WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 18th March 2026

Attendees:
Richard Bannister (Chair) (RB), Angela Fothergill (Clerk)(AF), Helen Crews (HC), Pennie Hamer (PH); Elizabeth Shields (ES); Fiona Scarlett (FS) Peter Siswick (PS); Two members of the public.

Apologies

Christine Smith (CS); John Smith (JS)

Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes from January's were proposed and seconded as a correct record,

Matters Arising from Action Log

Footpath to Village Hall from Village – Ron Welford had put forward to the Cricket Club re putting in a joint application with the Parish Council for a footpath from the village towards the Cricket Club, he said that they would be happy to do this and would now put the proposal forward to the Pavillion Management meeting and then to the Trustees to see if they would be happy to back an application.

Signage for pedestrians Badger Bank – FS said that she would speak to her contact at Highways regarding this. **FS to contact Highways**

Clerks Update

AF had reported various potholes and some had been repaired. The one at the top of Sudnicton Croft had not as yet, **AF to report on Parish Portal**

AF had been in touch with Democratic Services re having all planning issues sent to her email.

Budget and Finance

JS had sent his report and AF read out:

The Parish Council account stands at £2688.67. This is after the recovery of £79.59 VAT and payment of Clerk's salary,HMRC and Painless Payroll (accountants) and Laptop repair of £20.

Planning Applications

Mr E Green – Variation of condition 02 of approval 19/00228/HOUSE to allow alterations to approved design and materials.

Busk Hill Farm, Leavening - Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and subsequent erection of 1 no four bed dwelling in lieu of dwelling previously approved.

Land and buildings at Westfield Farm Low Lane - Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use or development in respect of the erection of 1 no. one bedroom dwelling completed more than four years before the date of this application.

The Planning Committee would discuss the above applications and reply to planning.

Westow Solar Project

RB had received an email from Russell Hoare re a solar scheme for Westow to install solar panels on community buildings**.** The resulting buildings would save money on their energy bills and pass some of that saving back to the community business which would then re-invest those proceeds in other community projects. This kind of model is being encouraged by Central Government and they are making money available to enable it. The community business would have representation from community groups so that decisions and benefits are made locally.

It was thought after a brief discussion that the Village Hall roof would probably not be strong enough for the panels and also it is asbestos but RB said that he would reply to Russell Hoare for him to come and have a look.

RB to reply to Russell Hoare

Items from the Website

PH had received an email re a Parish Liaison meeting. FS said she would be interested in finding out more about this and PH to pass on the contact to FS.

The water running down the side of the road towards Firby corner was mentioned. It was decided to keep an eye on this and if did not improve or got worse to report.

PH to pass on contact to FS

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m
Next meeting Wednesday 13th May 2026 - AGM