BLANKNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Date: 16th August 2024

The Annual Parish Meeting was be held <u>at 7:00pm on 15th August 2025</u> at Aisling House 69 Main Street Scopwick LN4 3NW

Cllr John F Money Parish Clerk

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Minutes

- 1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th May 2024. *Approved and endorsed*
- 2. To receive a report from the Parish Council: The Clerk gave a brief overview of what had happened in the parish of late
- 3. To receive a report relating to the proposed Parish Cemetery: *The Clerk informed Member the Cemetery is now operational.*
- 4. To invite the public, county and district councillors to address the meeting. Speakers are allowed 3 minutes each: *None present*.

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Draft Minutes

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The Annual Parish Council Meeting was be held immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday at 7.15pm 15th August at Aisling House 69 Main Street Scopwick LN4 3NW.

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All Members are summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of Blankney Parish Council on Friday 15th August 2025 at approximately <u>7.20pm</u> which will take place at Aisling House Scopwick LN4 3NW.

Chairmans welcome: the Chairman read the usual housekeeping rules.

- 01. Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman: It was resolved that the Chairman for the year 2025/26 would be Cllr Martin Scoley and the Vice Chairman be Cllr Conor Casey.
- 02. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs I Mair; T Banks; J Robb; R Kendrick (LCC); F Pembery and D Parry (NKDC) all noted.
- 03. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 8th January 2025: Noted & endorsed.
- 04. Declarations of Interest as per The Code of Conduct (any interest that becomes apparent during the meeting may be made at any time): *None*.
- 05. Adoption of Parish Council Policies and Procedures
 - (i) Standing Orders
 - (ii) Financial Regulations
 - (iii) Code of Conduct (The updated NKDC Code of Conduct has been adopted)
 - (iv) Risk Assessments
 - (v) Complaints Policy
 - (vi) Data Protection Policy
 - (vii) Grants Policy
 - (viii) Recruitment and Selection Policy
 - (ix) Equality @ Discrimination Policy: It was resolved to accept the policies en-bloc.

06. Finance: including accepting and endorsing the AGAR form for year 2024/25:

After a debate it was resolved the information on the AGAR matched the information sent to the Internal Auditor and it was further resolved the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO duly endorse the document and that Cllr Conor Casey email the document to PKF Littlejohn the External Auditors forthwith.

It was resolved to re-imburse the Clerk for the cost of the CILCA training (£450) as previously resolved

- 07. Correspondence: The Clerk informed Members it is all up to date
- 08. Cemetery: including approving the plan layout of the consecrated land and fees for plots:
 - 1. The Clerk showed members a plan that he had produced together with a supplementary plan drawn by Councillor Tim Banks. It was noted that there was a slight discrepancy on the measurement of the front line of fencing. It was resolved to accept the delineation of the whole area as drawn together with the consecrated area as also shown on the plan.
 - 2. A short debate took place regarding the charges for both the purchasing of full grave plots and crematoria Ash ones; proposed by Councillor Martin Scoley and seconded by Councillor Conor Casey.
 - 3. The full grave plots to be £500.00 and single crematoria ash plots £150.00. Payable to the Parish Council on reservation.
 - 4. The License/Right of Burial of these plots will be reviewed in 100 years.
 - A further debate took place on the erection of headstones and memorials. It was resolved that the maximum height would be 900 mm and the width being the width of the excavated grave.
 - 6. It was further resolved that the Parish Council would not allow any kerbstones around grave plots or permanent flower vases.
 - 7. A further debate took place regarding the eligibility of members of the public reserving these grave and crematoria ash plots. It was resolved that the Parish Council adopt the same criteria as Saint Oswald's Church do regarding marriages, which means that at the moment there will be no restriction on eligibility.

09. Date of the next meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:45pm and thanked all for attending. The next meeting to be held in the month of November 2025 to discuss the budget for 2026/27