

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROBY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY
ON 3rd AUGUST 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

Councillors Present: Cllr C Lincoln (Chair) Cllr P Batty Cllr E Emmerson Cllr K Griffiths
Cllr T Hollick Cllr N Jones Cllr A Mullins Cllr C Mullins
Cllr G Richardson Cllr L Trivett Cllr C York

Also Present: Parish Clerk
Borough Cllr Lambert
County Cllr O'Shea
Members of the Public - 1

COU/079/26-27 CHAIR'S WELCOME

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

COU/080/26-27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr N Clarke and Cllr D Hyde. **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.
Cllr S Jones was recorded as absent.
Apologies had also been received from Borough Cllr Harris.

COU/081/26-27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hollick declared an interest as a Borough Councillor and Village Hall trustee.

COU/082/26-27 MINUTES

- i. **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Groby Parish Council held on 6th July 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Cllr P Batty abstained.
- ii. **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 20th July 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Cllrs Batty, N Jones and Richardson abstained.

COU/083/26-27 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

COU/084/26-27 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report was included in members' packs and was **NOTED**.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour were discussed. Members were advised to inform residents that incidents needed to be reported to the police and the relevant authorities. This was **NOTED**.

COU/085/26-27 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

- Update on the Local Government Reorganisation decision and notification of a demonstration taking place on 6th August at County Hall opposing the decision and expansion of the Leicester City boundary;
- Trading Standards latest scams: Will writing and how to protect yourself; Surge in fake days out advertised on social media, how to spot them and stay safe; Summer doorstep crime warning; Amazon gift cards scam.

COU/086/26-27 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- i. **Borough Councillor Hollick's report detailed:**
 - Government decision for Leicestershire to move to a two-tier authority with the expansion of the Leicester City boundary.

- Instigation of a petition for the Government's proposal to be scrapped and to request a judicial review.

ii. Borough Councillor Lambert's report detailed:

- Local Government review with the Labour government choosing the least popular option;
- Regulation 19 of the Local Plan has been approved by HBBC Full Council and will now move to the consultation phase;
- Update on changes to a planning application for a care home in Markfield;
- Land Asset transfer options for HBBC in preparation for move to unitary authority.

Cllr Hollick had nothing further to report.

COU/087/26-27 CLERK'S REPORT

A report was received from the Clerk which detailed:

- i. An update on the Summer Picnic in the Park event which was taking place on Sunday 16th August at Stamford Park.

COU/088/26-27 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive and note correspondence to the Council

13.	National Grid	Request to carry out tree work (close to power lines) on Council land. Work to be carried out at no cost to Council.	RESOLVED to grant permission for the tree work to be carried out at no cost to Council.
14.	Beacon Race Events	Information about a trail running event passing through Groby in May 2027.	Information on the event was included in members' packs and was NOTED .

COU/089/26-27 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Members were informed that the written resignation of Cllr Geoff Baker had been received. Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Electoral Services had been informed and they would now follow due process to advertise the vacancy. This was **NOTED**.

COU/090/26-27 STAFFING COMMITTEE

To consider the appointment of additional members to the Staffing Committee

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr L Emmerson to the Staffing Committee

COU/093/26-27 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- i. **To receive and note the approved minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2026**

The approved minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2026 were included in members' packs and **NOTED**.

- ii. **To receive an update from the Committee and consider a resolution on the future of the Klondyke and its inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan**

A report prepared by the NP Advisory Committee on the vision for the Klondyke was included in members' packs and discussed.

Cllr Batty made a point of order that the vision was not deliverable. HBBC had committed to the compulsory purchase of the land and this commitment had not been rescinded.

Cllr Batty proposed, seconded by Cllr Hollick, and **RESOLVED** that the vision for the Klondyke should read:

“The Parish Council will continue to work with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council to deliver on their commitment to compulsory purchase the land and to return it to a proper planning purpose as a community woodland.”

Cllrs A Mullins, L Trivett, L Emmerson and K Griffiths abstained. Cllr Lincoln voted against.

COU/092/26-27 COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING

A grant application from Groby Community Library was received and considered alongside Council's Grant Awarding Policy.

RESOLVED to approve the grant application from Groby Community Library for the total amount requested of £500.

COU/093/26-27 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

i. To receive and note the draft minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 27th July 2026

The draft minutes from the meeting held on 27th July 2026 were included in members' packs and **NOTED**.

ii. To received a report and consider the Committee's recommendation in relation to a new Health and Safety Support Service

A report detailing three quotations for the provision of a Health and Safety Support service was included in members' packs.

RESOLVED to approve the quotation from Worknest to provide a combined Health and Safety and HR/Employment Support Service on a 5-year contract at an additional annual cost of £1,150.

iii. To receive and note the Income & Expenditure and EMR Reports to 24th July 2026

The Income & Expenditure report and EMR report to 24th July were included in members' packs and **NOTED**.

iv. To approve the recommended budget and EMR virements (movements)

The recommendations from the Committee were considered.

RESOLVED to make the following budget virements:

- (a) £10,000 from Election Budget (4200) to EMR Election Costs (348);
- (b) £5,000 from Contingencies (4395) to a new EMR for Replacement Equipment Reserves to build up reserves for a replacement John Deere / IT equipment / Council van

v. To receive and note the verified and signed bank reconciliation for June 2026

The verified and signed bank reconciliation for June 2026 showing a bank balance of £346,890.43 as at 30th June 2026 were included in members' packs and **NOTED**.

vi. To approve payments of accounts and to note income

A payment schedule detailing net payments of **£ 18,066.49** was included in members' packs.

RESOLVED to approve the Payment Schedule and make all 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>
HBBC	Office & Premises Rates	221.00	-	221.00
HBBC	Cemetery Rates	140.50	-	140.50
Daisy Communications	Telephone & Broadband Charges	136.49	27.30	163.79
Scottish Power	Cemetery electricity	52.38	2.62	55.00
Stallard Kane	H&S Advisors	148.50	29.70	178.20
Various	July 2026 Salaries	9,388.10	-	9,388.10
HMRC	Tax & NI - July 2026	1,374.00	-	1,374.00
Leicestershire County Council	LGPS - Pension July 2026	2,205.04	-	2,205.04
Various	Mileage - July 2026	138.30	-	138.30
Groby Village Hall	Utilities Recharge Q1	281.54	-	281.54
nPower	Chapel Hill Electricity Charges: Apr - Jun 2026	56.56	2.83	59.39
Pubpay & Stonehenge	Payroll Services: July 2026	24.15	4.83	28.98
Shed Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance: July 2026	2,199.21	439.84	2,639.05
AllStar Fuel Card	Van Fuel: 24.07.2026	89.17	17.83	107.00
ESPO	Office Stationary	29.55	5.91	35.46
Granart	QEII Rose Garden Plaques	132.00	-	132.00
Sharp Business	Photocopying Charges: June 2026	89.00	17.80	106.80
Rubbersmart	Wet Pour Repair Kit for Playgrounds	186.50	37.30	223.80
NEP Midlands Ltd	Staff Uniform	73.00	14.60	87.60
Approved Fire Appliances Ltd	Fire Extinguisher Service / Replacment Extinguisher	106.50	21.30	127.80
Ashenden Tree Ltd	Emergency Tree Works - Marina Park	450.00	-	450.00
Park Hill Training Ltd	Lantra Chain Saw Training & Assessment	545.00	109.00	654.00
		£ 18,066.49	£ 730.86	£ 18,797.35

A Receipt Schedule detailing Income of **£ 6,007.35** was received and **NOTED**

RECEIPT SCHEDULE		
Amounts received since last meeting		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Groby Juniors	Permit Fee	80.00
Local Company	Sensory Garden Mural Sponsorship	300.00
Stallholders	Summer Event Stallholder Fees	60.00
Fishers (Leicester) Ltd	Memorial Permit for Additional Inscription	35.00
HMRC	VAT Reclaim Q4: Jan - March 2026	5163.35
Local Resident	QEII Rose Plaque	85.00
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Local Resident	QEII Rose Package	199.00
Total		£ 6,007.35

COU/094/26-27 ESTATES COMMITTEE

To receive and note the approved minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 4th June 2026

The approved minutes from the meeting held on 4 June 2026 were included in members' packs and **NOTED**.

COU/095/26-27 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 7th September 2026 at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Chair