

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA FOR THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend the next meeting of Helpringham Parish Council, which will be held on 12th March 2026 commencing at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall.

There will be a ten minute public forum prior to the commencement of business from 7.00-7.10pm. During this time members of the public may ask questions or make short statements to the Council. The Council may choose not to answer any question; a response may instead be given in writing. Matters raised may be added to an agenda for a future meeting. Members of the public are welcome to stay for the Parish Council meeting after the public session but are not permitted to speak during the meeting.

Signature*Judy Pittock*.....*Clerk to the Council* Date 6/3/2026

AGENDA

169/26 WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

170/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To resolve to accept reasons for absence.

171/26 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

To resolve to accept the Clerk's notes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 11th February 2025.

172/26 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.

173/26 REPORTS FROM COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

174/26 CLERK and COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

To note the items that had been actioned by the Clerk and Councillors since the last meeting and to discuss any that need further action.

- Maintenance of Remembrance Memorial plaques
- Maintenance of Little Hal Road Cemetery gates and Old Cemetery railings
- Installation of bin and seats
- Noticeboard repair
- Removal of dead cherry tree
- Circle of Trees Project
- Grass cutting addendum
- Pinfold Agreement
- Christmas Tree
- Digital Hub
- Dog Waste bins

175/26 POLICIES FOR REVIEW

To discuss requirements for new policies and review and resolve to adopt the following policies:

• Disciplinary – new policy	• Sickness Absence – new policy
• Standing Orders – amendment to 19b	

176/26 FINANCE

176/26.1 To resolve to accept following documents presented by the RFO for the period 1/4/25-12/3/26:

- Bank reconciliation
- Actual v budget figures

176/26.2 To resolve to approve payments presented at the meeting:

P&P Tree Services (Lincs) Ltd	Inv1269 removal of cherry tree	£288.00	£48.00
Clerk's Wages	February 2026	£257.40	No VAT
HMRC	PAYE February 2026	£64.20	No VAT
CJP Garden Services	Inv 1009 - Grass cutting 3/3/26	£401.60	No VAT
Memorial Hall	Hall hire Jan/Feb/Mar26	£42.00	No VAT

176/26.3 To note Direct Debit payments since 12/2/26:

18/2/26	E.ON inv0017 – memorial light electricity	£20.18	£0.96
28/2/26	Unity Trust Bank – service charges	£6.00	No VAT

176/26.4 To note receipts since 12/2/26. Invoice 65 is outstanding, payment is expected after 13/3/26

6/3/26	John Severs- invoice 067	£550.00
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To discuss the purchase of the following:

- Laptop for the Clerk.
- Fireproof storage bag for the Clerk.
- Cloud storage facility.

177/26 PLANNING

To discuss the following planning applications received:

- **25/1350/FTP** – application to divert footpath no. 4 on land off Devonport Farm, North Drove, Helpringham Fen.
- **26/0160/FUL** – Retention of 45 monitoring Boreholes and their associated headworks (retrospective), land to the south east of Sleaford
- **26/0217/TCA** – Notice of intended works on trees in a conservation area – 4 George Street, Helpringham
- **25/1219/FUL and 25/1220/LBC** – Thorpe Latimer - decision notice
- **26/0238/HOUS and 26/0239/LBC** The Mill, 38 High Gate, Helpringham – extensions and alterations to include erection of oak framed porch to side elevation, new window openings and roof lights.

178/26 CEMETERY and GRASSCUTTING

To receive reports from Cllr George Frizzell.

179/26 HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss Highway matters including:

- Update on request for extension of the 30mph on Station Road to the railway bridge.
- B1394 – subsiding road.
- Potholes on Station Road.
- Update on FixMyStreet issues.

181/26 To resolve to move into closed session to consider confidential matters in accordance with the **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**. In accordance with regulations any public and press are required to leave the meeting at this stage – to discuss

- People Processes (HR) – Parish Clerk
- Bank Signatories

182/26 MATTERS AFFECTING THE VILLAGE/CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

To discuss correspondence received and other matters affecting the village including:

182/26.1 Village Matters:

- Reservoir – to discuss proposed items to be raised at the next Liaison Committee meeting.

182/26.2 Correspondence:

- Lincolnshire Local Government Restructuring – to discuss a response to NKDC re the impact of the restructuring on the community and Parish Council.
- NK Parish and Town Council Forum – 17/3/26 10am-12pm at NKDC Offices, Sleaford

182/26.3 – Agenda Items for next meeting

183/26 Date and time of the next meeting – **Wednesday 8th April 2026 commencing at 7.30pm.**

All meetings will be held in the Memorial Hall, Helpringham.

13 th May commencing at 7.30pm	12 th August commencing at 7.30pm.	11 th November commencing at 7pm.
10 th June commencing at 7.30pm	9 th September commencing at 7.30pm.	9 th December commencing at 7pm.
8 th July commencing at 7.30pm.	14 th October commencing at 7.30pm	