

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROBY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY
ON 9th FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

Councillors Present: Cllr C Lincoln (Chair) Cllr G Baker Cllr P Batty Cllr N Clarke
Cllr K Griffiths Cllr S Jones Cllr A Mullins Cllr C Mullins
Cllr G Richardson Cllr L Trivett Cllr C York

Also Present: Parish Clerk
County Cllr O'Shea
Members of the Public - 2

COU/203/25-26 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded..

COU/204/25-26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr L Emmerson, Cllr T Hollick and Cllr N Jones. Cllr D Hyde was absent.
RESOLVED to accept these apologies.

Apologies had also been received from Borough Councillors Cartwright and Lambert.

COU/205/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Batty declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda Item 12 as he lives in a neighbouring property.

Cllr Batty made a point of order requesting that the audio recording of the Council meeting held on 19th January 2026 is preserved. The Chair agreed to this request.

COU/206/25-26 MINUTES

It was **AGREED** to amend Minute Reference COU/188/25-26 to remove the words Disclosable Pecuniary Interest from the Declarations of Interest for 5 members and to replace with 'declared an interest' in.

Further to this amendment it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Groby Parish Council held on 19th January 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Cllrs Batty, Richardson and S Jones abstained.

COU/207/25-26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public queried why the agenda for the meeting had not been published on the Parish Council noticeboards. The Clerk responded that this was unfortunately due to low levels of staff which meant insufficient resources to carry out the task. The meeting had been published on the notices on the Parish Council Office door and website so all legal obligations had been met.

COU/208/25-26 POLICE REPORT

The latest Police Report was not available. Cllr Lincoln gave an update on the Beat Surgery that she had attended. It was **NOTED** that a further Beat Surgery had been scheduled to take place on Friday 10th April 2026 10.30 – 11.30am at Groby Library.

Cllr S Jones left the meeting at 7.21pm

COU/209/25-26 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

A report from County Councillor O'Shea was included in members' packs and was **NOTED**. The report detailed:

- The Government has launched a public consultation on the Local Government re-organisation proposals. The consultation runs from 5th February until 26th March 2026 and is open to residents, businesses, public sector organisations and other bodies;

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/leicestershire-and-leicester-and-rutland/>

- LCC’s 2026-27 Budget proposals to be considered at meeting on 18th February 2026;
- Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Highfield Road, Groby;
- Latest scam involving use of fake ‘official’ messages;

COU/210/25-26 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- A report from Borough Councillor Hollick was received and **NOTED**. The report detailed:
 - Planning Application 25/0213/OUT for a proposed development off Sacheverell Way for up to 180 dwellings which is clearly in the Green Wedge and impacts severely on the important Rothley Brook Management Strategy. Residents were urged to send their comments to HBBC Planning Department.

COU/211/25-26 CLERK’S REPORT

- The Clerk re-iterated the consultation that was now open on the Local Government reorganisation proposals for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and further information on the consultation was circulated to members at the meeting. It was **AGREED** for councillors to respond individually if they wished to do so and for a Council response to be placed on March’s agenda;
- At the Planning Meeting held on 5th February 2026, Charnwood Borough Council had approved the Field Head Development for up to 115 dwellings on Land South of Markfield Lane. This was **NOTED**;
- Members were informed that Groby CIC had called a General Meeting of Shareholders which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm at the Groby Ex-Servicemen’s Club. This was **NOTED**;
- The next Community Litter Pick Event was scheduled to take place on Saturday 14th March between 10am – 12pm starting at the Parish Council Office. This was **NOTED**.

COU/212/25-26 CORRESPONDENCE

32.	Leicestershire County Council	Nuisance Parking Leaflet	Information on LCC’s nuisance parking initiative was included in members’ packs. This was NOTED and AGREED that no further action be taken in relation to this.
33.	Groby Village Hall	Involvement in the Village Hall’s 40 th Anniversary Event	An update from Cllr A Mullins was provided. The proposed event date was Saturday 24 th April 2026 and would be similar to the Christmas event with stalls and possibly involvement from the library. It was AGREED that this was a good opportunity for Community Engagement and for the Clerk to write to the Village Hall Committee to express an interest in Council taking part in the event.
34.	LRALC	Information on various upcoming events	Information on various events was included in members’ packs and NOTED . It was AGREED to clarify whether Cllr Batty was eligible to attend the Flood Warden event as a member of Council’s Flood Action Team
35.	Leicestershire Footpath Association	Annual Report 2025	The LFA Annual Report for 2025 had previously been circulated to all members and was NOTED .

COU/213/25-26 PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01213/OUT – LAND SOUTH OF SACHEVERELL WAY

Outline Planning Application for a residential development of up to 180 dwellings, alongside associated access via two junctions from Sacheverell Way

Representations in objection of this planning application had now been submitted to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council by the Planning & Development Committee and a copy of this was included in members’ packs. It was **AGREED** that this was a very thorough response. Councillors were informed that they should also respond individually if they so wished.

RESOLVED to submit supplementary comments in objection to the proposed development to include:

- Information from Cllr Hollick's report;
- Emphasise congestion on Sacheverell Way at peak-times and include data from the MVAS signs;
- Emphasise the lack of sustainability of the development due to the high impact of traffic noise on the residents from the A46/A50/M1 which is caused by varying weather conditions and the fact that the land is in a dip trapping the noise;
- Insufficient data on current air pollution levels with the previous readings being taken 15 years ago. Nearest air pollution monitor is situated the other side of Markfield which is not relevant. Noise and air pollution information including in the application is out-of-date and needs to be re-surveyed;
- Information from Neighbourhood Plan Housing Needs Assessment in relation to housing requirements.

COU/214/25-26 GROBY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB PERMIT 2026-27

To review and agree the Groby Juniors Football Club Permit Fee for 2026-27

The 2025-26 Permit was included in members' packs and the Permit Terms and Conditions were discussed.

RESOLVED for an additional clause "Groby Juniors FC to provide the facility of a pop-up toilet tent for all teams" to be added to the Conditions of Use and for all other Terms and Conditions to remain unchanged.

RESOLVED to approve the Groby Juniors Football Club Permit for 2026-27. Cllr Batty abstained.

RESOLVED for the Annual Permit Fee to remain unchanged at £950 for 2026-27. Cllr Batty abstained.

COU/215/25-26 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

i. To receive and note the draft minutes from the meeting held on 2nd February 2026

The draft minutes from the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2026 were included in members' packs and **NOTED**.

ii. To approve the renewal of the Clerk's SLCC Membership 2026-27

RESOLVED to approve the renewal of the Clerk's Society of Local Council Clerk's Membership for 2026-27 at a cost of £316.

iii. To receive and note the verified Income & Expenditure Report and EMR Report to 30th January 2026

The Income & Expenditure Report and EMR Report to 30th January 2026 were included in members' packs. These were **NOTED**.

iv. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliation for December 2026

The verified and signed bank reconciliation, showing a bank balance of £315,413.61 to 31st December 2025 was included in members' packs. This was **NOTED**.

v. To approve payments of accounts and to note income

A Payment Schedule detailing net payments of **£21,869.78** was included in members' packs.

RESOLVED to approve the Payment Schedule and make all the payments that were presented to the meeting.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE				
<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Net Amount £</i>	<i>Vat £</i>	<i>Gross £</i>
Groby Village Hall	Qtrly Rent Increase from 1st Jan 2026: Jan - Mar 2026	86.42	-	86.42
PEAC Ltd	Telephone System Lease Rental	119.57	23.91	143.48
Digital Communications	Telephone Line Rental / Calls / Broadband	99.03	19.81	118.84
Scottish Power	Cemetery electricity	52.38	2.62	55.00
Stallard Kane	H&S Advisors	148.50	29.70	178.20
Various	January 2026 Salaries	8,122.69	-	8,122.69
HMRC	Tax & NI - January 2026	2,771.34	-	2,771.34
Leicestershire County Council	LGPS - Pension January 2026	2,763.32	-	2,763.32
Various	Mileage - January 2026	139.65	-	139.65
Pubpay & Stonehenge	Payroll Services: January 2026	20.70	4.14	24.84
Roma Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance : January 2026	1,916.67	383.33	2,300.00
Sharp Business	Photocopying Charges: January 2026	56.00	11.20	67.20
AllStar Fuel Card	Van Fuel	82.50	16.50	99.00
Green Reaper Ltd	Replacement EGO Power equipment (Insurance claim)	2,818.33	563.67	3,382.00
Genpower Ltd	Replacement Generator (Insurance claim)	624.99	125.00	749.99
Willday Printing	Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Leaflets	275.00	55.00	330.00
BCLD Leicester Ltd	Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Distributor Costs	280.00	56.00	336.00
Screwfix	Combi-ladder with platform (Insurance Claim)	121.64	24.33	145.97
Granart	Kerb Sets & Rose Bowls x 8	915.00	-	915.00
LRALC	Staff Training Course	40.00	-	40.00
LRALC	Internal Audit Service 2025-2026	472.50	-	472.50
Lightbulbs Direct	LED Tube Replacement Bulbs - Cemetery	29.97	6.00	35.97
		£ 21,869.78	£ 1,321.21	£ 23,190.99

A Receipt Schedule detailing income of **£2,308.00** was included in members' packs and **NOTED**.

RECEIPT SCHEDULE		
Amounts received since last meeting		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Groby Juniors	Permit Fee	80.00
Resident	Cemetery Fees	244.00
Resident	Cemetery Fees	271.00
Resident	Cemetery Fees	214.00
Anstey & District Funeral Services	Cemetery Fees	1324.00
Glenfield Co-operative Funeral	Cemetery Fees	175.00
Total		£ 2,308.00

COU/216/25-26 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Approved Minutes from the following Committee Meetings were included in members' packs and **NOTED**.

- i. Estates Committee Meeting held on 6th November 2025
- ii. Planning & Development Meetings held on 19th November and 15th December 2025
- iii. Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee Meeting held on 11th December 2025

COU/217/25-26 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members received an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation starting in February and running until 5pm on Monday 20th April 2026. Consultation leaflets would soon be delivered to all households, businesses and stakeholders; a banner and posters would be displayed on the Village Hall railings and around the Parish noticeboards and a Drop-in Event was taking place on Saturday 7th March 2026 between 1 – 4pm at the Council Offices. This was **NOTED**.

COU/218/25-26 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 2nd March 2026 at 7pm**.

The meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Chair