 2 Main Construction Works in relation to The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order

2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

SKDC S26/0952 Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 8 - Fencing for Phase 2 Main Construction Works in relation to The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

SKDC S26/0956 Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 6 - Detailed design approval for Phase 2 Main Construction Works in relation to The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No.

796.

Location: Mallard Pass Solar Farm,

RCC 2026/0590/MALDIS Discharge of requirement 6 (Detailed Design Approval) of Schedule 2 of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 (as amended) in relation to Phase 2, Main Construction Works.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stamford Road Essendine Rutland

RCC 2026/0596/MALDIS Discharge of requirement 13 (Construction Traffic Management Plan - CTMP) of Schedule 2 of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 (as amended) in relation to Phase 2, Main Construction Works.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stamford Road Essendine Rutland

By 8th September

RCC 2026/0592/MALDIS Discharge of requirement 8 (Fencing and Other Means of Enclosure) of Schedule 2 of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 (as amended) in relation to Phase 2, Main Construction Works.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stamford Road Essendine Rutland

RCC 2026/0593/MALDIS Discharge of requirement 9 (Surface and Foul Water Drainage) of Schedule 2 of The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 (as amended) in relation to Phase 2, Main Construction Works.

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Stamford Road Essendine Rutland

2025/26 - 93 Mallard Pass Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund update

There is a proposal to accept the Lincolnshire Community Fund to be the external organisation to administer and manage the Community Disturbance Fund of £200,000, together with any future Community Benefit Funds coming from Quinbrooke. This was proposed by Cllr Jason Halsey and seconded by Cllr Tony Barker. It was agreed that Cllr Phil Britton will be the named representative to attend joint parish discussions, consider proposals, and vote on the commissioning of an external organisation to manage the above funds.

2025/26 - 94 Flood Wardens Report

The Cut has been cleared of vegetation and gravel, and the railings have been painted. The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and Greatford Flood Wardens walked the water-courses around Greatford and the LLFA will contact those whose riparian responsibilities need to be enforced. The drains in Carlby Road have been jetted and rodded. The Flood Wardens will work with landowners to clear ditches on Belmesthorpe Road and near Greatford Gardens. Cllr Jason Halsey reiterated that landowners should clear ditches every two years. The LLFA's Hydrology

Study is due for validation and is expected to be published in the summer of 2027. Parishioners have been helpfully keeping road drains clear.

2025/26 - 95 Playscheme report

Cllr Phil Britton thanked Cllr Gemma Taylor for arranging the Summer Playscheme which was provided in conjunction with One Touch Football and the Greatford Village Hall Management Committee. children from Greatford received free places thanks to the Church School charity fund. There was excellent feedback from a grateful grandparent saying how much their grandchildren had enjoyed the week. GPC has paid the provider for the Greatford children and has invoiced the Church Fund £2150 (86 Greatford child places @ £25/ place)

2025/26 - 96 Play equipment update

Cllr Caroline Nathan reported that the replacement swing-set was due for completion this week. Wicksteed Ltd will go on to quote for replacing the wooden equipment and providing adult fitness equipment. Upon receipt of quotations, GPC will apply for further funding.

2025/26 - 97 Any other business

Ibis Channell spoke of her feelings regarding traffic through the village. (Refer to GPC Minutes of 24.6.26, item 2025/26 -18 Traffic through the village: As previously discussed, these ideas have been explored during an on-the-ground meeting with LCC Highways Managers in July 2023 and reported on at subsequent PC meetings. All permissible actions have been actioned already.)

Painting the phone kiosk and noticeboard - GPC is to purchase paint and materials and a number of parishioners have offered to help with labour. Date to be arranged.

The next village Live and Local event is on 16th October in the Village Hall - Back to the Land Girls theatre production.

The meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting is on Tuesday the 10th of November at 7:30 p.m.