

Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 19:00hrs at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall.

Present- Dave Kentish, Rosemary Trollope-Bellew (Clerk), James Shorrocks, Susan Burgoin, Paul Morriss, Steve Collins, Cllr Barry Dobson (SKDC), C R Benn (conservative candidate for Lincolnshire County Council), Di Holden, G Burgoin, M Ravilious, Sue Cook, Sue Holliday, C.Cllr A Baxter.

Ross Edgar, a member of Greatford Flood Committee gave a presentation on flooding in that village and what work they were doing with other authorities to help reduce and prevent flooding in the future. He noted that the Shillingthorpe Gauge had broken down and therefore gave a false reading, the Fitzwilliam Sluice was either on automatic or manual, the gauge at Burton Coggles gave a twelve hour warning to residents of Greatford. In 2025 flooding was not as severe as 2024, it was concentrated in Greatford Gardens and S bend on Main Street.

The parish obtained funding from Lincolnshire County Council which enabled them to pay for the hire of a digger and driver who cleared out dykes around the perimeter of the village, Landowners and farmers had agreed to work with the group, LCC put a camera down the drains and found that some were full of silt. Mr Edgar reported that the Flood group walk and check the areas periodically.

A question-and-answer session then followed. The Chairman Thanked Mr Edgar for his presentation.

Meeting Commenced 19:30hrs

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS- Dave Kentish welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –None given
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING-It was proposed by Mr J Shorrocks & seconded by Mr S Collins that the minutes of the last meeting held March 2024 be received. All agreed.
4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT- report attached
5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025 – Draft Report attached.
6. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR- Report attached.
7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER BODIES:-,
 - a) Braceborough Village Hall Committee
 - b) St Margaret's Parochial Church Council.
 - c) St Faith's Parochial Church Council – report attached.
 - d) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NWS) Wilsthorpe: report attached
 - e) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NWS) Braceborough – Dave Kentish reported that a large number of people had left as there was very little local information and lack of meetings with the police.
 - f) Mallard Pass Action Group-Sue Holliday reported that she had met with Alicia Kearns MP and parish council Chairman/women. There was still concern from Greatford how the development might affect flooding in the village.
 - g) Mr Chris Benn introduced himself as the prospective conservative candidate for Deepings West and Rural at the elections on 1st May.
8. TO RECEIVE CONCERNS & CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS OF ELECTORS CONCERNS –
9. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING CLOSED 20.40Hrs.