FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Findern Parish Council held at the Methodist Church, Lower Green, Findern, DE65 6AD on Thursday, 12 February 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors T Brown, G Cooke, B Dosanjh, S Holmes, C Smith, M Ratcliffe & M Woodhouse.

Also present: Kate Sharpe (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

3668/26 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were **NOTED** from Councillor Y Carty, J Hawke and H Hettmann.

3669/26 **Declaration of members interests**

- Councillor Woodhouse, as the leaseholder of the land at Burton Road, declared an interest in item 18.2.

3670/26 **Public Speaking**

Members of the public:

- A resident asked the Council to work with Repton and Willington Parish Councils to identify and review the common problems caused by through traffic on the main routes in the villages, with a view to identifying potential measures to reduce and/or manage those traffic volumes, to the benefit of the local communities and environment. The resident explained the project and confirmed this would not have any financial implications to the Council, just the time of one parish councillor to join a small team to do the review and help draft a short report. It would only be after that stage that the 3 Parish Councils would determine how best to take it forward. This request would be considered later in the meeting as the question had been submitted prior to the agenda setting.
- A resident raised the issue of buildings being erected in the back garden of a house on Hillside. Councillor Ford, who was present at the meeting, advised that he was aware of the issue, and the Enforcement officer from the District Council was investigating.
- Other issues around the village of untaxed and uninsured vehicles were also being investigated. Any issues can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers 0800 555111.
- A representative of Findern Footpaths Group asked whether funding allocated in the current budget year could be carried over to the next budget year. This was because planned activities had not taken place because of bad weather. The group were assured that funding would still be available in the new budget year for the planned activity.
- A resident reported that an HGV lorry had damaged the verges of Porters Lane up towards the Tower House. It had been directed there in error. Councillor Ford said he would report this to Highways if details could be sent to him direct.
- A resident reported that a flatbed lorry was regularly parked on the pavement on the corner of Porters Lane and Longlands Lane, causing an obstruction for other vehicles and pedestrians. The resident was asked to submit pictures of the vehicle and the issue to the Clerk, and this would be reported to the Safer Neighbourhood Team to investigate.
- There was a regular issue of empty bottles and fly-tipping around the Co-op shop on Highfields. This was private land; the Clerk would write to the owner to report the issue and ask about the litter picking schedule there.

Police Liaison Officer:
The South Derbyshire Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Officer had not submitted a report to the meeting. However, the Chairman read a summary of items from Derbyshire Alerts. Residents should note that the information about the work of the SNT can be found on the Mercia SNT Facebook page. Also, these are the many ways residents can report crimes or incidents, including: -

• Facebook – send a private message to the Derbyshire Constabulary Main Facebook page
• Twitter – direct message the contact centre via @DerPolContact
• Website – There are several crime reporting tools on the website or online contact form
• Phone – call the police on 101 for non-emergency matters.

District and County Councillor Reports:

Councillor Martyn Ford (District and County Councillor) was present at the meeting; and he gave the following report: -

- *Derbyshire County Council had set its precept at 4.9%, which included a 2% Adult Social Care Levy.*
- *He had reported several potholes around the village to Highways.*
- *A Jetter had visited Burton Road to clear the drains. Investigations had shown tree roots in the drains; specialist contractors would be needed to sort this. 42 Burton Road had been given new sandbags to form a barrier to avoid flooding on the property. It had been noted that the footpath on the west side of Burton Road had fallen into disrepair and this would receive some attention.*
- *Work on the ditches at Buckford Lane would be carried out over w/c 16 February; and discussions were ongoing about the flooding on the school grounds and the new cesspit.*
- *The government's consultation on the Local Government reorganisation was ongoing.*
- *Highways were closing the slip road to Castle Way. There was a concern that this, along with other road works and closures would lead to issues on the road network. Highways had been asked to delay some of the planned works, to ease the situation.*
- *Food waste collections start date had been pushed back to early summer.*
- *South Derbyshire District Council were debating increasing precept to 2.99% in addition to the 4.9% voted on by the County Council plus Fire and Police precepts.*
- *Litter on A38 roundabout had been reported to South Derbyshire District Council to clear – National Highways would only clear slip roads.*
- *Derbyshire County Council were looking to combine work at Findern Primary School to sort flooding on school playground and the installation of a new cesspit there.*

Councillor Ian Hudson (District Councillor) was not present at the meeting; however, he had submitted the following report:

- *I received some positive feedback from South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) Planning about the Local Plan Part 2 Consultation event at Findern Village Hall. Planners were pleased with the numbers attending and had good quality conversations with many Findern residents.*
- *Please see link for the SDDC Active Communities Winter newsletter here - Online Flipbook There is also an online form if Findern Parish Council have any Sports or Activities that they would like promoting, see link to form here - Active South Derbyshire | South Derbyshire District Council*
- *I notice that the February meeting's Agenda has a discussion at 4.1 and 4.2 relating to rubbish. This has been a hot topic at SDDC, after a local road was nominated as the 'most disgusting in the UK' due to highway littering. There may be more to say on littering in the future, but in the meantime, there is a notice that I can ask SDDC to place in hotspots should Findern Parish Council think useful.*

- *There is now a live consultation on the SDDC run Area Forums, see link here - South Derbyshire Area Forums I'm very keen for Findern Parish Council to complete this consultation, the deadline is 28 February 2026. How can SDDC better engage with Parish Councils and the Public? Councillor Brown, as a regular attendee at Area Forums should have received this consultation directly to her registered email address.*
- *The Government have launched a statutory consultation on the various proposed Local Government Re-organisation suggestions. See link here the Derbyshire one - Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Derbyshire and Derby - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Citizen Space. The Consultation closes on 26 March 2026.*

3671/26 **Response to emails from residents**

a) Rubbish being deposited on the island of the junction on the A38 Findern
A resident had asked whether anything could be done about the litter on verges around the roundabout over the A38. The Clerk had reported this to National Highways who have responsibility for A38 and the interchanges. The Parish Warden cannot litter pick round the island or slip roads as there is no pavement around the island for him to safely access the verges; also, it is outside the parish area. He picks up litter up on Burton Road up to the junction of Burton Road with the island, on the side with the pavement.

Councillor Ford added that he had asked the District Council to litter pick round the island as he had been informed that National Highways were only responsible for the slip ways.

b) A resident of Highfields raised concern about rubbish in play area, weeds on pavements and roads, gully cleaning and road markings at Rykneld Road junction.
The Clerk had responded to resident with details of actions taken, which included reporting the lack of road markings at the junction to Highways at Derbyshire County Council.

3672/26 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 January 2026 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting subject to one amendment. Minute 3652/26 stated that Councillor Hudson was not present at the meeting. This was incorrect, Councillor Hudson was present and had given his report in person.

3673/26 **Variation of order of business**

None.

3674/26 **To determine which items, if any, of the Agenda should be taken with the press and public excluded**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, Members had **RESOLVED** that they would consider two items in Exempt: -

a) Matter regarding the Parish Rooms
b) Matter regarding land at Burton Road

3675/26 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Councillor T Brown gave the following report: -

Welcome to the February meeting of Findern Parish Council. I do not have anything to report from the Parish Council.

The Speed Watch group have completed 7 sessions since the last Parish Council meeting; we had to cancel a session due to adverse weather.

We recorded a total of 2,721 vehicles. There were 52 first letters, 2 second letters and 1 third letters sent. Only 3 people were local to Findern, and 3 vehicles could not be verified.
If you would like to volunteer for Speed Watch, please contact the Parish Council as we are always looking for volunteers.

3676/26 **Report of the Parish Clerk**

a) Confirmation of Summer activity sessions.
This item was deferred as the Clerk hadn't received confirmation of the two dates from the District Council for the two activity sessions but should have these in March to report to Council and include in the newsletter.

b) Website and email compliance
The Council was moving to a gov.uk domain for both website and email. This was part of the Assertion 10 compliance that is mandatory by 31 March 2026. As part of the Annual Audit, the Parish Council would be assessed on its compliance. The Council's website and email provider had advised that the costs to migrate all .org email accounts to .gov.uk email accounts would be £160 + VAT.

RESOLVED to approve £160 + VAT for email migration.

c) Six Plantscape 3-tier planters ordered for Highfields and permissions sought
The Clerk circulated to the Highfields Councillors a site plan for the location of the 6 Planters. This was approved and had been sent off to the Greenbelt Group to obtain the permissions to locate the planters. The Clerk had placed the order for the 6 x Plantscape 3-tier planters. These would be on site at the end of May or beginning of June.

d) Flooding on Buckford Lane – DCC Response
The works to alleviate the flooding in Buckford Lane were confirmed to be taking place w/c 16 February 2026 during Half Term.

e) Flooding on site at the school
The flooding on Buckford Lane was a separate issue to the flooding on the school site. Regarding this, the school have had an update from Derbyshire County Council, they have informed the school that they have no money to deal with the flooding on the school site.

At the Governors meeting the flooding on the school playground was discussed. This has been getting progressively worse and impacting the school day. As a Governing Board, they have requested that the school keep a photographic / video log and diary of the impact on teaching and learning across the school day. They have raised with Concertus & Derbyshire County Council the need for joint working to resolve the flooding on the school site; they want them to investigate whether when installing the new cesspit, they could incorporate drainage of the site into their works.

Meanwhile, over the weekend of 6/9 February 2026 Findern Primary School had to close Friday and Monday, due to flooding. This was for two reasons:

- The flooding outside school, on Buckford Lane was reaching up as far as the school gate. This issue hopefully would be resolved by the Council with planned works for the half-term holiday.
- Flooding on site had meant the boiler room was standing in water - there was no heating and they were concerned the current water levels were increasing, the pump isn't able to empty all the flood water out and potentially damaging the boiler - the Caretaker and Headteacher were onsite over the weekend to assess the damage.

They have updated Councillor Ford and copied him into the messages. He has responded asking DCC to push this along.

f) Installation of new cesspit at Findern Primary School
In terms of the sewerage treatment works, there is slow progress being made. Additional survey work has been completed to map where the cesspit currently flows etc. Alongside this, three options have been drawn up for the siting of the new plant. The options were discussed at the Governors meeting on 20 January 2026: Option 1 & 2 were not acceptable to the Governors as they would cause loss of a play area for the children and posed a health and safety risk of the plant being situated at the side of the playground. Option 3 was the preferred option, siting the treatment works at the location near the existing plant, whilst there would be a loss of trees this would have less of an impact on the areas available to the children and from a health and safety perspective could be managed in its current approach.
Concertus, was completing all the planning work on behalf of DCC, in relation to the cesspit to link with the Flood Team within DCC to consider the impact of work previously conducted. Work undertaken in the summer of 2024, Drainage 2000 installed new pumps to divert surface water from going into the sewerage treatment works. Whilst this did work and had stopped the treatment works from needing emptying frequently - a costly event, there appears to have been no consideration as to the consequences of works on the drainage system across the site - which is causing the flooding in the playground. The gulleys around the site are frequently cleared / checked by the caretaker.

The Governors thank the Parish Council and Councillor Ford for the continued support in this matter. If they do not receive a satisfactory result from the proposed talks between Concertus and DCC Children's Services Team / Flood Teams, they would be asking for support to escalate further

g) Date for Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish
Thursday 23 April 2026 was proposed and accepted as the date for the Annual meeting of the village.

h) Costa Coffee Bin has been removed
Councillors noted that the Costa Coffee Bin had been removed form outside Highfields Co-op as requested.

i) Site Meeting with Greenbelt Group
The Council had an offer of a site meeting with the Regional Manager & Ecology Officer from Greenbelt Group Ltd. The Clerk would liaise with the Highfields Councillors to find a suitable date for this meeting in March.

j) Issue with drains on Stafford Drive
The Clerk had contacted Taylor Wimpey to get someone out to look at the drains on Stafford Drive. Concrete blocks had not been removed from the drains after the completion of building works. Councillor Smith had provided some pictures that illustrated the issue and these were emailed over to Taylor Wimpey. A contractor had been sent to look at the issue. The Clerk had an email from Taylor Wimpey to say that the issue had now been remedied. Councillors would check the site and respond to the Clerk if they found the issue had not been remedied.

The report was **NOTED.**

3677/26 **Members Reports**

a) Findern in Relief Fund
Councillor Cooke reported that there had been one application to access the fund, and the recipient was very pleased to have the help and support.

b) Stanhope Wood
There was no update from the group; no work had been carried out because of the poor weather.

c) Local / Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Parish
The draft neighbourhood plan for Findern Parish was submitted to South Derbyshire District Council at the end of October 2025. They have advised: –
The document submitted, including the Findern Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2024 to 2041 Basic Condition Statement was considered sufficient to meet the requirements of Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 20, 2012, and may therefore proceed to Regulation 16 – publicising the plan proposal.

South Derbyshire District Council would look to publicise the neighbourhood plan and other documentation as soon as practical. The Regulation 16 consultation should take 6 - 7 weeks, and they have indicated the consultation would be around Easter. Following that there would be an independent examination of all the documents.

The planning consultant was concerned that the Neighbourhood Plan had been written in the context of the existing National Planning Policy Framework, and it would need to be formally submitted before the new National Planning Policy Framework (which is out for consultation now) comes into force.

Therefore, there was some need for expediency!

d) Warm Welcome
Warm Space continues to thrive, there are around 35-40 people each week, with new faces joining us. Please feel free to pass the word, you do not need to live in the parish, and all are very welcome. We operate every Tuesday between 12-2pm at Findern Village Hall, offering a jacket potato, slice of cake and warm beverages.

e) Data from VAS Unit
Councillor Woodhouse had cut off the old padlocks and replaced with new padlocks, and new keys were distributed to Councillor Holmes, Brown, Woodhouse and the Clerk. The Clerk would pass the key to the contractor so that the units could now be moved.

RESOLVED that the unit on Willington Road in 30mph zone south of the village was in its optimum place. Therefore, only the unit on Burton Road would be moved to the site north of the village in the 30mph zone.

f) Porters Lane development
Councillor Ratcliffe reported that the development was progressing well. The road condition was poor, and this would have to be repaired after all building work was completed.

3678/26 **Matters for Discussion or Determination**

a) To consider the request for Parish Council's support re. Road Survey
As outlined in the resident's presentation in public speaking, Members considered the request for the Parish Council to work with Repton and Willington Parish Councils to identify and review the common problems caused by through traffic on the main routes

in the villages, with a view to identifying potential measures to reduce and/or manage those traffic volumes, to the benefit of the local communities and environment.

RESOLVED to support the survey. Councillors Holmes and Woodhouse offered to help with the survey and report back to the Council on the progress made.

b) Community Governance Review: agree extent and consider petition for signatures
The Clerk had circulated a document to all Councillors that outlined the process of a Community Governance Review (CGR) that would be carried out by the District Council. This was to increase the number of Councillors on the Parish Council. However, for the CGR to be considered, the Parish Council would have to present a petition requesting a review that was signed by at least 250 individuals on the electoral roll in the parish. The petition must set out the reasons the Council is seeking a review.

RESOLVED the Clerk would circulate an example of a petition, and this would be revisited at the March meeting.

c) Improvements at Cemetery
Easy Growing Lanscapes have refurbished the Garden of Remembrance, tidying and replacing shrubs. The cost for this was £215 including plants and labour. This was as approved at a previous meeting.

Councillor Ratcliffe and Brown would meet with officers from South Derbyshire District Council on Wednesday 11 March to discuss other improvements that could be made to the access footpath at the cemetery.

RESOLVED to support the request for improvements to be made to access at the cemetery.

d) Quotes to replace posts on The Green
The cost of purchasing the replacement polymer posts is £1258.56 + VAT £266.91 and £75 carriage = £1601.47. The chains would be reused; but new metal eyes would be required at a cost of approx. £1.40 each x 92 required. Galvanised steel, chambered tops were £2.10 each.

RESOLVED to approve these costs to replace the existing wooden posts with polymer posts.

Three quotes had been obtained for the installation of the posts. These ranged from £985 up to £3279 + VAT.

RESOLVED the Clerk would speak to the contractor who had given the cheapest quote and ensure that he understood all aspects of the work and to give him an opportunity to adjust the number of days he expected the job to take. As the contractor was known to do a good job, if his quote was still the most competitive, the work would be awarded to him.

e) Quotes for Grounds Maintenance 3-year contract
Members considered quotes received from three contractors for a 3-year Ground Maintenance Contract. These ranged from £5860.91, £6540 and £8954 per year, all plus VAT. The cheapest quote was from the existing contractor, Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd. with a 5% increase in year 2 and 3, with any extra work requested and undertaken, to be invoiced separately.

RESOLVED to accept the quote from Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd. for a 3-year contract form 1 March 2026.

f) Quote for flower displays in Findern

Froom's have closed for business; therefore, they would not plant up the two planters near Bakeacre Lane this summer. Therefore, Members considered a quote from Firs Farm Nurseries of £1125.00 plus VAT for planting up the 9 Octagonal planters around the village and the 2 ½ Barrel planters on The Green. It would be the same amount for the winter planting.

RESOLVED to accept the quote from Firs Farm Nurseries of £1125.00 plus VAT for planting all planters in the village in the summer. The same was accepted for winter planting.

g) Quotes for replacement windows at the Parish Rooms

Although the building was not in a conservation area, nor was it listed, the Clerk had checked the planning application for the refurbishment of this property on the SDDC planning portal Ref. 9/2004/1391 Only the Decision Notice is shown, there is no application form or supporting details and the details of the application cannot be located in the Council's archive. The Decision Notice does refer to: -
All external materials used in the development which this permission relates so much. Those used in the existing builder in colour, coursing and texture, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the planning authority.
Therefore, the Clerk had submitted an enquiry to the Planning Department for them to decide on what type of window would be allowed.

RESOLVED the decision on which company to use for the replacement windows on the Parish Rooms be deferred until the March meeting.

h) Items for Newsletter

Members considered items to include in the Spring edition of the Parish Council's newsletter which would be issued mid to late March.

i) Easter Event for the Parish

Members were asked whether they wished to hold an Easter event this year. It was agreed to hold an event on Good Friday 3 April 2026. Members hoped to do something different this year with a puppet show and more craft base activities, and with an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet parade too.

RESOLVED to finalise the content of the event at the March meeting.

j) Sponsorship of Party in the Park, incl. possible stalls

Members discussed the sponsorship of Party in the Park and having other commercial stalls at the event in addition to the Scouts stall for burgers and bar. It was suggested that Lagan may be an alternative as their offer at Findern Fest had been welcomed.

RESOLVED the Clerk would approach Lagan to ask whether they would be interested in attending the event.

k) Party in the Park: quotes for: -

- Sound Technician & PA

  Members considered the quotes for sound technician and PA support. These varied from £1622, approx. £1200 and £400.

RESOLVED the Clerk would circulate the information and video of an event that ACDC Entertainment supplied PA and sound technician for. If this was acceptable, they would be booked for the event. Their quote was £400 to supply 6xEV 15" tops 2xEV 18" subs with 4 x EV 15" tops for stage monitors. Total around 15,000 watts. Plus, all microphones DI boxes etc and sound engineer, Full PL and Risk Assessment

- Toilets
  Members considered the quote from Kniftons Toilets who had held last year's price for 1 x Dovedale Unit and 1 Disabled Portoloo at £865 + VAT

  RESOLVED to accept the quote from Kniftons and book the toilets for the event.

- Marquee
  A decision on the Marquue would be deferred until the March meeting.

- Security
  Members considered what security was required.

  RESOLVED security was required overnight on the Saturday and a couple of security people for the actual event. Quotes would be obtained to consider at the March meeting.

l) Request for permission to photograph at Stanhope Woods and use commercially
Members were asked to consider a request from a professional photographer to photograph in Stanhope Woods.

RESOLVED that the Council would grant a letter of permission to the photographer.

m) Request from Village Hall for funding support for Village Fete
The Findern Fete 2026 Committee had asked the Parish Council for permission to use The Green on the day of the fete. They have also asked the Parish Council to support the Fete again this year by funding the cost of the band at £250 and the presence of St John's Ambulance at around £150.

RESOLVED to supportt the event by funding the band and the First Aid provision up to £400.

3679/26 **Planning Matters**

Members **NOTED** the following planning consultations and decisions: -

Consultations

- **Ref. No. DMPA/2025/1501 12, Wallfields Close, Findern**
  Two storey extension to the rear and side of the property

Decisions

- **Ref. No. DMPN/2025/1559 18 Penrith Drive, Highfields**
  Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed rear extension.
  Approved (Delegated Decision)
- **Ref. No. DMOT/2025/1300 Farmhouse, Porters Lane, Findern**
  The approval of details reserved by condition 7 (Biodiversity Enhancement Plan) relating to planning permission ref. DMPA/2024/0246
  Approved (Delegated Decision)

3680/26 **Finance**

a) Members approved the following items for payment: -
Authorised BACS payments – Councillors G Cooke and C Smith.

Cheque No./BACS	Payee and Description of service or goods	Nett	VAT	Gross
16/1 Multipay Corporate Card	Card monthly fee	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00
BACS UTB 27/01/2026	Findern Village Hall – Hire of JT Room for Christmas 2026 event	£48.00	£0.00	£48.00
BACS UTB 27/01/2026	Viking Direct Stationery for Clerk Inks and Paper	£91.71	£18.35	£110.06
BACS UTB 27/01/2026	Findern Village Hall – Hire of Main Hall for Christmas 2026 event	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00
BACS UTB 27/01/2026	South Derbyshire CVS for January pay liabilities	£323.63	£0.00	£323 .63
BACS UTB 27/01/2026	Findern Village Hall – Hire of JT Room for meeting with leaseholder at Parish Rooms	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00
BACS UTB 27/01/2026	South Derbyshire CVS January Payroll	£1687.04	£0.00	£1687.04
BACS UTB 30/01/2026	Fox Ground Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Monthly Ground Maintenance for January	£460.76	£92.15	£552.91
BACS UTB 30/01/2026	South Derbyshire CVS for NEST Pension contributions	£289.40	£0.00	£289.40
BACS UTB 31/01/2026	Bank Charges Unity Trust Bank	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00
BACS UTB 13/02/26	Easy Growing Landscapes – Refurbishment of Remembrance Garden	£215.00	£0.00	£215.00
BACS UTB 13/02/26	SDDC – Monthly operational inspection & maintenance of play area at KGV January	£54.65	£10.93	£65.58
BACS UTB 13/02/26	Clerk's expenses – WFH Allowance, Phone, Mileage, Postage, Zoom Subscription	£97.07	£2.80	£99.87

b) Members noted Income received: -

Date of credit	From	Into Account	Amount
29/12/2025	Rent from Burton Road land	NAT West Current	£1925.00
31/12/2025	Interest on Nat West Reserve Account	NAT West Reserve	£66.14
27/01/2026	Sarah Pritchard / Find Ltd. - Parish Rooms Rent	Unity Trust Bank	£378.00

c) Bank Account Reconciliation Report/Budget Monitoring Reports
Members **NOTED** the Bank Account Reconciliation Report/Budget Monitoring Reports up to 31 January 2026 (including Current and Reserve Accounts Balances).

3681/26 **Correspondence** - The following items of correspondence were **NOTED.**

a) SDDC Details of Housing Roadshow – forwarded 23/1
b) SDDC Details of Planning Dept. Parish Council Forum on 28/2 – forwarded 26/1
c) DALC February Newsletter – forwarded 3/2
d) Derbyshire Local Government Reorganisation Consultation – forwarded 5/2

3682/26 **Reports from Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies**

Councillor Brown attended the Repton Area Forum meeting present on 21 January 2026 with Police representatives and District Council officers present; she gave a report on the main topics of that meeting.

3683/26 **Date of next meeting(s)**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council would be an Ordinary Meeting held **at 7pm on Thursday, 12 March 2026** at the Methodist Church, Lower Green, Findern, DE65 6AD.

3684/26 **Exclusion of press and public**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, Members had **RESOLVED** that, because of the nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw.

Councillor Cooke left the meeting prior to the Exempt items being discussed.

3685/26 **Exempt**

Members considered matters relating to: -

a) Parish Rooms.
b) Burton Road Land.

Councillor Woodhouse having declared his interest in b) Burton Road land, left the meeting prior to this item being discussed.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm