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METHERINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes

Of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting of Metheringham Parish Council held in the Parish Council Office, High Street, Metheringham, LN4 3DZ on **Wednesday the 11th February 2026 at 6.30pm**

12th February 2026

Public Forum:

There was a scheduled Public Forum **at 6.15pm**, prior to the formal meeting, where no members of the public, or County and District Councillors, together with any other members of public bodies, made any comment.

AGENDA

The meeting continued in formal session.

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| 1. | Chair opening remarks and housekeeping matters: The Committee Chair Cllr Roy Grummitt read the housekeeping rules and regulations and gave a brief overview of the agenda items. |
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2.	<p>To note apologies for absence: apologies from the following were noted; Chair of the Council Mark Worthington; Cllr Rob Castle and the RFO Tony Shaw;</p>		
3.	<p>Declarations of Interest:</p>		
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4.	<p>Minutes: to approve any unapproved draft Committee minutes: All committee minutes to date have approved and executed in the usual manner.</p>		
6.	<p>Clerk's Report: An update on actions arising from previous meetings. The clerk informed members that the actions are covered in the agenda Items.</p>		
7.	<p>Princes Street Playpark:</p>		
	<p>a. To discuss the existing Treehouse structure in consideration with the Schedule of Dilapidations circulated by the Clerk and recommend accordingly to Full Council:</p> <p>The Chair of the Committee referred to the Schedule of Dilapidations and the cross section drawing made available relating to the existing timber structure known as the 'Treehouse'. After a short debate It was resolved to recommend to the next meeting of (extraordinary or scheduled) Full Council That due to the 285 known faults in the superstructure discovered in the annual inspection, together with the evidence of wet rot forming at the incorrectly constructed bases of the structure - that the structure is no longer fit for purpose and is beyond economic repair or redemption and should be replaced and/or renewed.</p>		
	<p>b. To discuss the alternative structure proposals as submitted by Stuart Wilson of Mac-Venture and Mike Barber of Elevate Play spaces and recommend accordingly to Full Council:</p> <p>After a short debate It was recommended that Clerk sends the Mac Venture design of a Castillo and associated costs to the North Kesteven District Council Section 106 panel for their consideration (a structure made from recycled plastic bottles and other recycled materials that is totally rot proof and comes with all the relevant agreement certificates</p>		

and is British Standards compliant; it was also noted by a Member present was compliant for Use by disabled children).

- c. To consider other quotations received for remedial and improvements works to the play park equipment:

It was resolved to defer to this item to the forthcoming Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council due to lack of information available.

- d. To consider the Muga and Padel Court proposals:

After a short debate it was resolved that the officers continue researching both of these options and continue to report back both to this Committee and Full Council

8. Pavilion:

- a) Existing; to receive an update from Members and Officers:

It was resolved that the Chair, Vice Chair, Committee Chair and officers continue to negotiate with of the interested parties regarding its future use during the remainder of its lease term.

- b) Proposed; to receive an update from Members and Officers:

The clerk informed members that a new pavilion the size of an estate bungalow (approximately 900 square feet) would cost approximately £240,000; safeguarding, siting and other considerations were discussed.

- c) Pavilion and Star and Garter Field Leases,

An update from Officers: the existing pavilion, the Parish Council has the benefit of a 99-year lease commencing in 2012 from Lincolnshire County Council by virtue of a full repairing and insuring lease agreement. The Parish Council are obliged to pay for all the services delivered by the service media, gas, electricity and water calculated by submeters and to be paid only if demanded. The school has not demanded any payments from the Parish Council (as far as we are aware) since the lease was executed in 2012.

Regarding the Star and Garter field lease, this was executed at the same time as the pavilion in 2012. The lease contains a condition whereupon the School/County Council will pay rent to the Parish Council, again if demanded like the pavilion, as far as we are aware no rent payment has been demanded by the Parish Council since the lease was first drawn up in 2012. It was further resolved that the Chair, Vice Chair, Committee Chair and officers continue to negotiate with the interested parties.

9. Storage shed: to receive an update from Officers:

The Clerk informed Members that a draught design had been drawn up and an estimated capital calculated: it was resolved to defer this item to a future Meeting as it was considered we had enough capital projects and other items being discussed at this moment.

10. Replacement of the Hub and the Parish offices: to receive an update from Officers. The Clerk informed members that a draught design for its was in its Initial stages. Certain Members were very concerned about the dilapidated state of the building, including the poor space heating within the library.

11. Village Hall: to receive an update from Officers:

The Clerk informed members that a Memorandum of Understanding was now In place and had been agreed with Village Hall Committee /Trustees and a Schedule of Wants of Repair had been compiled and he was in the process preparing Schedules of Works for the different elements. Both internally and externally.

12. Section 106 money: to receive an update from Officers: a short debate ensued and it was agreed that the sooner we could get this Section 106 money allocated to capital projects the better.

In closing the meeting, the Committee Chair Cllr Roy Grummitt said that he wished officers to keep all of these agenda items continuing on all future agendas until they had been fully resolved. He closed the meeting at 7:20pm, thanked everyone for their attendance and I wished all a safe journey home