MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEVERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN LEVERTON CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 21st September 2026

Present: Cllr D Durrant – Chairman
Cllrs: Mrs J Self-Shutts, Mr D Horwat, Mr A Woodward, N White

Also Present: H Osborne – Clerk of the Council

Public Forum

There were two members of the public present;
Helen Tooley representing Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue
Jane Moore representing Leverton Leisure Centre

26/64 Apologies

Apologies were received from;
Cllr P Bedford, Boston Borough Council
Cllr D Broughton , Boston Borough Council

26/73 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011

No new declarations of interest

26/74 To receive and approve the notes of the Council meetings held on July 20 2026

It was noted that the record of the meeting held 20 July 2026 contained one error in that the declaration of interest from Cllr A Woodward occurred in the June meeting. It was agreed that this entry should be removed and the remainder of the notes should be approved as a record of the meeting and be signed by the Chairman.

26/75 Submissions from the public (Jane Moore Leverton Leisure Centre)

Jane Moore introduced herself as Leverton Leisure Centre Treasurer. Ms Moore explained that the Leisure Centre was experiencing financial difficulties and she was attending the Parish Council to request financial assistance. Ms Moore explained the current situation as

- The Leisure Centre currently has an account balance of £118.60
- An ongoing insurance claim carries an excess (as yet unpaid) of £7,500
- Current insurance premiums are £868.41 pcm
- The usage of the leisure centre covers a variety of activities including bowls, skating, young farmers and other uses
- The current average income of the leisure centre was stated as circa £687 pcm with seasonal variation
- The current monthly outgoings of the leisure centre were stated as £1610.79
- Ms Moore requested whatever financial assistance the Parish Council could provide as the leisure centre provided a valuable local service

The council thanked Ms. Moore for attending and agreed to discuss the leisure centre situation in private session

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26/76 Submissions from the public (Helen Tooley Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue)

Helen Tooley (Divisional Commander East) of Lincoln Fire and Rescue provided an update to the council on Leverton Fire Station and its potential relocation

- A new fire station for Leverton is not currently authorised and nor are funds ear marked for this
- The current fire station is not scheduled for closure
- A fire engine will be located at Leverton and the crew will respond from Leverton
- Crew training and administration will be carried out in Boston as suitable facilities do not exist at the current Leverton station
- Cllr Woodward enquired about the impacts of training in Boston.
- Cdr Tooley replied that the impact was the provision of an hours travel time between Leverton and Boston.
- Cllr Woodward remarked that this was a generous allowance given the distance involved
- Cdr Tooley stated that the Fire & Rescue service still wish to improve Leverton Fire Station facilities
- Cllr Self-Shutts enquired whether the new station would need to be purpose built
- Cdr Tooley responded that in all likelihood a purpose built facility would be needed
- Cllr White asked whether land had been procured for the new fire station and Cdr Tooley answered that it had not and that procuring a new location is currently on hold pending local government reorganisation

26/76 Written submissions from Cllr Dale Broughton of Boston Borough Council

A written submission was received from Cllr Broughton covering the following topics;

- Council Tax Support
- Online Services
- Autumn Days Community gathering
- A community skip placement at Fishtoft (8am-1pm 28/09)
- The Tour of Britain Cycle Race

The Exact location of the Fishtoft Skip was requested.
Cllr Broughton has confirmed this as Fishtoft playing field, Church Green Road, PE21 0RN

Enquiries were made whether skips could be available outside business hours and whether they are supervised.
Cllr Broughton confirmed that skips are supervised and hours of work therefore mean that skips are provided during working hours

It was asked whether a skip might be arranged for Leverton
Cllr Broughton has provided the relevant contact to request a community skip and a request has been sent by the parish clerk

26/77 Parish clerk transition

H. Osborne provided the councillors with an update on the handover from C. Anderton

H.Osborne proposed that future agendas and minutes be circulated by e-mail as a cost saving measure and this was agreed without dissent

26/78 Councillor recruitment survey

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LALC have circulated a survey seeking council views on a recruitment campaign for councillors. H. Osborne presented the survey questions, and the councillors agreed an appropriate response to each question.

The collated responses have been submitted by H. Osborne

26/79 Emergency Plan

Cllr Durrant as chair decided to carry forward discussion of the parish Emergency Plan to a future meeting given time constraints

26/80 Finances

The following financial expenditures were approved;

Amount (£)	To	For	Period
60.00	Cloud Next	Website & Email Provision	Annual
212.87	Malcolm Firth	Layby Grounds maintenance	Annual (TBC)
168	LALC	ILCA Training	One Off

Additionally the FBBL local magazine have requested a donation for the coming year.
The council requested to know how much was donated in the previous financial year and asked HO to investigate. *HO reports that £150 was donated in the previous fiscal year and will carry forward approval to the next meeting.*

Cllr Horwat enquired whether the council wished him to procure a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day and the council thanked him and requested that he do so.

26/81 Issues relating to the Playing Fields, Potholes and the Environment of the Parish

Verges and dykes

Cllr Woodward expressed concern over the unkept state of a number of areas within the parish with particular reference to unmown grass.

After discussion as to the difficulty of establishing ownership and rights to access and mow such areas it was agreed that Cllr Woodward would photograph areas of concern and provide photographs and locations of problem areas to the parish clerk for discussion in future meetings

Potholes

Concern was expressed as to potholes on Ings lane. It was noted that ongoing traffic caused by other remedial works might exacerbated the damage so evaluation and reporting should wait until remedial works are completed,

Environment

It was noted by Cllr Woodward that the hedge outside Lacey's pit was becoming overgrown and impinging on the road. It was suggested that the Cllr White contact Ann Blythe to obtain a quote to cut the hedge ay Laceys Pit, The dyke opposite Leverton stores and Layby near to the bus shelter. T*his has been done and the work will be scheduled in due course*

A complaint has been received by the council that trees next to the Grange on Highgate have become overgrown and are obscuring the view up and down Highgate by those entering and departing properties in the area causing a risk of collision. *A request for a review by planning enforcement has been raised by the clerk*

26/82 AOB Offer of salt supplies for the parish

An offer has been made (by Lincolnshire County Council Network Resilience) to provide an additional supply of Winter salt to the parish. The salt bags measure approximately 1.2m x 1m x 1.2m and are delivered by HIAB. Cllr White kindly offered to make arrangements to receive the delivery. *The clerk in consultation with Cllr White has raised a request for a salt delivery to Leverton*

26/82 AOB Asda Foundation

The clerk raised that an offer had been received of up to £1,000 funding for food support groups from the ASDA foundation. This need not be for food banks but could support any local food initiative including meals for the elderly or less fortunate at Christmas. The question was asked of J. Moore of Leverton Leisure Centre whether this would be something that the Leisure Centre wanted to pursue but it was not an area of current interest.

26/83 Matters to be added to the next agenda.

- An examination of areas of overgrowth submitted by Cllr Woodward
- A presentation of a formal submission for funding by Leverton Leisure Centre

26/84 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 7pm on Monday 19th October 2026

There being no further public business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those members of the public in attendance and declared the public portion of the meeting closed.

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