

SPRIDLINGTON PARISH

Minutes of the annual parish meeting held on Wednesday, 20th May 2026 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: K. Morton (Chairman); M. Marris; M. Strong; R. Cowling; G. Smith.

In attendance: the Clerk.

Apologies: R. Burnett.

To approve the Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th May 2025: The minutes were signed as a true record.

Chairman's report:

Good evening and thank you all for your attendance and contribution to the work carried out by the parish council on behalf of our residents.

In the last 12 months we have welcomed two new members to the Parish Council, Matt Strong and Rachael Burnett, who cannot be with us this evening. It is a positive step to have new councillors and to bring fresh perspective and ideas to the council.

During this same period, Councillor Deborah Cox resigned after she moved away from the area. She continued to support us for a number of months after moving house and this was very much appreciated.

We have a new set of district councillor's following the last local elections. We have not had any direct update from our representative thus far but would hope to have an opportunity to meet them in the future following our invite to attend any of our meetings and meet the parish members.

Spridlington Parish Council was successful in its bid for grant funding to purchase a speed indicator device. This was installed on Cliff Road on 3 December 2025. Anecdotally, discussions with some residents who live on that road and use it regularly suggest that there is some reduction observed in the excess speeds of drivers. This is a positive indicator. We know that it will continue to be an issue, however, PC Toyn has continued to support us by carrying out speed enforcement action, the last occasion being 29 April, 2026 – and he did catch people speeding.

The planters at all four entrances to the village have been re-installed and planted up, providing a welcome bit of colour as travellers enter the village. My sincere thanks to a small number of residents who help me keep the displays going.

As a parish council we have continued to make clear representations to WLDC on planning matters that may negatively impact on the residents and visitors to Spridlington. We continue to monitor the most recent application for a chicken farm at the Spridlington/Faldingworth boundry, which is still being considered. On other matters, along with other parish councils, we have continued to support Scampton Parish Council in the endeavour to develop the former RAF Scampton base into a business and heritage hub for the wider community.

We continue with business as usual and are supported in this by Helen our Clerk. Her help is greatly appreciated. She will be remaining with us for another year which will provide valued continuity for the council.

Responsible Financial Officer's Report: Income for 2025/26 was £9752.17 made up of £4.1K precept, £2K grant and £3326.07 two lots of grass payments from LCC.

Expenditure was £8337.83, the main cost being the Speed Indicating Device at a cost of £3K plus £200 to LCC for the post. Community Infrastructure Levy monies of £514.52 went towards this meaning that all CIL money has now been spent.

Reserves carried forward to this financial year are £13,182.53, an increase of £1415 on the previous year and is well above Audit Regulations.

Open meeting: Mr Smith said he was interested in the chairman's comments about speeding in her report as tractors are doing more than 30mph. He is concerned about an accident on Hackthorn Road and that the surface of the road is being ripped up.

Mr Marris said every trailer is identifiable so if speeding, get the number of the trailer and it can be reported to the AD plant.

Mr Smith added the size of the lorries turning at the junction are maximum size trailers and will soon affect the condition of the road.

The chairman informed him that Archer surveys have been carried out over the last year, together with discussions with Lincs Road Safety Partnership. All that can be done under national guidelines has been done. No other interventions can be made as there has been no reported accidents and there is no school in the village. The SID records speed of vehicles in both directions and this can be given to the police if there is a problem.

Discussion then took place regarding Community Speed Watch and whether a group may be formed in the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55pm.