

# Garthorpe and Coston Parish Council

Draft minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting of Garthorpe and Coston Parish Council held at St Andrew's Parish Church, Coston on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 7.00pm.

Present Cllr Graham, Cllr Mc Grath and Cllr J Wallace.

Also present Councilor David Chubb and the Clerk, Anne Daly.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and opened it at 7.01.

- 1. Apologies - to receive and approve reasons for absence.**  
Everyone was present.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest and any applications for dispensation under the Localism Act 2011.**  
There were none.
- 3. To receive and approve for signature the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.**  
It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.
- 4. To receive a report from Borough, County and Parish Councilors.**  
Council Tax increasing by a small amount.  
Update provided on Local Government Review. Districts Councils including MBC likely to be dissolved. Future options include a donut with the City remaining or a North/South split.  
3 solar farms applications locally.
- 5. To discuss and agree any actions relating to the recent flooding in Coston.**  
Meetings held with MBC and Buckminster Estates. Buckminster Estate looking at options to mitigate future flooding including the building of a wall. In front of affected properties. Issues caused with wash from lorries.
- 6. To discuss and agree to membership of Norfolk Parish training and support.**  
It was RESOLVED to approve membership of Norfolk training and support.
- 7. To discuss and agree any actions relating to the installation of a Speed Indicator Device.**  
It was RESOLVED to defer to the next meeting.

**8. To discuss and agree any actions relating to the possible merger of the Parish Council with Buckminster.**

It was RESOLVED to defer to a future meeting as unlikely to happen at the moment due to Local Government Review.

**9. Policies**

- a) **To discuss and approve Standing Orders**
- b) **To discuss and approve Financial regulations**
- c) **To discuss and approve the Equality Policy.**
- d) **To discuss and approve the Information and Data Protection policy.**
- e) **To discuss and approve the Code of Conduct.**
- f) **To discuss and approve the Risk Assessment.**
- g) **To discuss and approve the Publication Scheme.**
- h) **To discuss and approve the Freedom of Information policy.**

It was RESOLVED to approve all the above policies en bloc.

**10. Finance**

- a) **To discuss and agree to the appointment of an Internal Auditor.**

It was RESOLVED to Rachel Popplewell as Internal Auditor for 24/25.

- b) **To discuss and agree the Asset Register.**

It was RESOLVED to remove the laptop which had been disposed off and add the defibrillator.

**11. Items for next agenda.**

Noticeboard.

**12. To confirm date of next meeting(s).**

Next meeting to be held Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

**CLOSE**