

# MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF COLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the The Village Hall Rectory Road Coleby on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.15pm

**Present:** Councillor Robert Hall, Councillor Alan Vivian, Councillor, Theresa Brewer, Councillor Quent Stott, Councillor Angela Kidd, County Councillor Ian Carrington, District Councillor Lance Pennell and Sue Makinson-Sanders Clerk

**Apologies:** Councillor Andrew Long, Councillor Jens Pedersen

21.50 **Election of Chairman:** Councillors unanimously **approved** appointment of Councillor Robert Hall as Chairman

21.51 **Election of Vice Chairman:** Councillors unanimously **approved** appointment of Councillor Alan Vivian as Vice Chairman

21. 52 **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held 6 May 2025:** Councillor Stott proposed and Councillor Vivian seconded approval. Councillors **approved** the Minutes

21.53 **Mattes arising:** None

21.54 **Confirmation of Clerk's Employment:** Councillors unanimously **approved** the Clerk's employment

21.55 **Clerk's Report on Accounts for year 2025/2026:** Councillors **approved the Clerk's Report** below:

## **CLERKS REPORT ON ACCOUNTS 2025/2026**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 the Parish Council ended the financial year with £11013.52 in the current account and ended the financial year on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 with £14481.70 in the current account. The Precept received from North Kesteven District Council reflected an increase on the previous year's precept with a receipt of £13.099.00.

The following grants were received:

North Kesteven District Council Litter Picking	£ 129.27
Lincolnshire County Council Grass Cutting Grant	£2317.30

Other income

The Parish Council received, excluding the grants above, £27,957.31 of which £10,118.64 was donations for Parish Council Funds. Thank you to all who made donations. The remaining income was for items such as burials, ashes interments, plot reservations and memorials and the wayleave on the telegraph pole in the Lowfields Cemetery. VAT was reclaimed in the sum of £4126.36 and was received in this financial year.

In total the Parish Council received income of £33,404.00 in the financial year to 31 March 2026.

The Parish Council's main expenditure remains grasscutting and salary for the clerk. Total expenditure for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 was £26935.70. Other than grasscutting and salary the largest items of expenditure were the fees incurred for Planning Consultants relating to the proposed Battery Energy Storage System on Hill Rise Coleby.

The Parish Council's expenditure this year was less than its income hence the overall increase on the balance held in the Parish Council's current account.

Further VAT has been reclaimed but had not been received as at year end in the sum of £577.70 and this will be accounted for in next year's figures.

Donations were made as follows:

Royal British Legion Wreath	£100.00
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The Parish Council continues to employ a clerk and to meet all its liabilities.

The internal auditor, Andrea Smith has now audited the accounts and the Annual Audit is to be approved at the Parish Council meeting immediately following this meeting.

Sue Makinson-Sanders