

FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Findern Parish Council held at the
Methodist Church, Lower Green, Findern, DE65 6AD on Thursday, 14 May 2026 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors T Brown (Chair), Y Carty, G Cooke, B Dosanjh, J Hawke, S Holmes, C Smith, M Ratcliffe (Vice-Chair) and M Woodhouse.

Also present: Kate Sharpe (Clerk) and 15 members of the public.

3723/26 Election of the Chairperson for the year 2026/27 and the completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

RESOLVED that Councillor Tammy Brown be elected as Chairman of Findern Parish Council for the civic year. Councillor Brown thereupon occupied the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2724/26 Election of the Vice Chairperson for the year 2026/27 and the completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

RESOLVED that Councillor Mike Ratcliffe be elected as Vice Chairman of Findern Parish Council for the civic year. Councillor Ratcliffe thereupon signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3725/26 Apologies for absence
None.

3726/26 Declaration of members interests
Councillor Brown declared an interest in item 13.10 on the Agenda, Purchase of new speed gun for the Speed Watch group.

3727/26 Public Speaking

Members of the public:

- A resident raised their concern about the license granted to the Find coffee shop, particularly around future development into a pub by future tenants.
- Martin Woodhouse had donated a tree for Cardales Meadow in memory of Councillor Hans Hettmann.
- A representative of the Footpaths Group asked whether the Parish Council's insurance would cover a student carrying out volunteering with the group for their Duke of Edinburgh Award. This had been investigated before and unfortunately, the insurer would not cover the student as this is seen as work experience.



- A resident raised a concern about planning applications, stating that Construction Management Plans are not being adhered to at both the Porters Lane and Archway site developments.
- Also, for the Pumping Station planning application, it should be noted by the Parish Council that there is no main sewage works on site and the application contained no information on a plan for the sewage.
- A resident asked for bins to be ordered for the village fete. The Clerk confirmed these had been ordered.

Police Liaison Officer:

Councillor Brown read out a summary 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 not present at the meeting; however, he had submitted the following report: -

There would be roadworks over the A38 for several months, which would cause much disruption to Findern. Also, concerns about the Castleway Solar Farm, not so much of an issue in this area, but many sites included across our local area. I am meeting with both parties in the coming week.

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

Please accept my apologies for tonight's meeting; it is Full Committee at the District Council; therefore I am unable to attend in Findern. Please accept my report in lieu of my attendance:

DMPA/2026/0418, Cllr Ford had asked for this application to be considered at Full Planning Committee. As a planning committee member, I cannot discuss the pros and cons of the application, but I can listen. There does appear to be some complications with this application, if the Parish Council has any thoughts on it, please let me know.

South Derbyshire District Council's Civic Council is on 21 May 2026. This marks the start of the Council year and a new Mayor will be elected. As previously advised it is also likely to be the last full District Council year. The Council year is full of Local Government Re-organisation matters.



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Response to emails from residents

(a) **Cut back undergrowth at entrance to the Gostiles footpath.**

A resident had asked for the undergrowth to be cut back by the District Council adjacent to the fences at the entrance to the Gositiles footpath access from Longlands Lane. The District Council had confirmed that they do not cut this area; Findern Footpaths Group keep the pathway clear as part of the Right of Way scheme; but they do not cut all the way back to the fences, they just keep the footpath clear for walkers. The group had no issue if the resident wished to trim the undergrowth back to the fence themselves.

(b) **Heath Lane signage**

A resident asked for the Heath Lane signage to be reinstated at the corner by the King George V Playing Field. This had been knocked over by a car back in 2023 and was still lying in the ditch. The Clerk confirmed she had contacted the County Council and District Council about this.

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 April 2026 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

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Variation of order of business

Because of public interest it was **RESOLVED** to bring Item 14. Planning forward in the meeting, to allow for discussion.

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Planning Matters

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

(a) **Consultations**

- **Ref. No. DMPA/2026/0418** Pumping Station, Burton Road, Findern
Conversion of existing building to form a single dwelling house.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council would object to this application.
- **Ref. No. DMPA/2026/0137** Land off Common Piece Lane, Findern
Outline application (matters of access to be considered now with matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for later consideration) for 14 dwellings.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council would object to this application.
- **Ref. No. DMOT/2026/0475** 45 Longlands Lane, Findern
The felling of trees covered by South Derbyshire District Council Tree Preservation Order no.70. (This application had been removed from the planning portal, therefore, this item was deferred.)

(b) **Decisions**

None.



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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) Staff matter.

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Chairman's Report

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

Good evening, and welcome to the May meeting of Findern Parish Council. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for once again putting their trust in me to be Chairman for the next twelve months and I'm sure Councillor Ratcliffe feels the same way. I very much look forward to continuing to serve the communities of Findern Village and the Highfields Estate.

Hopefully you will have noticed that we have two new benches on the Green, the old benches have been replaced with new, composite ones like the posts installed around The Green; they will have a longer lifespan and will need less maintenance. The old benches have been moved to King Goerge V Playing Field, giving more seating next to the pump track.

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of attending The Royal Garden Party; after being nominated by the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils. This was in recognition of the volunteer work that I do. It was an amazing experience that I will remember forever.

The Speed Watch group have completed nine sessions since the last Parish Council meeting.

We recorded a total of 4,820 vehicles. There were 86 first letters, 7 second letters and 2 third letters sent. 5 people were local to Findern, and 6 vehicles could not be verified.

I have a brief update from Officer Marley, our local SNT officer. He was injured in the line of duty in April whilst chasing an aggressive male in Repton, after a foot chase of 1.5 miles the male was hurling concrete slabs and attempted an assault a member of the public and local children were potentially put in danger. Officer Marley commandeered a car due to being injured and pursued the man into the river where other officers in attendance were assaulted too. Officer Marley has torn ligaments and a damaged hip and is expected to be recuperating for a few weeks. He has asked me to explain this as he has received e-mails from residents; any issues have been passed to the Local Policing Unit. I am sure you will all join the Parish Council in sending Officer Marley good wishes for a speedy recovery.

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Report of the Parish Clerk

- (a) Update (if any) on items raised at previous meetings.

Fallen tree at Doles Brook

Ref. FS-Case 820591056 no further update from Flood Team Officer at DCC. Showing on portal as in progress.



Porters Lane road condition

Reported FS-Case-806773484 Currently showing on portal as Reactive Maintenance – in progress.

It is noted that the proposed Construction Management Plan submitted with planning application DMOT/2025/0933 included point 8. A Highway Condition Survey: -

A photographic condition survey of Porters Lane and other affected routes will be conducted prior to construction.

A post construction condition survey will be carried out to identify any necessary remedial works.

Archway development parking issue

The Clerk contacted the planning enforcement officer to flag that what was in construction plan about parking and deliveries was not being followed. The enforcement officer would visit site to assess; no further update received.

ASB officer – re signage at Mackworth Avenue car park & comment on installation of gate

The Clerk contacted the ASB Officer at the District Council who was present at the site meeting on Highfields last February with the Parish Council Chairman, PCSO Marley, a representative from Greenbelt and representatives from the consortium. The Clerk asked her about the status of the signage promised, also her understanding on what was said about gating the car park. The officer confirmed she had sent the proposed wording for signage to be installed in two areas of the car park as agreed with consortium. As this had not been installed, she would follow this up. She also confirmed that regarding installing a gate at the entrance to the car park off Mackworth Avenue, the sticking point with the Consortium was not a cost issue, they stated that the carpark was for the whole of the community to use and to access the open space. They stated they could not restrict public access and there would be issues with who would open and close a locked gate every morning and evening. She also said that she and the PCSO spent quite some time considering how they could target ASB in this area, but ultimately without closing off this car park they don't think they can fully resolve it.

ASB at Mackworth Avenue car park – MP response

The Clerk had contacted the office of Samantha Niblett MP for support with this issue. She spoke to Antony Copley, Samatha's Senior Constituency Assistant about Highfields and all the issues there. They are open to supporting this with a letter to the consortium if the Council provides an outline of the issue and possible solution, but the Clerk was not sure how to proceed in light of the information from Claire Rawlins.

Use of Service Management Company at Highfields – MP response

During the 'phone call with Antony Copley the rising costs of the Service Management Company at Highfields came up. Antony called this 'Fleecehold' and the use of such companies had been discussed in parliament and legislation put in place. He offered to host a Teams meeting with a group of Highfields residents to discuss what can be done about having more accountability from the service management company on costs.



Severn Trent response re Highfields

During the discussion with Antony Cobley, the Clerk mentioned some of the other issues present on Highfields that were not being addressed. He had a contact at Severn Trent and approached them for comment about the drains issue – their response: -

the sewers are yet to be adopted by us and remain the responsibility of the developers....the development is between Barratt Homes, Miller Homes, and Taylor Wimpey consisting of three separate section 104 sewer adoption schemes. While the construction of the sewers has been completed by the developers, none of these adoption schemes have yet entered a 12-month maintenance period prior to adoption. Complete and satisfactory post construction documentation has not been received by Severn Trent and remedial works remain outstanding across the development. We continue to liaise with the developers and are happy to review any additional CCTV surveys they undertake on the sewers to see if they meet the required adoptable standard....Until all the remedial work has been done to meet the required adoptable standard, we will not adopt the sewers or be responsible for them.

Stafford Drive drains

On 15 April, Greenbelt Group Customer Services reported that they had asked the groundworkers to attend to review the area further, they had their report back which they have shared with their internal team to arrange any further repairs for residents.

Road markings on Highfields

Rykneld Road missing markings reported under FS-Case-789227459 Currently showing on portal as Reactive Maintenance – in progress.

The Clerk had contacted Barratts about other road marking around the estate. The Clerk was advised that the road markings that are now present are all that are being installed; this was at the request of Highways at DCC.

Pot Holes reported on Lower Green

Pothole/Trip Hazard: FS-Case-832713876 Currently showing on portal as Reactive Maintenance – in progress.

(b) Access to .gov.uk email addresses – additional help needed?

Councillors to confirm whether they have access to the ir .gov.uk accounts The plan was to switch off the send function on .org. addresses at the end of April; however, that will be delayed until it is confirmed that all Members have access to their .gov.uk accounts.

(c) Vacancy on Council

The Council has two applicants for the vacancy on the Parish Council. Both applicants are from the village. One of the applicants was not available for the May meeting, therefore the decision was taken to postpone the co-option from the May to the June meeting. The Clerk would set up a date for Members to meet the two applicants informally, with the co-option taking place at the 11 June meeting.



(d) Work to replace benches on The Green and install at KGV

The two new benches for The Green have been installed and the old ones relocated to the KGV by Stuart Reeves.

(e) Highfields Planters install date

Plantscape had scheduled 3 June as the install date. The Clerk would meet them on site to show the team where the planters should go. The Clerk had received the legal agreement from Greenbelt for their installation on the land, and this would be signed and returned.

(f) Community Governance Review

To date, 125 signatures had been gathered; however, 315 were needed in order to apply for a Community Governance Review. More signatures would be gathered.

(g) Application for Alcohol and Music Licence at FIND

The hearing would be held on the 20 May 2026 in the Council Chambers, at the Council's Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote, commencing at 11am. If a Councillor were to attend as an observer, they will not be able to speak at the hearing. In addition, they will not be able to bring or submit any new evidence.

(h) Flooding on Buckford Lane – DCC Response & Installation of new cesspit at Findern Primary School

There was a meeting on Tuesday 5 May with the contractor, school and the education team at Derbyshire. The contractor needed permission to go onto Calon land to complete a survey of the drainage as it leaves FPS site and goes onto Calon land. The identification of ownership/access of drains and land was required to make contact.

The drainage ditch had now been dug along Buckford lane, which had reduced the flooding on the road. Flooding on the school site was still a cause for concern, but discussions were underway.

There was a recent meeting with the landlord representative. This was an annual site visit/review. The flooding, cesspit and positively ancient boiler were raised at this meeting. The School Governors were trying to make a case for funding to replace and relocate the current boiler as where it was currently situated floods and current boiler was reaching the end of its useful/repairable life.

The Governors had supplied the landlord with video and photographic evidence of the site flooding including the boiler room flooding which caused the school to close for several days last year and have raised the unacceptable impact on teaching and learning. They thanked the Parish Council for its continued support.

The report was **NOTED**.

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Members Reports**(a) Findern in Relief Fund**

There was no update.

(b) Stanhope Wood

Findern Footpaths Group had provided an update on activity in April for the areas where Findern Parish Council support with funding: -

Eco Garden: Hawthorne was transplanted and planters were filled with soil. A wildlife camera was installed. Herbs, nasturtium, potatoes (with the assistance of children from Old Forge Nursery), onions, and strawberries were planted. Seeds were distributed across four planters and Joan Tidy's garden, while bark was laid behind agricultural planters. The garden hedge was partially weeded and treated with chippings.

Butterfly Bank: The front area was cleared of weeds, the soil was raked, and clover seeds were broadcast. The top section of the bank was removed in preparation for new soil and planting.

Cardales Meadow: Two holly trees were planted in memory of Hans Hettmann. Paths were mowed, and vegetation around path-side trees was cleared.

Cotes Close: Five elm trees were planted, and brambles were cleared as necessary.

Stanhope Wood: Clearing of brambles around the pathways.

In addition, Stuart Reeves carried out work on the Butterfly bank in Cardales Field to use up the remaining £200 of funding given to the group last year by the Parish Council.

Councillor Ratcliffe advised that the work to install the water tap had been completed; the farmer just needed to link up the pipework. The Footpaths Group would need to speak to the farmer to ask how it would be charged to them.

(c) Local / Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Parish

After receiving the Submission Version of the Findern Neighbourhood Plan as a printed document, the Regulation 16 consultation had begun and was expected to finish on the 8 May; however, it had been extended by 6 weeks and would now end on the 19 June. This was because new legislation came out the day the consultation started (with no warning or a transitional period for plans already started). The planning consultant Helen Metcalfe had updated the Findern Basic Conditions Statement to reflect this new legislation, and the extended consultation period would allow consultees to comment on the amended Basic Conditions Statement and Neighbourhood Plan. The further drop-in sessions at Findern Village Hall were on: -

Tuesday 19 May, 12pm-2pm

Tuesday 26 May, 12pm-2pm

Tuesday 9 June, 12pm-2pm

Tuesday 16 June, 12pm-2pm



There would be representation forms available for residents to make their comments known. Once the responses had been received, there would be a formal independent examination of the Neighbourhood Plan, after which final amendments would be made before the Plan goes to a referendum and then, hopefully, the plan would be adopted by South Derbyshire District Council.

(d) Warm Welcome

Warm Space continues to be busy. On average, between 30-40 people attend each week. 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. It is a free event, but donations are always welcome towards the costs.

(e) Data from VAS Unit

Councillor Holmes had not downloaded any data but would do so in the next week and circulate this to all Members. It was reported that some of the LED lights were not working on one of the units. Councillor Holmes would check if this could be reset and report back to the next meeting.

(f) Porters Lane development

There was no update.

(g) Highfields Ecology Improvement Report

Following the meeting with Greenbelt on 19 March 2026, their Ecology Officer had produced an Ecology Improvement Report, which had been circulated to all Members. Councillor Carty would lead on this project and would make recommendations for discussion at the next meeting,

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Matters for Discussion or Determination

(a) Consideration of Committee Membership

Members reviewed the list of Committee Membership.

RESOLVED that Hans Hettmann's name would be removed from the Stanhope Working Group.

(b) Review of Policies and Procedure including Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct

Members considered the adoption of all Policies and Procedure, including the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct for the civic year 2026/27. The Clerk recommended that the Council adopt all with no changes to be made.

RESOLVED to re-adopt all Policies and Procedures, for the civic year without any alteration from the previous year.



(c) Renewal of Council's Insurance from 31 May 2026

The renewal premium from the Council's insurer, Zurich was £1525.98. The Clerk had looked for alternative quotes from other insurance companies. All other quotes were higher in price than the Zurich quote

RESOLVED to renew the insurance with Zurich.

(d) Council's charity for the civic year

Members considered which charity to support in this civic year.

RESOLVED that Hannah's Hope Charity would be the Parish Council's chosen charity to raise funds for in this civic year.

(e) Seal deed on Crow Park Way land

Members considered the lease deed for the land at Crow Park Way.

RESOLVED that the lease would be sealed as a deed, signed by Councillor Brown and Councillor Ratcliffe, and witnessed by the Clerk.

(f) Replacement windows at the Parish Rooms

The Clerk had obtained quotes from 4 companies for heritage type, flush fitting windows in upvc that are suitable for buildings in a conservation areas.

RESOLVED the Council would accept the quote from Abbey Burton Glass at £3787.50 + VAT.

(g) EPC survey of Parish Rooms

The EPC survey had not been received in time for the meeting; therefore, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

(h) Party in the Park

Discussion on number of generators needed: Members considered the number of generators needed for the event. The Clerk would discuss this with Councillor Ratcliffe outside of the meeting.

Raffle to support Council's charity: Members considered supporting the Council's charity with a raffle at the event. Now that the charity had been chosen, the Clerk would write to businesses asking for their support with prizes for the raffle.

RESOLVED to order another large banner for the event to have near stage on the night with 'Party in the Park' branding.

(i) DCC 2026/27 Right of Way Maintenance Grant Scheme

Members considered taking part, once again, in the DCC 2026/27 Right of Way Maintenance Grant Scheme.



RESOLVED that the Parish Council would take part in the DCC 2026/27 Right of Way Maintenance Grant Scheme.

(j) Purchase of new speed gun for Speed Watch group

Members considered the request to purchase a new speed gun for the Speed Watch group at a cost of £150.00.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would purchase a new speed gun for the Speed Watch group at a cost of £150.00.

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Finance

(a) Members **NOTED** the unaudited end of year accounts for 2025/26

(b) Members **APPROVED** the following items for payment: -

(Councillors G Cooke and C Smith would authorise BACS payments).

Cheque No./BACS	Payee and Description of service or goods	Nett	VAT	Gross
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	T&D Supplies Ltd via Amazon Fence Post Caps for The Green	£84.64	£16.96	£101.60
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	The Works Easter Crafts Materials	£90.50	£0.00	£90.50
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon EU Sarl Easter Bunting	£16.64	£3.34	£19.98
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon EU Sarl Easter Tablecloths	£7.48	£1.50	£8.98
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon EU Sarl Easter Tablecloths	£9.64	£1.94	£11.58
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon EU Sarl Easter Decorations and Craft Materials	£15.08	£3.02	£18.10
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Instantpring Easter Banners	£87.59	17.52	£105.11
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Galvanised Specialists Ltd 5mm mending links for Posts on The Green	£21.83	£4.37	£26.20
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Leon Global Ltd. Screw Eyes for Posts on The Green	£58.10	£11.60	£69.70
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon EU Sarl Plastic Easter Eggs	£14.99	£3.00	£17.99
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon EU Sarl Plastic Easter Eggs	£9.14	£1.84	£10.98
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Amazon EU Sarl Plastic Bags for Easter Eggs	£5.82	£1.17	£6.99
16/4 Multipay Corporate Card	Card monthly fee	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	Trent Marquees - deposit for hire of marquee for summer event	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00



BACS UTB 27/04/2026	The Vibe Tribe S137 Community Funding approved at April meeting	£651.00	£0.00	£651.00
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	Include Creative - website and email support Sept 2024 to Sept 2026	£1404.99	£281.00	£1685.99
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	Community Heartbeat - replacement pads Village Hall	£74.95	£14.99	£89.94
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	SDDC Operational Check of Play Area at KGV	£54.65	£10.93	£65.58
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	Viking Direct - Inks and stationery for the Chair	£80.92	£16.19	£97.11
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	Easy Growing Landscapes monthly ground maintenance	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	SWARCO Ltd - purchase of additional key for VAS Units	£42.50	£8.50	£51.00
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	Stuart Reeves - work on Butterfly Bank for FFG	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	SDCVS - Liabilities payment for March	£342.09	£0.00	£342.09
BACS UTB 27/04/2026	SDCVS - Payroll for April	£1687.24	£0.00	£1687.24
BACS UTB 30/04/2026	Bank Charges Unity Trust Bank	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00
BACS UTB 15/05/2026	Payment to Linjoy Wildlife Sanctuary – donations collected at Easter event	£15.30	£0.00	£15.30
BACS UTB 15/05/2026	Fox Ground Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Monthly Ground Maintenance for March	£488.41	£97.68	£586.09
BACS UTB 15/05/2026	Clerk's expenses – Phone, WFH allowance, mileage and Zoom subscription	£72.07	£2.80	£74.87
BACS UTB 15/05/2026	SDDC Monthly Operational Checks on play area at KGV in April	£54.65	£10.93	£65.58
BACS UTB 15/05/2026	SDCVS - Liabilities payment for April	£306.03	£0.00	£306.03

(c) Members **NOTED** Income received: -

Date of credit	From	Into Account	Amount
27/02/2025	Interest on Nat West Reserve Account	NAT West Reserve	£56.21
31/03/2025	Interest on Nat West Reserve Account	NAT West Reserve	£59.64
02/04/2026	SDDC – 50% Precept	Unity Trust Bank	£26,807.50
07/04/2026	Tracy Donaldson / Find Ltd. - Parish Rooms Rent	Unity Trust Bank	£378.00
03/05/2026	Tracy Donaldson / Find Ltd. - Parish Rooms Rent	Unity Trust Bank	£378.00
11/05/2026	Payment into account of the donations collected for Linjoy Wildlife Sanctuary at the Easter event	Unity Trust Bank	£15.30

(d) Bank Account Reconciliation Report/Budget Monitoring Reports

Members **NOTED** the Bank Account Reconciliation Report/Budget Monitoring Reports up to 30 April 2026 (including Current and Reserve Accounts Balances).

3738/26 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were **NOTED**.

- Willington Wetlands Opening – forwarded 13/4
- DALC April Newsletter – forwarded 13/4
- Samantha Niblett MP Letter to Minister re BESS and Solar Farms – forwarded 14/4
- Samantha Niblett MP Quarterly briefing on 6 May – forwarded 28/4
- DALC May Newsletter – forwarded 5/5
- East Midlands Freeport Newsletter – forwarded 5/5

3739/26 **Reports from Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies**

The Chairman gave a brief report from the Quarterly briefing she attended on 6 May 2026 with Samantha Niblett MP.

3740/26 **Date of next meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would be held at 7pm on **Thursday, 11 June 2026** at the Methodist Church, Lower Green, Findern, DE65 6AD.

3741/26 **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.

3742/26 **Exempt**

Members considered matters relating to: -

- Burton Road Land.
- Staff Matter.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

