

Tallington Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2025

Present: Chairman Cllr P Sagar, Vice Chairman Cllr J Smith, Cllr J Brocklebank, Cllr J Knox, Cllr R Sorrell and Parish Clerk N Smith, County Cllr A Baxter, District Cllr V Smith, 4 members of the public were also in attendance.

Minutes

Chairman called for 1 minute silence to remember long-term village resident Terry Gray who died recently.

1. Public Forum: Nothing raised.

2. Opening of Meeting: Cllr Sagar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Apologies for Absence: District Cllr R Trollop-Bellew, J Atter, A Knox, Fr Arran Beasley and G Jackson.

4. Declaration of Interest: None.

5. To agree minutes of Parish Council Meeting 15th January 2025: No amendments.
Cllr J Smith proposed, seconded Cllr J Knox, all in agreement for minutes to be signed off.

6. Matters arising from above minutes: Clerk contacted National Grid but unable to give a date for works through village.

7. Update on Tallington Flooding of 3rd/4th January and 22nd February 2024: Cllr Sagar continues to produce regular updates on flooding issues and progress on agreed actions. These are circulated by email and included in the Towers and Spires magazine. All updates also available on the Parish Council website. Last update circulated via bcc email list, is as at 16th March 2025.

8. Multi-Agency Meetings (AW, EA, NR, LCC, SKDC, IDB): Latest MAG meeting on 11th March and attended by Cllrs Sagar and Smith. All agencies are progressing their actions.
The EA will send, in near future, their MAG rep (Rhiannon Flowers) to meet with TPC onsite to review, first hand, current outstanding bank issues.

NR contractor had left equipment on site next to crossing for over 6 weeks with no work being done since steel shaft sunk. Now understand that the CML team lead is no longer employed by CML. Workers are scheduled to be on site 13/3

from 23h00 while crossing closed. They will be clearing out debris from shaft and culvert under the barrier. A camera survey will be done to determine status. The culvert is to be relined with a new pipe, in April, once it is clear. Further updates will be on TPC website.

LCC have agreed to replace the pipe on Casewick Lane where there is a partial collapse restricting water flow from the fields and St Lawrence way culvert to the West of the village. Will hopefully be done during 2025.

There are 3 points on the Main Road marked with Blue paint where work is to be done by AW to clear blockages.

EA will soon be replacing the heavy-duty flap on the village side of the Maxey Cut at the road bridge. Tree clearance within the river progressing with work being done upstream towards Copthill. A Wildlife survey of the bank and surrounding area was done on 12th March. The erosion downstream that was repaired with stones is holding well and is stable. EA are happy with state of bank at the present and will not do any further work at that point this year.

Section 19 follow up: C Cllr A Baxter mentioned that a £1M Flood Reserve has been set up. D Cllr V Smith asked whether there had been discussion during MAG meetings on where the water had come from that flooded the village in January 2024. There had been no definitive conclusion given in the Section 19 Report and all present thought that very disappointing.

The Parish Council and Land Owners will need to review the ditches and culverts every year to ensure they are clear and maintained.

The chair reported that the culverts around the Cement Works are filling up again with plastic and polystyrene from moulds and has asked SKDC to check and take action.

SKDC have offered to purchase Aqua-Sacs on behalf of Parish Councils to reduce cost. It was agreed to apply for 100 Sacs. Funds to be applied for from SK UKSPF and Flood Reserve.

9. Finance: Authorisation of payments as presented by the Parish Clerk:

B Burgess – Machinery service/parts	£ 32.10
M Franklin – Community cleaner	£ 342.00
Double Yew Nursery – Lime trees	£ 1,092.00
Goldington's – Playing Field wall repairs	£ 2,000.00
N Smith – Clerk Salary/expenses	£ 477.58

Above payments approved by Cllrs present.

Hinckley&Rugby Building Society can provide interest bearing accounts for local Councils. The chair suggested that Tallington Parish Council open a 90-day Notice account at 3.6% variable with majority of matured funds from the Metro Bank Fixed interest monies currently sat in the Instant Access Account (1.1%). Proposed by Cllr J Smith and Seconded by Cllr J Brocklebank. Clerk to complete application form, with Clerk and Chair being signatories.

10. Planning: S24/2064 – Change of use of Annex (JK) – no objections.

PL/0127/24 – Allow Mineral Development prior to widening King Street – application Refused.

11. Millennium Green path works/Footpath No. 4: Clearance work of overgrowth around edges of MG has been completed. Majority of rubbish has been chipped and is available for villagers to use. Remaining chippings will then be spread on the canal banks. A small pile of brambles was left and will be burned. Cllr J Smith to contact ferret man to visit and flush out rabbits on MG. Suggestion made that the old broken wire fencing needs to be removed along the canal basin footpath. Agreed.

12. Trees/flowers: 3rd stage of Lime tree planting in canal bottom has been completed. 4 mature (Walnut?) trees were tidied and left in place. Thanks, to Rob and Jon for all their help. Proposal by Cllr Sagar that the large stump, left after a tree was felled many years ago, should be ground out, Cllr J Knox agreed. Quote of £375 already obtained. All agreed.

With the new trees in place along the path it is felt that the verge should be cut further back to the tree line. A ride-on mower can be made available via the Sagar family to supplement the mower purchased for the MG last year. Will Burdock continues to cut.

A further purchase of Wild flower seeds to be arranged using funds from the UKSPF grant already received.

Cllr J Smith to approach the 'Quarry Fund' managed by Breedon in West Deeping, for a grant to purchase bulbs for the MG.

13. Reports from Councilors:

C Cllr A Baxter - CCTV ops Centre has moved to Grantham Police Station.

- Local Government Re-organization: Government recommendation that new Unitary Authorities should cover approx. 500,000 people. SKDC, NKDC, South Holland and Rutland would not be far short of that number although this is not one of the LCC current considerations.

D Cllr V Smith - Uffington now has 30 painted on road at entrances to village.

Tallington would like the same, Cllr V Smith to raise with Highways.

- All UKSPF matters now sorted.
- Fix-My-Street can now be used to report fly tipping
- Lincolnshire Devolution: mayoral election due in May.
- LCC elections to continue in May.
- Greatford Quarry (PL/0127/24) application refused.

For further details see full report from D Cllr V Smith attached below.

14. Village Hall and Playing Field reports: Association has made a small profit of £80.

Cleaner situation for Village Hall under review.

Stonemason repairing Playing Field walls in progress, due to complete end March.

L Thurlby suggested that a Donations Box should be put in Playing Field to encourage out-of-village users to contribute to cost of maintaining the play equipment. Cllr Sagar in agreement and will progress. There are 2 volunteers to empty monies daily.

15. SK UK Shared prosperity fund (UKSPF): All grants applied for by Parish Council, Village Hall and Playing Field Association, and Church have now been received.

Work to install heating/lighting in Church started 12/3 and will continue into following week.

Parish Council have used grant to enhance Millenium Green with a variety of trees and flowers. Village Hall and Playing Field Association grant being used to repair the stone walls around the playing Field.

Church warden Barry Hodgson expressed thanks to Cllr Sagar for expediting the grants and the additional funding to cover increase in costs since original application.

16. Public Forum: Nothing

17. Dates of Next TPC Meetings: Wednesday 28th May 2025 preceded by Annual Meetings at 7pm, Wednesday 16th July 2025

Meeting closed at 9 p.m.