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Friday, 04 July 2025

Dear councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Full Council** which will be held on **Thursday, 10 July** commencing at **7.30pm** at Westborough Village Hall.

The business of the meeting is set out in the agenda below.

Belina Boyer Parish Clerk/RFO

Agenda no	Agenda item title
25-62	Public Forum: to receive questions and comments from residents of the village on any matter relating to items on this agenda. (15 minutes maximum)
25-63	To note apologies for absence.
25-64	To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and consider any dispensation requests received by the Clerk
25-65	To welcome representatives of the Environment Agency to answer questions on flooding in the parish.
25-66	To receive the minutes of the previous Full Council Meeting and resolve to sign these as a true record of the meeting(s). Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting on 08 May 2025
25-67	To review and adopt the following policies and procedures based on NALC/LALC and SLCC templates
	 a) Code of Conduct b) Complaints policy and procedure c) Grant Policy d) Co-option Policy e) Risk Management Policy
25-68	To receive and note the Clerk's Report and confirm the receipt of the 2025 Practitioner's Guide.
25-69	To receive a grant application from Westborough Village Hall Committee for the renovation of the hall's roof and consider awarding a grant from the Copley Solar Fund.

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25-70	To consider changing the clerk's email address to a free .gov.uk address and choose one of the permissible addresses.						
25-71	 Financial Matters: a) To receive and note the council's receipts and payments over budget report to 30 June 2025 and review the current budget and any virements. b) To receive and note the council's bank reconciliation to 30 June 2025. c) To authorise the following known upcoming payments: 						
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	Zurich Insuran ce	P008	Council Insurance 2025/26	Insurance	160.64		
	South Kesteve n DC	P009	Aqua Sacs	Other Projects - Copley Fund Reserve	456.00		
	John Forman	P010	Scissors for flood store	Other Projects - Copley Fund Reserve	5.19		
	John Forman	P011	Grass cutting Westborough	Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects	151.00		
	Stuart Surr	P012	Grass cutting Westborough	Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects	90.00		
	A J Chandra	P013	Grass cutting Westborough	Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects	60.00		
	Plus any expenditure approved at this meeting and yet unknown amounts for out of pocket expenses to be presented on the day.						
25-72	BANKING						
	 a) To consider adding Bankline authorisation to the NatWest bank accounts: <u>https://www.natwest.com/business/ways-to-bank/bankline-for-communities.html</u> b) To consider opening a CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund Account to maximise income from interest: <u>https://www.ccla.co.uk/investments/investor/local-authorities</u> 						
25-73	To receive the results of a poll on public spaces for children and teenagers and consider what action to take. (Cllr Birnage)						
25-74	To consider planning applications for comment .						

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	S25/1207 Section 211 Notice for the felling and removal of Yew tree. The Cottage Long Lane Westborough Lincolnshire NG23 5HH
25-75	To note planning decisions made since the last meeting. <u>S25/0173 Erection of permanent agricultural workers dwelling and associated</u> <u>works. J And J Alpacas Meadow Farm Clensey Lane Dry Doddington Lincolnshire</u> <u>NG23 5HT</u> - Declined
25-76	To receive and note reports from members including Highways updates. (for information only).
25-77	To receive the County and District Councillor's reports (for information only).
25-78	To note correspondence previously circulated by email.
25-79	Items for notification to be included in a future agenda. For information only.
25-80	To note the date and time of the next Full Council meeting as 09 October 2025 at 19.30 at Dry Doddington Village Hall.

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Members Present:

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Members Absent:

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Also Present: The clerk, several members of the public, including District Cllr Wood and County Cllr Bamford.

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25-39	To adjourn the meeting for the Public Forum: to receive questions and comments from residents of the village on any matter relating to items on this agenda. (15 minutes maximum) A member of the public reported that white lines had faded and would require
25-40	repainting. Cllr Bamford said he would report to Highways. To note apologies for absence.
23-40	Cllr Lett had given her apologies which were approved by the council.
25-41	To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and consider any dispensation requests received by the Clerk None received.
25-42	To receive the minutes of the previous Full Council Meeting and resolve to sign these as a true record of the meeting(s). a) Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 13 March 2025 The council unanimously approved and resolved to sign the minutes of the meeting 13 March as a true record.
25-43	To review the following in accordance with Standing Orders specific to the Annual Meeting or resolve to defer to a future meeting:

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	a) Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, staff and other local authorities;
	The council currently has no committees. It resolved to defer to a future meeting.
	 b) Review of the terms of reference for committees; - deferred c) Appointment of members to existing committees; - deferred d) Appointment of any new committees in accordance with standing order 4; - deferred e) Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations;
	The Council resolved to adopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations based
	on the latest NALC model. The council would review its arrangements for electronic payments later in the year and update Financial Regulations accordingly.
	 f) Review of arrangements (including legal agreements) with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and businesses.
	The council had entered into a grass cutting agreement with Lincolnshire County Council earlier in the year.
	 g) Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back;
	The council is currently not represented on external bodies.
	 Review of inventory of land and other assets including buildings and office equipment;
	The council reviewed its assets register and approved some changes removing items no longer in the council's possession and adding items which had previously been removed as well as adding newly purchased assets.
	 Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks;
	The council reviewed its insurance arrangements and resolved to continue insuring with Zurich Municipal as per the updated schedule. The council reviewed its risk management register.
	j) Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies;
	The council is a member of NALC. The Clerk's membership of SLCC would be considered when up for renewal later in the year.
	 k) Review of the Council's complaints procedure; Deferred to a later meeting. l) Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation (<i>see also standing orders 11, 20 and 21</i>);
	The council adopted the ICO's Model Publication Scheme and deferred the review of other policies to a later date.
	 m) Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media; Deferred n) Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures; Deferred

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	 o) Review of the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the general power of competence. The council had not made any payments under S137.
	There were none.
	p) Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.
	The council confirmed the meeting schedule agreed earlier in the year and added the Annual Parish Council Meeting 14th May 2026 at Westborough Village Hall to the Schedule.
25-44	a) To receive and note Dry Doddington Village Poor's' Charity Trust annual trustees report.
	The council received and noted the report received from the charity trustees read out by the Clerk.
	b) To appoint trustees for a 5-year term.
	A query had been raised whether members of the council could be charity trustees. The clerk would look into the matter. Nobody had volunteered to be a charity trustee.
25-45	To receive and note the Clerk's Report. The council received and noted the clerk's report.
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25-47	To consider registering with the ICO and arranging for annual payments by Direct Debit. The council resolved to register with the ICO and pay the relevant annual fee via Direct Debit.
25-48	To consider a grant application from the Copley Solar Farm Fund from Dry Doddington Village Hall. The council considered the grant application. The council resolved to order and purchase table and chair trolleys as well as a hot water urn for use at Dry Doddington Village Hall. These items will then be gifted to the Village Hall Trustees. The estimated cost would be £1150.
25-49	To consider the clerk's attendance at the LALC summer conference. The Council approved the clerk's attendance at the LALC summer conference and the associated expenditure. The conference costs £45 to attend.

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	 g) To formally resolve that all banking statements and correspondence for the council should be sent to the clerk's home address. The council resolved that all banking statements and correspondence for the council should be sent to the clerk's home address.
	 h) To approve opening a NatWest 35day notice account and agree the sum to be transferred into it after opening The council approved opening a NatWest 35day notice account and transferring £20,000 into it once opened.
25-51	Audit 2024-25
	a) To Receive the internal Auditor's report and consider any recommendations therein for action.
	The council received the Internal Auditor's report and noted that there was no recommendation for further action.
	Members resolved to change the order of the agenda and considered item b) after items c) and d).
	b) To consider whether the council meets the relevant criteria to declare itself exempt from sending the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor for a limited assurance review.
	The Council resolved that it met the relevant criteria.
	c) To consider the questions in the Annual Governance Statement and agree the appropriate answers.
	The Clerk read out each assertion and council voted on each. There were no negative answers that would have required further action or explanation. The Annual Governance Statement was signed by both the Clerk and the Chair.
	d) To consider and agree the Accounting Statements.
	The Council agreed the Accounting Statements which were signed by the Chair.
	e) Electors' Rights – to note the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights as 03 June to 13 July 2025.
	The Council noted the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights as 03 June to 13 July 2025.

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	f) To receive and note the Statement of Variances and the Year End Bank Reconciliation.
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25-59	To note correspondence previously circulated by email. The council noted the correspondence previously circulated.
25-60	 Items for notification to be included in a future agenda. For information only. Public areas for children and young people – poll Items deferred at this meeting. Budget review and potential virements (See item 56)
25-61	To note the date and time of the next Full Council meeting as 10 July 2025 at 19.30 at Westborough Village Hall. The council confirmed the date and time of the next Full Council meeting as 10 July 2025 at 19.30 at Westborough Village Hall.

_____ Date_____ Signed as a true record by the presiding Chair of the approving meeting. WESTBOROUGH & DRY DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Telephone: 07356 031636 Email: clerk.west.drydodd.pc@gmail.com Website: https://westborough-dry-doddington.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/

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	The Council agreed the Accounting Statements which were signed by the Chair.
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25-57	To receive and note reports from members including Highways updates. (for information only). The council received updates on Highways issues.
25-58	To receive the County and District Councillor's reports (for information only). County Councillor Bamford introduced himself. Having been in post for only a few days following the election he did not yet have anything to report. District Councillor Wood reported that the Local Plan was under review. The representation on the Local Government Re-organisation was being considered and consultation events would be prepared.
25-59	To note correspondence previously circulated by email. The council noted the correspondence previously circulated.
25-60	 Items for notification to be included in a future agenda. For information only. Public areas for children and young people – poll Items deferred at this meeting. Budget review and potential virements (See item 56)
25-61	To note the date and time of the next Full Council meeting as 10 July 2025 at 19.30 at Westborough Village Hall. The council confirmed the date and time of the next Full Council meeting as 10 July 2025 at 19.30 at Westborough Village Hall.

_____ Date_____ Signed as a true record by the presiding Chair of the approving meeting.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Adopted ??/??/??? Review Date ??/??/????

This complaints procedure is designed to deal with complaints made about the Council's action or perceived lack of action, or about the standard of a service, whether the action was taken or the service provided by the Council itself acting as a body corporate, or by a person or body acting on behalf of the Council.

The procedure may also be used to deal with any statutory complaint or appeal process required by law such as the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Data Protection Act 2018 or other legislation.

Any complaint can only be processed by the Council at a properly convened meeting of either the full Council or of a Committee tasked with investigating the matter.

Any complaint that involves one of the Council's employees will be dealt with in the first instance via this complaint's procedure, and if any further action is required, then in accordance with the Council's internal employment processes.

Please be aware that there are other bodies with responsibility for certain types of complaint:

Individual member's conduct alleged to	South Kesteven District Council's
breach the Code of Conduct adopted by	Monitoring Officer should be contacted –
the Council	the district/ borough council has
	responsibility for such matters
Alleged financial irregularity or unlawful	Local electors have a statutory right to
council activity	object to a Council's Annual Accounts
	and Governance Statement to the
	external auditor – S.27 Local Audit and
	Accountability Act 2014
Alleged criminal activity	The Police

Before the meeting

- 1. Any complaint about the Council's procedures or administration should be made in writing to the Clerk to the Council (see website for contact details)
- 2. If the complainant does not wish to make the complaint via the Clerk to the Council, it should be addressed to the Chair of the Council.
- 3. The Clerk to the Council/ Chair will acknowledge receipt of the complaint and advise when the matter will be considered by either the Council or a nominated Committee working on behalf of the Council.
- 4. Please be aware that any complaint will be treated as confidential, and that the council is obliged to comply with its duties under the Data Protection Act 2018 at all times to safeguard against the unlawful disclosure of personal data.

- 5. The complainant will be invited to attend the meeting at which the complaint will be considered, and be offered the opportunity to be accompanied by a representative, if required.
- 6. Seven clear working days prior to the meeting, the complainant is required to provide the Council with copies of any documentation or other items on which the complaint is based.
- 7. The Council will provide the complainant with copies of any documentation upon which it wishes to rely at the meeting and shall do so promptly, allowing the opportunity to read all material in good time for the meeting.

At the meeting

- 8. The Council /Committee shall exclude the public and press whilst discussion of the matter takes place. Any decision on a complaint shall subsequently be announced at a meeting in public, whilst taking into account any duties to safeguard personal data as under (4) above.
- 9. The Chairman will introduce everyone at the meeting and explain the procedure to be followed.
- 10. The complainant will be asked to outline the grounds for the complaint, and thereafter, questions may be asked by (i) the Clerk and (ii) members of the Council.
- 11. The Clerk to the Council will then have an opportunity to explain the Council's position and questions may be asked by (i) the complainant and then (ii) members of the Council.
- 12. The complainant will be offered the opportunity to summarise their position.
- 13. The Clerk will be offered the opportunity to summarise the position on behalf of the Council.
- 14. The Clerk and complainant will both be asked to leave the room whilst members decide whether or not the grounds for the complaint have been made. If a point of clarification is necessary, both parties shall be invited back.
- 15. The complainant will be given the opportunity to await the outcome but if a decision is unlikely to be finalised quickly, will be advised when a decision is likely to be made and the arrangements in place to communicate the decision to them.

After the meeting

- 16. Any decision will be confirmed to the complainant within seven working days, together with details of any further action to be taken.
- 17. The Council's decision on the matter will be final, and no further appeal process will be offered.

GRANT APPLICATION POLICY

Adopted

Due for review:

Introduction

Westborough an Dry Doddington Parish Council is committed to supporting local organisations and groups whose work benefits some or all of the residents of the Westborough an Dry Doddington Parish Council area. A grant is any payment or gift made by the Parish Council to an organisation for a

specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish, and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Parish Council. The law requires that Section 137 grants must be "in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or some of it" and "the direct benefit should be commensurate with expenditure". Similar considerations will apply when considering applications for other grants.

Policy

The Parish Council awards grants, at its absolute discretion, to organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the Parish by:-

- Providing a service,
- Enhancing the quality of life,
- Improving the environment
- Promoting sustainable energy
- and promoting the Parish of Westborough an Dry Doddington in a positive way.

A grant can be used in various ways, for example:

- purchase of new or improved equipment/facilities
- supporting a specific event
- improving the environment.

The Council will consider applications for grants between £50 and £15,000.

All applications for grants are considered by the Parish Council with each application assessed on its own merits.

Once a decision has been made it is final, with no appeals. No further identical or similar applications will be considered for 12 months unless the Council accepts that exceptional circumstances apply.

Ongoing commitments to award grants in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year.

Please return completed applications to: The Parish Clerk,

Email: clerk.west.drydodd.pc@gmail.com

Email: <u>clerk.west.drydodd.pc@gmail.com</u> Mobile: 07356 031636

Grants will not be awarded retrospectively.

Who is eligible?

Local voluntary or charitable groups (clubs, societies and organisations) whose work benefits some or all of the residents within the Westborough an Dry Doddington Parish Council area.

Those NOT eligible

The Parish Council will NOT award grants to:-

- Private individuals
- Commercial organisation
- Purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund or provide
- "Upward funders". ie. local groups where fund-raising is sent to a central HQ for redistribution
- Political parties
- Religious organisations: unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief
- Organisations who discriminate against anybody with protected characteristics

This list is not exclusive, and may be added to at the Council's discretion.

Procedure

Funding applications may be submitted at any time during the financial year. In order to be considered at the Council meeting following submission, the application has to be complete and received by the Clerk not less than 7 working days before a scheduled meeting. All applications require:

- A completed application form
- The number, or percentage, of members that belong to the organisation and that live within the Westborough an Dry Doddington Parish Area
- Details of any restrictions placed on who can use/access their services
- Confirmation (on the application form) that it agrees with the Parish Council's Equality and Diversity Policy, or provide a copy of their own policy
 Confirmation and details of an active Youth Policy – where applicable.
- Organisations will be expected to have clear written aims and objectives, a written constitution, and a separate bank account controlled by more than one signatory.

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All applications in excess of £500 must be accompanied by the organisation's previous year's accounts. The Council reserves the right to request further financial and governance documentation before making a decision.

All grants awarded will be subject to regular 'report back' to Westborough an Dry Doddington Parish Council as to progress and/or community benefit.

Assessment Procedure

At the Parish Council's annual budgeting meeting an amount will be set from which grants will be awarded during the following financial year. A decision upon an award will remain for approval by the Parish Council at the appropriate meeting following the application. Once the grants budget is exhausted, the Parish Council will only consider emergency requests for assistance, and generally only from organisations with whom it has close links. An emergency grant request, once received in writing, will be considered at the next available meeting of the Parish Council.

Each application will be assessed on its own merits.

The Parish Council may make the award of any grant or subsidy subject to such additional conditions and requirements as it considers appropriate. The applicant will confirm in writing that these conditions will be met before any payment will be made. The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any grant application which it considers to be inappropriate, or against the objectives of the Council.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Parish Council from exercising, at any time, its existing duty or power in respect of providing financial assistance or grants to local or national organisations under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 137.

Successful Applications

A grant award must only be used for the purpose stated on the application. If the organisation is unable to use the money, or any part of it, for the purpose stated, then all monies, or unexpended part of such monies <u>must</u> be returned to the Parish Council. The Parish Council may request proof of expenditure.

Organisations receiving grants are required to advise their users/members that the grant or equipment has been received from Westborough an Dry Doddington Parish Council. Where appropriate, the Parish Council may require a notice to be affixed.

Where equipment is gifted to an organisation, The Parish Council requires that it be insured and maintained at the expense of the user.

Please return completed applications to: The Parish Clerk,

Email: <u>clerk.west.drydodd.pc@gmail.com</u>

Grant Application Form

Name of Organisation
Contact Details
Position within Organisation
Telephone
Email
Is your organisation a registered charity?
If yes, charity number
Project for which grant is required? Please give details of the projects to be financed, who will be benefit from the funding
Total Cost

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Have any funds been requested from other sources?

Success/failure of application, and amount requested

Amount of grant requested from Westborough and Dry Doddington Parish Council.

When are the funds required?

Please provide your organisations account details

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING

Please provide images and additional information in the space below.

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CO-OPTION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF VACANCIES:

Casual

This occurs during the four year term when a Councillor resigns, dies or becomes disqualified.

S87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a local authority (Parish Council) to give public notice of casual vacancies to ensure transparency and attract more candidates.

The process of giving ten electors the opportunity to call a by-election is only relevant for casual vacancies, not ordinary vacancies.

Ordinary

This occurs as a result of insufficient nominations for the seats available at the time of election. Any such vacancy/vacancies should be advertised within 35 days of the election or later if still unfilled.

In these circumstances a person can be co-opted to fill a vacancy/vacancies at the discretion of the local authority (Parish Council).

The eligibility and disqualification criteria required of an applicant for either an ordinary or casual vacancy are the same in accordance with S79 and disqualification criteria Ss.80-81 of the Local Government Act 1972.

THE CO-OPTION PROCESS FOR ORDINARY AND CASUAL VACANCIES

(For casual vacancies this process will apply when a by-election has been advertised but not claimed)

There are no statutory arrangements in place to co-opt to fill a vacancy and therefore the Parish Council has decided to adopt the following process in order to be fully transparent and ensure all applicants can be considered which meet statutory eligibility criteria and able to offer suitable skills, knowledge, experience and motivation to fulfil the role of Parish Councillor.

Where a vacancy/vacancies occur the following will apply:

- 1. The vacancy/vacancies notice will be advertised as follows:
 - On the Parish Council notice board.
 - On the Parish Council website.
 - On Parish Council Facebook page or similar social media (where available).
- 2. The notice will feature a closing date of at least 7 days before the next council meeting and allow at least 21 days for application.

- 3. If no applications are received the notice will be advertised again with a new 21 days closing date.
- 4. This will continue until such time as an application/applications are received.
- 5. When an application/applications are received by the closing date the following will apply:
 - Each applicant will be provided with a copy of this Standing Order procedure.
 - Each applicant will be invited to complete a Legal Declaration of Qualification to hold Public Office as a Local Councillor (as shown in Appendix B).
 - Each applicant will be invited to provide a "CV" to include the reasons for interest in being a Parish Councillor and what attributes they have to offer for the benefit of the community. Appendix A template can be provided be the Parish Clerk to assist with this.
- 6. If items (ii) and (iii) are not completed by an applicant then they will not be considered for the vacancy/vacancies.
- 7. The Parish Clerk will circulate details of the application/applications to all the other Councillors prior to the next Parish Council meeting. These are strictly private and confidential and should be handled carefully at all times.
- 8. There will be a separate item on the Parish Council meeting Agenda to deal with the application/applications for Co-options.
- 9. Each applicant will be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting to present themselves to the Parish Council and to allow the Councillors present to ask them questions in the open meeting.
- 10. If an applicant does not present themselves to the Parish Council meeting and they cannot provide a valid reason for not attending then they will not be considered for the vacancy/vacancies at that meeting.
- 11. If thought necessary the Parish Council will resolve to exclude members of the press and public including the candidates under the Local Government Act Schedule 12A and the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable it to discuss the merits or otherwise of the applicants.
- 12. The Parish Council meeting will then re-convene as an open meeting and a vote will take place for applicant(s) for each vacant seat so the successful candidate must have a majority to be elected. Each applicant must have a proposer and a seconder. An absolute majority vote is required for each candidate from all members present and entitled to vote. If there are more than two candidates for one vacancy and no one of them at the first count receives a majority, the candidate with the least number of votes will be eliminated and the remainder must be put to the vote again until an absolute majority is obtained (LGA 1972 Sch. 12. Para 39). One person will be chosen for each vacancy. No proxy votes are allowed. The Chair may exercise their casting vote if there is an equality of votes (see voting method example in Appendix C).
- 13. The Chairman will declare the result.
- 14. The result will be recorded in the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting.
- 15. The Parish Clerk will notify all Parish Council Councillors of the voting count and the result of the selection process as soon as possible afterwards.
- 16.No feedback will be given to any applicant in respect of the Parish Council discussions that took place in the closed part of the meeting unless agreed by the Parish Council.

- 17. The successful applicant/applicants will be provided with the following:
 - $_{\circ}~$ A copy of the Parish Council's Standing Orders.
 - $_{\circ}$ $\,$ A copy of the Parish Council's Financial Regulations.
 - $_{\circ}$ $\,$ A copy of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.
 - A copy of the Good Councillors Guide.
- 18. The successful applicant/applicants will comply with the following:
 - To sign a Declaration of Acceptance of office form.
 - To complete a Declaration of Interests form and submit this to the Parish Clerk who will submit it to the Monitoring Officer at East Lindsey District Council within 28 days.
- 19. The successful applicant/applicants will be encouraged to undertake training courses paid for by the Parish Council and provided by Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC).
- 20. If for any reason an applicant/applicants are not selected then the vacancy/vacancies will be re-advertised in accordance with this procedure.

WESTBOROUGH AND DRY DODDINGTON PARISH COUNIL CO-OPTION APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY FORM

APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION			
Full name and title			
About you In the box below tell us a little about your background, skills and experience that might be useful if you join the parish council.			

Reasons for applying	Please explain here your reasons why you want to be a member of the Parish Council
Signature	
Date	

Return this form to the Parish Clerk once you have completed it.

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WESTBOROUGH AND DRY DODDINGTON PARISH COUNIL CO-OPTION APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY FORM

ELIGIBILITY FOR CO	-OPTION
Full name and Title	
Home address	
Home telephone	
Mobile telephone	
Email address	
boards and the parish c	g a Parish Councillor that your name will be made public via notice ouncil website. You may need to disclose your phone and email rish council matters. Do you agree to this?
	nonwealth or other European Union Citizen and not require leave e United Kingdom or have indefinite leave to remain?
Are you aged over 18? Yes / No	
To qualify you must be	able to answer 'Yes' to at least one of the questions below
a) Are you on the electo Yes / No	oral register for Westborough and Dry Doddington Parish Council?
b) Have you lived either	r in parish of Westborough and Dry Doddington or within 3 miles
of its boundary, for at le	east a year? Yes / No
c) Have you been the or year? Yes / No	owner or tenant of land in XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
d) Have you had your o Doddington for at least	nly or main place of work in parish of Westborough and Dry a year? Yes / No
You must be able to an councillor.	swer 'No' to all the questions below to be eligible to serve as a
i) Are you the s Yes / No	ubject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order?
Return this form to	the Parish Clerk once you have completed it.

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WESTBOROUGH AND DRY DODDINGTON PARISH COUNIL CO-OPTION APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY FORM

ii)	Have you within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man and has been sentenced (whether suspended or not) to imprisonment for three months or more without the option of a fine? Yes / No					
iii)	Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority? Yes / No					
iv)	Employed by Westborough and Dry Doddington Parish Council, a joint committee or holds a paid office? Yes / No					
v)						
Signatu	Ire					
Date	Date					

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RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Adopted ??/??/??? Review Date ??/??/????

Mission Statement of Parish Council:

To provide services for, and manage and maintain the assets of, the village of Westborough and Dry Doddington, within the law, and the resources provided by the annual precept and other incomes, taking into account the wishes of the residents and obtaining value for money.

Aim	Risk	Method used to Minimise Risk	Person(s) Responsible
1. To ensure compliance with the Acts of Parliament, Council's financial regulations and	1. Lack of knowledge of regulations and codes.	Ensure that all Councillors have copies of relative Acts, Code of Conduct, and Standing Orders. Highlight essential parts and provide training where possible.	Chair Clerk/RFO
code of conduct.			Chair
	2. Absence of standing orders	Ensure that Standing Orders are produced, understood by councillors, and reviewed at least	Clerk/RFO
		once per year.	Chair
	3. Actions by the PC outside its	. ,	Clerk/RFO
	powers laid down by Parliament.	As at 1 above, but ensure that powers are	
		highlighted or extracted into effective summary.	All councillors
	4. Lack of commitment to regulations		Clerk/RFO
	and procedures.	Regular reference to appropriate regulations in	·
		agenda items.	
		Delegation of responsibilities to individual	All councillors
	5. Items purchased without proper tendering procedures, resulting in	councillors.	Clerk/RFO
	accusations of commercial	Ensure that all councillors are aware of	
	favoritism.	regulations re estimates and full tender	
		procedures.	Clerk/RFO

	6. Payments made without prior approval and adequate control.	Introduce practice of estimates for all purchases over an agreed figure.	Clerk/RFO
	7. Lack of control of signatories to cheques.	Ensure all payments are approved in Council meetings and recorded in minutes. Avoid cash payments.	Chair
	8. VAT not properly accounted for, resulting in overclaims and large demands from C&E.	Keep authorised signatories to a minimum consistent with practicalities.	
		Ensure appropriate publications held and that Clerk/RFO has good knowledge of regulations.	
2. To identify and regularly review the Council's priorities.	 Lack of knowledge or commitment of how to set objectives, set priorities, and identify risks to their achievement. No risk analysis carried out. 	All councillors to be made aware of need for objectives and identification of risk. Attend training sessions if practicable. Add risk assessment to agenda annually, reviewing particular items, and results against those items. Ensure that completion of the risk assessment is given high priority, as a requirement of the Audit Commission	All councillors Clerk/RFO Chair Clerk/RFO
3 To form a partnership with other council and government organisations in order to achieve adequate two way communications and influence	 Lack of effective lines of communication with other organisations. Lack of effective lines of communication with parishioners. 	Note all communication lines and make information available to all councillors Establish contacts by name and where possible face-to- face. Take every opportunity to publicise role of Parish Council. Contribute to Parish newsletter.	Chair Clerk/RFO All councillors Chair Clerk/RFO

	3. Lack of preparation on subjects	Effective use of Notice Boards and "fliers". Create annual plan.	All councillors
	4. Lack of confidence by Parish Councillors.	Ensure that all councillors are aware of need for careful research and are guided as to where to obtain relevant information on issues under discussion. Experienced councillors to assist newcomers to establish essential contacts. Delegate responsibility for specific contacts to individual councillors	Chair
4. To ensure that all councillors are aware of their responsibilities, and possible liabilities, and to provide adequate	1. Lack of knowledge of possible culpability of councillors.	Creation of standing orders and familiarisation with those where greatest risk occurs. Delegate responsibility to one or two councillors to assist newcomers to understand culpability. Attend any training courses available.	All councillors Clerk/RFO
insurance cover for all possible risks.	 Inadequate insurance cover taken out – property, personal liability, employers liability. 	Review risk assessment by including on agenda of PC meetings annually. Delegate responsibility for keeping up-to-date with insurance requirements to an individual councillor.	All councillors Clerk/RFO
5. To keep appropriate books of account accurately and up-to- date through out the financial year.	1. Lack of knowledge or commitment to accounting requirements	Ensure that all councillors are familiar with current financial regulations and include them in standing orders. Annually review standing orders. Clerk/RFO to produce financial reports regularly.	All councillors Chair Clerk/RFO

	2. Inadequate control of cash receipts	Internal audit reports to be made available to all councillors.	Clerk/RFO
	and payments. 3. Accounts not kept up to date or	Avoid cash payments.	Clerk/RFO
	accurately 4. Clerk/RFO taken ill or leaves	Regular checks by Clerk/RFO and internal auditor.	Chair
	without replacement	Appoint a councillor as Clerk/RFO to be familiar with all aspects of financial matters.	
6. To ensure that payments made from	1. Lack of knowledge of wishes of residents.	Ensure residents are consulted on all major financial issues.	All councillors
council funds and the use of assets, represent value for money, are	2. Use of funds not giving value for	Effective budget planning processes. Creation of annual plan after consultation	All councillors Clerk/RFO
adequately managed, and comply generally	money.	process. Creation of outline 2/3 year plan.	Clerk/RFO
with the wishes of the residents.	3. Fund raising not properly	All councillors to be aware of need to check regulations before commencing fund-raising	
	controlled or not in accordance with regulations.	activities. Effective financial management by Clerk/RFO.	
7. To ensure that the annual precept requirement results from	 Lack of knowledge or commitment to budgetary process, and Council regulations. 	Include regulations in Standing Orders issued to all councillors. Involve all councillors in budgetary process not	All councillors Clerk/RFO
an adequate budgetary process; progress against		solely the Clerk/RFO.	Clerk/RFO Chair
the budget is regularly monitored; and reserves are appropriate.	2. Inadequate consideration of requirements for annual precept.	Place item on agenda early in year to remind councillors of budget process and actions required.	

	3. Inadequate internal controls with regard to monitoring expenditure.4. Reserves too low.	Start consideration of calculation at least 4 months prior to submission date Create annual plan to assist in process. Checks by Clerk/RFO and Internal Auditor. Financial and budget progress reports to all PC meetings. Checks by Clerk/RFO and Internal Auditor	Clerk/RFO Clerk/RFO
8. To explore all possible sources of income, and to ensure that expected income is fully received.	 Lack of knowledge of possible sources of income e.g. grants, or commitment to pursue possible sources of income. VAT claims not made promptly or made incorrectly. 	Appoint a councillor as Grants Officer to gain experience of all grants available and application procedures. Ensure Clerk/RFO has appropriate and up-to-date VAT official publications . Internal audit checks.	Chair Clerk/RFO
9. To ensure that salaries paid to employees and amounts paid to contractors are paid in accordance with council regulations, and adequately monitored.	 Inappropriate rate of pay to employees or tax and NI arrangements not in accordance with regulations. Amounts paid to contractors not in accordance with contract and inadequately monitored. 	Ensure employee regulations are available and understood by Clerk/RFO Internal audit checks Internal audit checks	Clerk/RFO Clerk/RFO
10. To ensure that year end accounts are	1. Lack of knowledge of Council regulations and procedures.	Include financial regulations in Standing Orders. Attend training seminars where available.	All councillors

prepared on the correct accounting basis, on time, and supported by an adequate audit trail.	2. Year end accounts not prepared, inaccurate, or not in accordance with Council requirements.	Checks by council Internal audit checks	Chair Clerk/RFO
11. To identify, value, and maintain all the assets of the Parish Council, and ensure that asset and investment registers are complete, accurate and properly maintained.	 Lack of knowledge of assets of Parish Council. Inadequate or inaccurate valuation of the council's assets. 	Ascertain and record all assets for which Parish council is responsible. Create permanent asset register in accordance with Audit Commission requirements Arrange for periodic review of valuations and arrange for professional valuation where necessary. Internal audit checks.	Clerk/RFO
12. To comply with appropriate Government legislation regarding disability, racial equality, safeguarding children etc.	 Lack of knowledge or commitment to applicable legislation Lack of public awareness of applicable legislation. 	Clerk/RFO to have all appropriate legislation available. Review liabilities and responsibilities periodically at PC meetings. Include, as appropriate, in any public consultations.	All councillors Clerk/RFO
13. To carry out adequate safety checks on all buildings, properties, and equipment for which the council is responsible.	 Lack of information on properties, buildings and equipment. Lack of knowledge of safety requirements. 	Ensure that all current legislation and advice is held by Clerk/RFO. Ensure that all current legislation and advice is held by Clerk/RFO.	Chair Clerk/RFO

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Using a .gov.uk domain is beneficial because it gives your eligible organisations trusted branding, increased security and helps meet any policy and legal obligations.

A .gov.uk domain name used by your organisation:

• shows services, emails and websites are from a trusted UK public sector organisation like a central government department or parish council

- means your website and service could potentially show up higher in search results
- allows staff to join public sector communities which require a .gov.uk email
- is monitored for potential security vulnerabilities, which will be reported to you by the Protecting Public Sector Domains Team at Cabinet Office
- gives your organisation the ability to better control email accounts by removing staff when they leave
- gives your domain better legal protection because it's based in a UK jurisdiction
- means outgoing emails are more likely to be cleared by security filters and delivered to citizens and other public sector organisations
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- helps smaller organisations fulfill best practice guidelines as outlined in the <u>Practitioners' Guide 2025 (https://www.nalc.gov.uk/resource/practitioners-guide-2025.html</u>) from the Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel.

Use a .gov.uk domain to help respond to FOI requests

If you are using personal equipment or email addresses for the work of your organisation, you may have to submit them for scrutiny if your organisation receives a freedom of information or data request.

Anyone can submit a written request for information in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/receiving-a-request/). This law means your organisation could be asked to disclose a wide range of data, including:

- agendas and minutes
- instant messages
- emails
- handwritten notes
- photos
- plans
- correspondence
- remote meeting recordings

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Actual Year to	Budget as	Curre
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ent Funds % of Budget Budget Available

spent

Expenditure Detail					8%	
Audit costs	-	240	240	240	0%	
Defibrillator maintenance	-	60	60	60	0%	
Election costs	-	0	0	-	No Budget	
Events (VE80, Christmas)	-	474	474	474	0%	
Insurance	160.64	180	180	19	89%	
Mowing	-	450	450	450	0%	
Office expenses incl. WFHA and mileage	78.00	397	397	319	20%	
Other Projects - Copley Fund Reserve	721.94	0	0			
Project - Churchyard water	-	5000	5000	5,000	0%	
ProjectWestborough village hall roof	-	10000	10000	10,000	0%	
Room Hire Charges	-	160	160	160	0%	
Section 137 allowance - LIVES	-	0	0	-	No Budget	
Staff Costs (Salary, NI, PAYE, Pension)	-	2032	2032	2,032	0%	
Subs LALC	-	163	163	163	0%	
Training and Development	-	350	350	350	0%	
Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects	315.00	1100	1100	785	29%	

Total Payments

1,812 20,606 20,052

Westborough and Dry Doddington Parish Council Receipts and Payments over Budget Report

Actual Year to	Budget as	Current	Funds	% of Budget
date	Approved	annual Budget	Available	spent
	30/01/2025			

	Actual Year to	Budget as	Current	% of Budge	t
	date	Approved	annual Budget	Received	
INCOME		30/01/2025			
Bank interest	74.01	520	520	14%	6
Community cleaner grant - from SKDC	463.32	926	926	50%	6
Grant - NTS clerk training bursary	-	0	-	No Budge	t
LCC mowing income for 3 cuts	-	1460	1,460	0%	6
Precept	2,700.00	2700	2,700	100%	6
VAT reclaimed	-	0	-	No Budge	t
*Transfer from reserves	-	15,000	15,000	0%	6
TOTAL Income	-	20,606	20,606	0%	6

Total Income	3,237	20,606
Total Expenditure	1,812	20,606
Balance	1,425	0

20,606	
-	20,052
20,606	

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Bank Reconciliation Westborough and Dry Doddington Parish Council Financial Year ending: 31 March 2026 Prepared by: B Boyer. Date: 30/06/2025

Transactions for month up to 30/04/2025

Reconcilation date:	30/06/2025				
STATEMENT BALANCES			LEDGERS		
NatWest Current Account	2,806.89		All		
Nat West Reserve Account	6,100.89		Opening Balance	54,911.48	54,911.48
Nat West 35 Day Notice	20,000.00		Receipts to date	3,237.33	
Melton Building Society	27,428.98		Payments to date	1,812.05	
		56,336.76	Running balance	56,336.76	
			Sub-total	-	

Un-banked Receipts

Sub-total Un-presented payments:

NET BALANCE	56,336.76	Cashbook balance	56,336.76
Statement Balance	56,336.76	Difference	

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Approved by: Date:

Account Summary - NatWest



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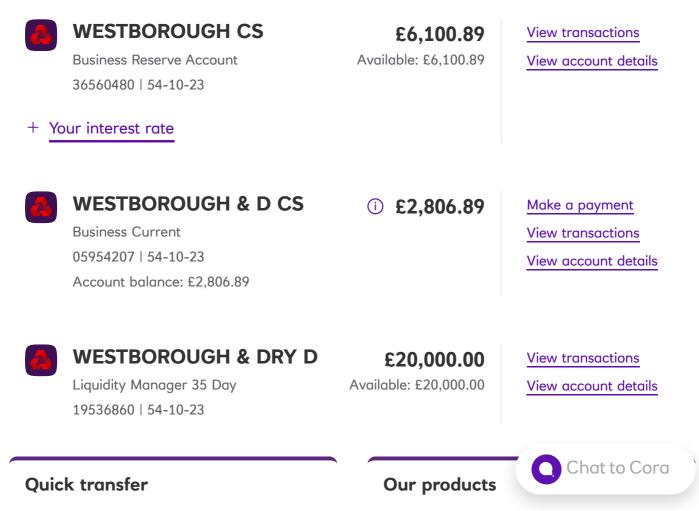
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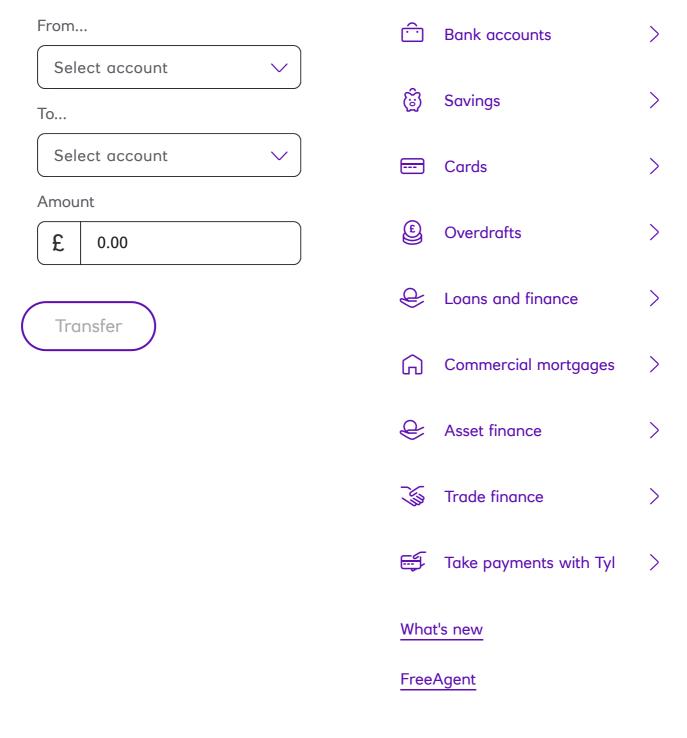
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Correspondence to July 2025 Meeting

- SKDC UKSPF Parish and Community Funding
- SKDC Invitation to Local Government Reorganisation Briefings by SKDC
- LALC June E-News 1
- LALC -Annual Report 2024-25
- LALC LALC AGM 2025 agenda
- Environment Agency Reforms to bolster flood protection for communities across the country Defra consultation
- SKDC Regulation 18 Local Plan Consultation