

HEADON-CUM-UPTON, GROVE & STOKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026
at Headon Village Hall, Church Street, Headon, Retford, DN22 0RD at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs N Greenhalgh (Chair), J Mosely, D Landon, J Landon, R Goulden,
C Smith, E Briggs and D Spencer, N Thornton

Apologies: Cllr Scothern

Members of the public in attendance: 2 (Cllr Limber and Cllr Richardson)

Clerk: Clare Brettell - remotely

Public Session

Commencement of meeting 7pm

26/62 To receive – declarations of interest both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda
None

26/63 To receive – apologies for absence given to the Clerk
Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Scothern

26/64 To receive and approve – The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th July 2026 (Appendix 1)
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th July 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

26/65 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decision can be made)
None

26/66 To receive - update from the County Councillor (5 minutes)
The County Councillor (Cllr Limber) was in attendance, who noted issues with the local bus service.
Several Councillors discussed the ongoing issues of potholes, speeding in Nether Headon and other areas locally.
Cllr Smith suggested progressing traffic surveys throughout the villages as a gauge to the problem with both the volume and speed of traffic.

Cllr Limber reported that VIA staff are working hard to fix the roads and grounds staff are pleased with the new equipment which is a quick and efficient method for repairing damage.

Cllr Mosely brought up the poor quality of the road from Westfields up to Upton that needs attention. Cllr Limber responded confirming that this would require substantial planning due to the road closures involved and the uncertainty in the weather.

26/67 To receive - update from the District Councillor (5 minutes)

The District Councillor (Cllr Richardson) was in attendance. He confirmed as to what had been said on the news earlier today that the Local Reorganisation has been paused for 12 areas. He felt this would be better for getting things done, especially financially. There will be Elections in May next year and feels it is likely that there will be a lack of potential candidates for these roles.

Cllr Richardson is currently looking at Fly-tipping issues which are causing a problem, confirming that Bassetlaw District Council are working to find the culprits.

Cllr Thornton highlighted that culprits of fly-tipping in the area, must have the knowledge of where to tip as many of these areas are hard to find. Cllr Limber suggested making problem areas secure and making access difficult to deter fly tipping.

Cllr Richardson is looking into rural crime, which is on the increase, working with the police to ensure more involvement as there is a general feeling that there is a lack of presence. There is no dedicated crime unit in the area, and it really needs one. These have been shown to be effective in other areas.

Councillors commented that in an area near Stokeham Lane, fly tipping has been set fire to and contaminated the soil. Cllr Richardson said he would ask the Environmental Health department to look at this.

Cllr Richardson informed Councillors that Bassetlaw District Council are removing public litter bins which will cause concern especially in rural areas.

He added that he would ask for any successful planning application for 'renewable resources' within the area to contribute to a community fund, for the benefit of the local community directly.

Cllr D Landon enquired about the grant funding for Wi-Fi at the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee would contact Cllr Richardson directly for forms etc.

The Parish Council asked Cllr Richardson to chase up with Mr David Armiger the matter with the car parking land. This refers to the original emails sent in May to which no response had been received.

The Chair thanked Cllr Richardson and Cllr Limber for dealing with the 'Caravan' fly-tipping issue.

Both Councillors left the meeting at 7.30pm

26/68 To discuss – Police Update and any issues to report

None received and nothing to report.

26/69 To receive – reports from Defib4Life regarding Defibrillator maintenance and any other relevant updates regarding the Defibrillators

The reports were all satisfactory and the Clerk had chased for recent reports that would be circulated when received.

26/70 To receive - update on the work of the Lengthsman and to note the briefing session on the 9th September 2026.

All work in the villages satisfactory. The Clerk had continued to circulate photos of the work completed.

The Clerk was hoping to attend the Lengthsman briefing session on the 9th September and would report back at the next meeting.

26/71 Planning Applications

To receive and where appropriate comment on the following planning applications (including any that have been received since the agenda was issued):

None received.

26/72 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues or footpath matters in the Village, including Items reported directly to Councillors

Already dealt with in County and District update

26/73 To receive – update on the acquisition of land (opposite the church) at Headon for additional parking for Village Hall Users

The Parish Council had asked Cllr Richardson to chase this up on the Parish Councils behalf.

26/74 To agree – Offer of Winter grit (circulated via email 9th August 26)

It was **resolved** to order the 5 (Free) bags of grit. Cllr Greenhalgh to take delivery of these.

26/75 To update – Renovation of fingerposts

The Clerk updated that the fingerposts had been removed ready for painting. Further information to follow.

26/76 To discuss and agree – Village recycling

The Clerk to contact ROB recycling to discuss options regarding the glass recycling.

26/77 Financial Matters

77.1 To receive bank balance on Unity Trust Accounts

Instant Access Current - £2611.04

Saver -£16528.50

77.2 To receive and approve the schedule of payments for July and August (retrospectively)

It was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments for July and August to a total of £1316.48

26/78 To discuss – Correspondence received (all emailed to Parish Councillors)

The Clerk drew attention to the following correspondence that had been circulated:

- The Bassetlaw Local Plan Consultation
- Correspondence to Cllr Greenhalgh regarding a footpath to be cleared by landowners
- The Doncaster Airfield Consultation
- EDF UK and Holtec's Cottam SMR project

All other correspondence had been emailed out to Councillors and was noted.

26/79 To recap – items discussed in the meeting for inclusion in the Newsletter

- The request for road speeds surveys and road repairs being carried out
- The Fly-tipped caravan was moved

26/80 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting and to agree the date.

Items for the agenda – The Bassetlaw Local Plan

The next Parish Council to be held on the 5th October at 7pm

26/81 *Exclusion of Public (Confidential Items) In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 section 1(2) the Council exclude the public and press from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

To update – Clerks hours to date

The Clerk provided Councillors with her recent work hours kept and was currently 8.45 hours over her contracted hours.

It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting, along with the recent Government pay increase agreements.

Cllr Landon asked for a new HR committee/group to be formed including the Chair, Vice Chair and himself. This to be agreed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed by:_____

Date:_____