

Minutes of Anwick Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2026, 6.30pm in Anwick Community Centre, River Lane, Anwick.

2/054 Apologies:- There were none.

Post Meeting note: Apologies from Cllr. Sean Matthews

2/055 Attendance:- Cllr. E Coulson Chair, Cllr. M Head Vice Chair, Cllr. T Curtis, Cllr. L Curtis, Cllr. M Robertson, Cllr. D East for Lincs County Council, Jeanne Flanagan Clerk to Anwick Parish Council and fourteen members of the public.

2/056 To receive any declarations of interest and to consider for dispensation in relation to DPI's. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary interests to be in accordance with Localism Declaration to consider any applications for dispensations are relative to Dpi's. The need for declaration to be based upon agenda items or at any suitable time during the meeting when it becomes apparent to a member. Cllr. M Head advised he will leave the meeting for Agenda Item No. 16.

2/057 Minutes of the Anwick Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2025 and minutes of an EXTRAORDINARY meeting held on 7th January 2026 already emailed to the Cllrs. Were AGREED as a true record. The Clerk to include both sets of minutes on the website.

ACTION:-

JF

2/058 Reports

- (i) Report from Cllr. Mervyn Head for NKDC** – The budget setting for NKDC will be scrutinised at the February meeting.
- (ii) Report from Cllr. David East** – The next full council meeting is being held on 20th February 2026. There is a 'Next Talk Lincs' where you can have your say and include remarks.
- (iii) Report from The Clerk** – She advised there is a LIVES session covering how to use a De-Fib to be held Leasingham Village Hall on Saturday 28th February 12-4.00pm. The Clerk to include on the website and display around the village. The Clerk had received notification of interest for the vacancy of Cllr. She will give the appropriate papers to be completed.

ACTION:-

JF

2/059 Community Centre – As well as the regular bookings of 'Warm Space', 'Keep Fit', Over 60's, Church Coffee mornings and Taekwon, there will be a pancake event taking place in February, whereby pancakes, teas and coffee will be supplied in the main hall.

The Community Centre are looking to celebrate 50 years since it was built. This will take place on Saturday 2nd May 2026. It will be a village event and a suggestion was made to have May Pole dancing for adults and children.

Discussion took place around the collection of free oil from a resident's property in the village. Barrels will be available and someone with a tow bar to transport the oil to the centre. Cllr. M Head has a pump to transfer the oil into the barrels.

2/060 Cloud Next – domain name – Following discussion it was AGREED to have the email addresses of Cllrs and Clerk to gov.uk. The Clerk and Cllr M Head to arrange.

ACTION:-

MH/JF

2/061 Appoint Staffing Committee – As the Clerk is the only paid employee it was PROPOSED by Cllr. M Robertson and SECONDED by Cllr. M Head and Cllr. T Curtis that they would be on the Staffing Committee to undertake a yearly appraisal for the Clerk. The Clerk to obtain information from LALC.

ACTION:-

JF

2/062 Transfer of Lane from Balfe to Anwick Parish Council – Details of the land outlined had already been emailed to the Cllrs. The Clerk to contact LALC regarding whether a solicitor needs to be appointed for the transfer and also email Balfe for Deed of Transfer.

Thanks were extended to Anwick Garden Centre for a very kind donation of flowering bulbs.

ACTION:-

JF

2/063 Policies and Procedures updated – These had already been emailed to the Cllrs. for their approval. The following Policies and Procedures were AGREED and the Clerk to include on the website. Cllr. E Coulson signed and dated on each policy.

Risk Management Policy

Training and Development Policy

Pay Policy

Data Protection Policy

Grant Application Policy

Data Breach Policy

Freedom of Information Policy

Social Media Policy

Councillor Vacancy Policy

Risk Log – Anwick Parish Council

Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy

Financial Regulations

ACTION:-

JF

2/064 Accounts

Income and Expenditure up to 9th January 2026

Financial Statement as at 9th January 2026

List of invoices paid up to 9th January 2026

Were all AGREED as a true record, then signed and dated by the Chair. The Clerk include on the website.

ACTION:-

JF

2/065 Precept 2026-2027 – Discussion took place around the expenditure for this financial year, in order to ensure that we have sufficient funds to cover expenses relating to the upkeep of the Community Centre, grass cutting and reserve funds for election costs.

Figures were debated about the increase in the Precept, which were 20%, 25% and 30% and a chart was distributed to show the increase in figures.

It was AGREED to apply for 30% for the Precept 2026-2027. This was PROPOSED by Cllr M Head and SECONDED by Cllr. T Curtis and AGREED by the residents attending the meeting.

The Clerk to provide three quotations for the electrics in the Community Centre, as these need updating due to the age of the building.

The Chair to produce a letter to be distributed to all the properties in Anwick explaining the increase in the Council Tax.

ACTION:-

EC/JF

2/066 Grass Cutting Contract- Due to the cost of grass cutting it was AGREED that three quotes are required, then offer the current grass cutter the opportunity to provide the same service as the lowest cost. It was also suggested to relinquish half the cost of the mower and lawn mower to the church. It was AGREED in principal by the Parish Council.

ACTION:-

JF

2/067 Update Moy Park

- **Bright lights affecting resident's properties** – It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that the new lights from Moy Park would need adjusting. The lights also shine into motorist's vision when driving.
- **Hairnets discarded around the village** – This has also been brought the attention of the Parish Council making the village look unsightly.
- **Flocks of seagulls around the village** – Evidence of numerous amounts of seagulls circulating around the village.
- **Avian bird flu** – The Parish Council have written to various agencies raising their concerns about the outbreak nearby.

The Clerk to arrange having a meeting with Moy Park to discuss the above issues.

ACTION:-

JF

2/067 Stream BioEnergy – Update from Cllr. M Head that the report at present is not on the LCC portal due to the risk of a virus from the Memory Stick, therefore each sheet has to be entered separately. Thanks were extended to Cllr. M Head and a resident for the very extensive report produced and the many hours it has taken to produce.

The paper has been included on the Anwick Parish Council website.

Cllr. D East for LCC advised that Stream BioEnergy are lobbying the House of Lords on 30th January 2026.

It was suggested to have the BioGas signs taken down.

2/068 Ruskington Parish Council minutes – We resolved Cllr. M Head as our District Councillor to question the statement that was made at Ruskington Parish Council meeting by Cllr. Wright. According to the statement read out by Cllr. E Coulson, by way of an email to Cllr. M Head so that this could be RESOLVED at the next NKDC meeting with an apology. Residents were encouraged to attend the full District meeting to support Cllr. M Head on this matter.

ACTION:-

EC/MH

2/069 Any Other Business – There were none.

2/070 Date, time and venue of the next meetings:-

Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 6.30pm

Wednesday 15th April 2026, 6.30pm all in Anwick Community Centre

The Clerk to advise Cllr. Sean Matthews of the dates.

ACTION:-

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