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Metheringham Parish Council

The Draft Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Metheringham Parish Council, held in the Parish Council Office, High Street, Metheringham, LN4 3DZ on Monday 24th March 2025 at 6.30pm. There was a public forum at 6.15pm prior to the meeting where members of the public, County and District Councilors together with any other members of public bodies present can make short statements to the committee.

Cllr Keith A Parker

Signed: Cllr K A Parker
Chair Metheringham Parish Council
Monday 17th March 2025

Members: Cllr K Parker Chairman (KP); Cllr Roy Grummitt Vice Chairman (RG); Cllr J Gwilym (JG); Cllr A O'Sullivan (AO); Cllr S Peak (SP); Cllr F Pembury (FP); Cllr C Redpath (CR), Cllr R Castle (RC); Cllr D Parry (DP); Cllr J Simpson (JS); Cllr M Wallace (MWA), Cllr M Westerman (MWE); Cllr M Worthington (MWO).

Attendance: Cllr K Parker Chairman (KP); Cllr J Gwilym (JG); Cllr S Peak (SP); Cllr F Pembury (FP); Cllr C Redpath (CR); Cllr D Parry (DP); Cllr J Simpson (JS); Cllr M Wallace (MWA); Cllr M Worthington (MWO).

Public Forum

Members of public bodies present made short statements to the committee relating to the Closed Session agenda items. The Temporary Clerk stated he would reply by email to all of the issues raised.

The Meeting Continued in Formal Session

1. Chair's remarks: The Chair opened the meeting with the usual house keeping rules

2. To resolve to accept apologies for absence and reasons given in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 S85(1): RG proposed SP, seconded JS, resolved; MWE proposed JS, seconded JG, resolved; AS & RG noted.

3. Members Declarations of Interests:

- a. Members may make any declarations of interest at this point but may also make them at any point during the meeting in accordance with Metheringham Parish Councils Code of Conduct: **None given.**
- b. Dispensations: To consider and grant dispensation to relevant members in accordance with Metheringham Parish Councils Code of Conduct: **None requested.**

- c. Members are reminded to review and revise their declaration of interest form held by NKDC where any change of circumstances have occurred: **Noted.**

4. To ratify the minutes from the 19th February 2025: proposed CR, seconded JS and resolved to accept as a true record.

5. To review and resolve the recommendations of the Internal Review and the supplementary responses to the lodged documents. Two Members read out a statement relating to a Member of Staff which related to an anonymous communication put through a Members letterbox and requested the Chair move the meeting into closed session to debate the issue raised. The Chair suspended standing order and moved the meeting out of formal session, he and the Proper Officer took the communication into the clerk's office. After reading the communication the Chair moved the meeting back into formal session; asked for a proposer and seconder to move the meeting into closed session this was resolved and the members of the public left the chamber. Proposed Cllr KP and seconded by Cllr MWe resolved unanimously.

The meeting resumed in closed session, a debate ensued the Proper Officer reminded the members of the possible legal implications of the subject matter and it was resolved the Proper Officer carry out a due diligence exercise and bring his findings back to the next closed session of the Council

The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

6. Date of the next Meeting: 26th March 2025