



**MINUTES OF THE GROBY PARISH COUNCIL
ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY, LEICESTER
ON 5th FEBRUARY 2026 at 2 pm**

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

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

EC/082/25-26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr N Clarke and Cllr K Griffiths. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

EC/083/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

EC/084/25-26 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Estates Committee Meeting held on 15th January 2026 be approved and signed as a true record.

EC/085/25-26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

EC/086/25-26 GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

An update on recently completed work was provided. This included hedge work on Sacheverell Way hedge and Bluebell Drive, tree work at Beacon Field and general maintenance. It was shared that hedge reductions for this year were completed.

Intended work for the rest of the month was shared which included projects within the sensory garden, fixing new noticeboards and signage and completing the hedge pruning.

EC/087/25-26 CLERK'S REPORT

i. Parish & Community Initiative Fund (PCIF)

The committee were informed that the PCIF Application had been submitted and a response is pending.

ii. Community Litter Pick

It was **AGREED** to set Saturday 14th March 2026 from 10am – 12pm as the date for the next Community Litter Pick.

iii. Matters for the Committees Attention

The Clerk shared a report that she had received where a couple were locking the gates to Flaxfield Close Field to let their two dogs off lead on a daily basis, thereby stopping others from using the space. Residents had also reported that they had been chased by the dogs on the

pathway from Flaxfield Close to the open space and although no harm had come they had felt threatened. It was **AGREED** for the Parish Clerk to contact the local Police to gain advice on this matter.

Grounds and Maintenance Manager left at 14:24.

EC/088/25-26 TREE WORKS

Quotations for the various tree works which had been identified on the Annual Tree Survey were received. Members were advised that planning applications had been submitted to HBBC for those trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order or within a Conservation Area. Once quotations had been approved, contractors would be informed that work could not be carried out until permissions had been received.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Beddows Tree Specialists for a heavy reduction of 6m to Tree Number 106 on the Mineral Line at a cost of £2,375.00 (£1666.67 for the reduction plus £708.33 for the required traffic management).

RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Parish Clerk to agree the 'best value for money' quotations for the remaining tree works providing it did not exceed the Tree Works Budget.

EC/089/25-26 ANNUAL RoSPA PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

A document listing the work that was still outstanding was shared and **NOTED**.

AGREED to add the areas that the RoSPA report had highlighted needed monitoring to the weekly playground inspection reports.

EC/090/25-26 INSURANCE CLAIM FOR THE CEMETERY EQUIPMENT

Members received an asset log showing which items had been replaced through the insurance claim.

RESOLVED to purchase a 15L CP Evolution knapsack sprayer, a Karcher pressure washer, an additional EGO Power+ Multi tool head and to put the remaining money in an earmarked reserve for re-evaluation in the new financial year.

EC/091/25-26 INFORMATION BOARD FOR THE SENSORY GARDEN

Members were informed that a further mural sponsor had come forward requesting preferably a blue butterfly but alternatively a blue beetle. **AGREED** to thank the sponsor for their donation but to decline the butterfly and accept the request for a blue beetle to ensure that the insect murals within the Sensory Garden were diverse.

A draft design for an information board at Marina Park's Sensory Garden was provided (50% funded through the HBBC Equipment Grant) and considered.

RESOLVED to proceed with the draft with no changes.

EC/092/25-26 CEMETERY MATTERS

i. Boundary Hedge Work at the Cemetery

Members were informed that the contractor had not yet provided a date for when the Cemetery hedge would be flailed and that this needed to be completed prior to 1st March. It was **AGREED** to write to the contractor issuing a deadline for response. If the

contractor failed to reply it was **AGREED** to obtain an alternative quotation.

ii. **Cemetery Sign**

RESOLVED to purchase a sign for the Cemetery with the wording “This car park is for the use of visitors to the Cemetery only. Dogs must be kept on a lead” at a cost of £75.

EC/093/25-26 NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 15:21pm

Signed:
Chair

Date:.....