

The Minutes of Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held at
St Faith's Church, Wilsthorpe on 6th May 2025 at 19.00hrs

Present:- Cllr Kentish, Cllr Shorrock, Cllr Burgoin, Cllr Collins, Cllr Morriss, D. Cllr B Dobson. Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew.

Members of the General Public - 12

Meeting commenced 19:00

014/25 Election of Chairman- Cllr Dave Kentish. Proposed-Cllr Susan Burgoin. Seconded-Cllr Paul Morriss.
Vice-Chairman-Cllr Susan Burgoin. Proposed-Cllr Dave Kentish. Seconded-Cllr Paul Morriss
Cllrs Kentish & Burgoin signed the declaration of office.

19.05-20.00 Parish Council meeting suspended for the Public Forum

- Cllr Kentish gave a brief outline on the offer from the owner of Lower Braceborough Wood for the Parish Council to take over the ownership. He would be willing to donate the land, under certain conditions which included covenants to prevent development, logging or inappropriate use such as no livestock on site. The Council would have to develop a management plan, biodiversity and public access policies and ongoing maintenance programme, appoint a trustee & suitable liability insurance. There would be ongoing costs of replacing damaged or dead trees, highways boundaries and plan if the council failed to maintain the land.
A question-and-answer session then took place with a vote with the majority decision that the council should not proceed. **Action Council.**
- Planning application at Spa Lodge Farm, Braceborough was also discussed, various concerns which included-drainage, highways, overdevelopment of site, habitat & biodiversity, lack of amenity space plus asbestos concerns.
Residents were asked to contract their local C.Cllr Ashley Baxter and D.Cllr Barry Dobson if they had objections to the application. **Action Council.**

015/25 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

016/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS GIVEN- D.Cllr Dobson.

017/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: - Cllr Burgoin prejudicial interest treasurer of Wilsthorpe Church, Item 20/25a.

019/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – It was proposed by Cllr. Kentish & seconded by Cllr. Shorrock that the minutes of the last meeting be received as a true record. It was resolved that Cllr Kentish sign the minutes. All agreed. **Action Cllr. Kentish.**

020/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Income & Expenditure

Payment-	1. Zurich – council insurance	£200.73
	2. C S Harris-verge cutting	£270.00
	3. C S Harris-community cleaner	£207.56
	4. R Trollope-Bellew Salary	£207.00
	5. St Faiths Church-hire of church	£20.00
	6. St Faiths Church-churchyard maintenance	£330.00
	7. St Margarets church-churchyard maintenance	£330.00
Income-	1. SKDC-Precept	£3093.00
	2. SKDC-community cleaner grant	£463.32

It was proposed by Cllr Kentish, seconded by Cllr Collins to pay items 1 to 7. All agreed. **Action Cllr Kentish/Clerk**

- b) Approve the Certificate of Exemption for smaller authorities where the gross income/expenditure did not exceed £25,000.

Proposed by Cllr Kentish, seconded by Cllr Morriss. **Action Cllr Kentish/Clerk**

- c) Approve the Internal Auditors Report 2024/5 Caroline Wilson.

Proposed by Cllr Kentish, seconded by Cllr Shorrock. **Action Cllr Kentish/Clerk**

- d) Approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return) for the year ended 31.03.25.

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Proposed by Cllr Burgoin, seconded by Cllr Shorrock. **action Cllr Kentish/Clerk**

- e) Approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the Annual Return) for the year ended 31.03.25.

Proposed by Cllr Shorrock, seconded by Cllr Burgoin. **Action Cllr Kentish/Clerk**

- f) Employee's salary/hours for the forth coming year-

- clerk = 10hrs/month @ SCP5 = £12.85 =£128.50/Month
- community cleaner = £12.21/hr x 8.5hrs = £103.78/month
- verge contractor = £90.00/cut

Proposed by Cllr Kentish, seconded by Cllr Shorrock.

- 021/25 Village Hall Committee – It was agreed to continue to receive the agenda and minutes of the committee and attend meetings when required. All agreed.

022/25 PLANNING

- a) LCC PL/0127/24 Land at King Street, Greatford-refused permission for applicant to commence gravel extraction before the road was widened.
- b) S25/0593 Dr Lane, Spa Lodge Farm, Braceborough-Part 3 Class Q conversion of agricultural buildings to 3x dwellings. It was proposed by Cllr Kentish, seconded by Cllr Morriss that the council objected to the application and that Cllr Dobson to recommend that it goes to SKDC planning committee if the officer recommends approval. **Action Clerk/D.Cllr.**
- c) S25/0604 13 Main St, Braceborough-single storey extension to rear of property. It was agreed that the council had no objection to the application. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**

023/25 HIGHWAYS

1. LCC annual walkabout 12.05.2025. Cllrs mentioned the following concerns to be raised-Spa Road-flooding, clean out drains, potholes, damaged road & ownership where the railway crossed the road near the Holt. Flooding at Church Lane/Main Road which may be the result of tree roots getting into the drains from Braceborough Old Folks Home, in previous years they have been rodded through to cut the roots. At Wilsthorpe siting of grit bin.
2. LCC-Braceborough-24th-30th April Main St/Carlby Road emergency

024/25 VILLAGE CONCERNS –

1. Future of Lower Braceborough Wood- It was proposed by Cllr Kentish, seconded by Cllr Collins not to proceed with taking over the wood. **Action C.Cllr Kentish.** All agreed.
2. Mallard Pass-Quinbrook Infrastructure Investment Fund-Cllr Kentish would represent the council at the next meeting. All agreed.
3. Community Policing-Concern was expressed due to the increase in theft around the area and lack of policing. It was agreed to discuss at the September meeting. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**

025/25 Correspondence

1. Alicia Kearns MP-meeting to discuss the re-organization of local government, majority voted for the South Kesteven option- Rutland, South & North Kesteven & South Holland.
2. Anglianwater Pipeline-to re-commence 31.03.25
3. LCC-Road closures Braceborough 21-28.04.25, Wilsthorpe 14-23.04.25-ducting for fibre broadband.
4. Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall minutes
5. LCC-Town & Parish council updates
6. SKDC-elections documents LCC & Lincolnshire Mayoral elections.
7. SKDC-Celebrate WW11 Victory in Europe.
8. PPG-consultation – Urgent Treatment Centre at Deeping.

026/25 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES –None

027/25 To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session - None

in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) Press and Public were asked to leave the meeting due to discussions of a sensitive nature.

- 028/25 Date of next meeting – Meeting of the Parish Council to take place at St Faith's Church, Wilsthorpe on 9th September at 7pm.

20:40 Meeting Closed

