

SOUTH WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

Present:

Cllr S Cragg

Cllr V Edmundson (Chair)

Cllr F Christie

Shirley Asquith (Clerk)

Residents' Forum:

There was no attendance.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr P Fuller - unavailable

Cllr S McDowall – unwell

Cllr R Fry – Ward Councillor

Cllr N Oliver - LCC

2. Vacancies:

There are currently two vacancies, which have both been advertised and can be filled by co-option.

3. Declarations of interest:

Cllr McDowall's interest in the Heneage Estate Bike Park planning application still stands.

4. To agree the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2025:

These were agreed as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the parish council meeting 15 July 2025:

The Clerk has submitted an objection to the Biscathorpe oil drilling planning application as requested.

6. Financial matters: presentation of financial report and bank statement:

The financial report and bank statement were circulated and approved.

The meeting approved the purchase of wood treatment for the village planters as necessary.

The defibrillator funding needs to be ringfenced on the accounts. **Action: Clerk**

7. Defibrillator

Cllr McDowell is pursuing arrangements for defibrillator training which is expected to be in Oct/Nov.

Cllr Edmundson is to be reimbursed for the defibrillator sign which has been placed in the window of the village hall - £9. **Action: Clerk**

There was a discussion about how visible the sign is and the Clerk is to look at alternatives and whether planning would be needed to have a sign on the corner of the village hall that can be read from both sides. **Action: Clerk**

8. Bike track Heneage estate (standing item):

Cllr Christie has received an online alert that a notice of the start of works has been submitted regarding the bike track development. This refers to the installation of the access track.

9. Risk management (standing item):

No issues reported

10. Planning matters:

It was noted that the pole barn at the Granary has been taken down.

11. Parish Council initiatives:

The planters at Donington Road and Hainton Road are being well looked-after. The one on Barkwith Road has not had any new planting but it is holding its own. The Clerk has weeded and watered the planter at the Benniworth end of the village. This one does not get enough light or water so is not thriving.

Following the Clerk submitting issues to the Fix My Street website some drains in the village have been cleared. It seems that the drain that floods in the dip by the Brays has been dug out and the water has been clearing more quickly. The council was also seen on Hainton Road in August but the gully was found to have collapsed and the road will need to be dug up to fix it.

12. Correspondence:

The Clerk has circulated and put up information in the bus shelter regarding the Lincolnshire local government reorganisation. She commented that she has heard no one discussing or mentioning the issue. There was discussion at the meeting regarding the several options. Councillors who were present favour the Lincolnshire County Council option with North and North East Lincolnshire in one unit and the rest of Lincolnshire together as a County area. Cllr Christie suggested that the parish council submit support for this option. The Clerk is to check the closing date for submissions. **Action: Clerk**

13. Items for next agenda:

Lincolnshire Local Government reorganisation.

14. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 18 November 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed:

Chair

Date: