



**MINUTES OF THE GROBY PARISH COUNCIL
ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY, LEICESTER
ON 6th AUGUST 2026 at 2 pm**

Present: Cllr C Mullins, Cllr L Trivett, Cllr C Lincoln, Cllr A Mullins, Cllr L Emmerson, Cllr K Griffiths, Cllr C York

Also present: Parish Clerk
Administrative Assistant
Members of the Public - 0

EC/023/26-27 APOLOGIES

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

EC/024/26-27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

EC/025/26-27 MINUTES

Due to an incorrect date listed on the agenda, members **DEFERRED** the approval of the minutes to the next meeting. They **AGREED** in principle that other than the date, the minutes of the 9th July were accurate and for the draft minutes to be published on the website.

EC/026/26-27 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

EC/027/26-27 CLERK'S REPORT

- i. It was **NOTED** that ten reservation plaques had been purchased for the Cemetery for £460.
- ii. Members **NOTED** that the current Grounds team do not have Management of Memorials training and that the next training opportunity in the local area is in Melton Mowbray in March 2027.
- iii. Members were informed that St Philip & St James' Church had received a request to carry out a survey to record mammals. Members **AGREED** that the researchers should be requested to share their risk assessment and the proposed locations for any cameras being used in the research. Members also requested that the research findings be shared with the Committee.

EC/028/26-27 PARISH COUNCIL ESTATE

An update on the work being carried out by the Grounds Maintenance team was provided. This included working to maintain the Cemetery and the rose garden and catching up with the backlog of tasks such as installing bins and noticeboards. The Grounds & Maintenance Manager had recently met with the Grounds contractor to discuss the contract. Members **NOTED** that the new Grounds Operative was due to start next week.

EC/029/26-27 CORRESPONDENCE

1.	Groby Juniors Football Club	Request for defibrillator	Members AGREED that, due to a lack of electricity at the requested location and concerns around the time and commitment required for the maintenance of a defibrillator, to respond to Groby Juniors Football Club and suggest they research purchasing a portable defibrillator or that they contact
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			local businesses e.g. Devlin's on Laundon Way who would be better placed to install and ensure the upkeep of a defibrillator.
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EC/030/26-27 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

- i. **To consider submitting an application to the Woodland Trust Free Trees Scheme**
RESOLVED to apply for a combination of the Hedge Pack and Wildlife Pack for the full amount available from the Woodland Trust Free Trees Scheme for delivery in November 2026.
- ii. **To receive a quotation for repair works for the zip wire on Marina Park**
A quotation was received from Proludic for a new chain cover, seat and fixing kits for the zip wire.
RESOLVED to purchase all quoted parts for £293.22 including delivery charge.
- iii. **To receive a report of antisocial behaviour on Quarry Park**
A report of antisocial behaviour on Quarry Park affecting Groby Scout HQ was included in members' packs. Members **NOTED** that Cllr Lincoln, Cllr Mullins and the Parish Clerk had met with Scout leaders to discuss the antisocial behaviour and to consider how to prevent similar incidents in the future. Members **AGREED** that the Woodland Trust Free Trees Scheme, if awarded, could be used to create a dense hedge to discourage unwanted access and provide greater protection for the Scout hut in addition to creating a valuable habitat. Further initiatives included the installation of post and rail fencing which would need to be costed and taken to Full Council.

EC/031/26-27 HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT GRANT SCHEME

This item was **DEFERRED** to the next meeting.

EC/032/26-27 ANNUAL TREE SURVEY

Members received a quotation from Leicestershire County Council's arboriculturist for a 3-year agreement to carry out the annual tree inspections on Parish Council land.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from LCC to carry out the annual tree inspections over a 3-year period at a cost of £2195.00 per annum. This would include one full inspection in 2026 followed by two interim inspections in 2027 and 2028.

EC/033/26-27 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE)

Members received information on the benefits to a Parish Council of joining CPRE.

RESOLVED to subscribe to CPRE membership at an annual cost of £60.

EC/034/26-27 NEXT MEETING

The next Estates Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 3rd September at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 3:20 pm

Signed:
Chair

Date:.....