



**MINUTES OF THE GROBY PARISH COUNCIL
ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY, LEICESTER
ON 15th JANUARY 2026 at 2 pm**

Present: Cllr L Emmerson (Chair), Cllr C Lincoln, Cllr L Trivett, Cllr K Griffiths and Cllr C York

Also present: Parish Clerk
Administrative Assistant
Grounds & Maintenance Manager
Members of the Public - 0

EC/071/25-26 APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from Cllr N Clarke. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

EC/072/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were none.

EC/073/25-26 MINUTES
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Estates Committee Meeting held on 6th November 2025 be approved and signed as a true record.

EC/074/25-26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was none.

EC/075/25-26 GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE MANAGER'S REPORT
An update on recently completed work was provided. This detailed replacing rotting wood at the cemetery; repairs to the water tap housing at the cemetery; pruning; hedge cutting and general maintenance.

The hedge cutting schedule was shared and it was reiterated that the long-term intention was to reduce the hedges to 6 foot to make them more manageable going forward.

Cllr York arrived at 2:19pm.

Grounds & Maintenance Manager left at 2:23pm.

EC/076/25-26 CLERK'S REPORT

i. Annual Tree Survey

It was **NOTED** that the Annual Tree Survey had been completed and Planning Applications (TPO / Works in a Conservation Area) for the recommended tree works had been submitted to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council. Some of the tree work could be carried out in house and it was **AGREED** to acquire quotes for the remaining tree works for consideration at the next meeting.

ii. Insurance Claim for the Cemetery equipment

An update on the insurance claim was provided.

- iii. **To consider disposal of the old Council van**
RESOLVED to accept an offer to dispose of the old Council van for scrap value.

EC/077/25-26 ANNUAL RoSPA PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

Members were informed that the repairs to the wetpour and multi-play equipment on Quarry Park had been completed.

Members were advised that there were concerns regarding the quality of the work and it was **AGREED** for the office to contact the contractor to raise the concerns in order to reach a resolution.

EC/078/25-26 HBBC PARISH AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND (PCIF)

Quotations for the maintenance of Marina and Stamford park pathways and a draft PCIF application form were included in members' packs and discussed.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Allroads Asphalt Solutions Ltd for footpath resurfacing at a cost of £73.07 per square metre.

It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND to Full Council** that a PCIF grant application is submitted to HBBC for the re-surfacing of sections of Marina and Stamford Park pathways at a total project cost of £19,728.90, the grant request being £9,864.45 with the other 50% of £9,864.45 to be funded from the Parish Council's 2026-27 budget.

EC/079/25-26 RE-WILDING OF VERGES

It was **AGREED** for the office to research what grant opportunities might be available for the rewilding of the verges to encourage habitat creation for local wildlife and to bring back to a future meeting.

EC/080/25-26 CEMETERY MATTERS

A quotation from the Grounds Maintenance contractor to flail the external boundary hedge at the Cemetery was included in members' packs.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Roma Landscapes to flail the external boundary hedge at a cost of £390.

EC/081/25-26 NEXT MEETING

The next Estates Committee meeting is scheduled to take place 5th February 2026 at 2pm

The meeting closed at 3.03pm

Signed:
Chair

Date:.....