

**Present:** Cllrs McLuckie, Armstrong, Craig, Harding, Pellew, Phillipson, Treece and Clerk to the Council.

**Public session** - Nothing raised

**Council Session**

**26001** Apologies received from LCC Cllr Kendrick and Cllr Lamyman. Our new Councillor, David Harding, was welcomed to the meeting.

**26002** No declarations of interest were received.

**26003** The minutes of the November 2025 PC meeting were signed by the chair.

**26004** The chairman reviewed the achievements of the previous year. Still in progress were the fitting of a safety mechanism to the church clock access ladder and remedial work on some of the PC owned trees round the parish. **DS GA**

**26005** An annual review of all the PC policies and procedures is required and the work required was shared out between all those present. **RM ALL**

**26006** It was agreed to suggest the potato store as a possible site for redevelopment to the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee. **RM**

**26007** The clerk was instructed to write to LCC Highways to request that a “Back Lane” street sign was erected at the junction between it and Middle Street, as currently there is no street name displayed there. **TB**

**26008** The new flood monitor “Alert” messages had been received but it was thought that the trigger level needed to be adjusted. **TB**

**26009** The tree survey had been distributed to all Cllrs. It was resolved to accept its findings and instruct the tree surgeon to complete most of the recommended remedial work. It was agreed that the work on the newly planted orchard at the playing field could and would be done during a tree work day in April when hopefully the weather would be better. **ALL**

**26010** Notification had been received that the defibrillator at the VH would no longer be supported and replacement pads would no longer be available. It was therefore resolved to replace the old model with a newer one. **RM**

**26011** Maintenance of the play equipment is on hold awaiting a site visit by HAGS, the equipment manufacturer, which is expected to occur early in the spring. The fencing needs shoring up and it was suggested that this could be a suitable project for the Highways Volunteer team. **AC TB**

**26012** A management report for the VH was presented to the meeting. It was noted that Mrs Harding had resigned from her position as manager and she was thanked for all her hard work. Mrs Rankin has agreed to cover the position in the short term which was greatly appreciated by all. **GA RM**

**26013** The precept for the coming financial year was discussed and it was resolved to seek a small (2.5%) increase over last year’s figure. **RM TB**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Lamyman room in the Dunston Village Hall at **1900 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**.