

**Minutes of the Meeting of Market Deeping Town Council
Held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7.30pm
At the Town Hall, Market Deeping**

Present:	Cllr Mrs Jones	Cllr Hanson
	Cllr Ms Banks	Cllr Ms Reed
	Cllr Broughton	Cllr Wey
	Cllr Dr Byrd	
	Cllr Gamble	
	Cllr Guerge	

The Clerk and the Deputy clerk were in attendance.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Open Session commenced.

Cllr Dr Byrd as SKDC councillor reported that the Local Government Review would be announced by Government within the next couple of weeks. SKDC's Local Plan will be considered at South Kesteven District Council's Cabinet meeting in a couple of weeks.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to open the meeting.

44. Chairman's Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

45. To note apologies and accept valid reason for absence

Apologies of absence were received prior to the meeting from Cllr Hughes, Cllr Neilson, Cllr Mrs Sked and Cllr Mrs Steel.

46. Declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Broughton signed the declarations of interest regarding agenda item 7.

7.33 Cllr Wey joined the meeting.

47. Acceptance of minutes of Annual meeting held on 10 June 2026

Cllr Mrs Jones asked members if they were to accept the minutes of the meeting of 10 June 2026. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the notes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

7.34 Cllr Ms Banks joined the meeting.

48. Reports: Including reports from Committees: Planning and Highways, Deepings Neighbourhood plan, Amenities and Open Spaces, Finance and Personnel, Mayor's report and the Clerk's report.

Planning & Highways

Cllr Dr Byrd reported that a number of Councillors attended Allison Homes pre-application consultation event which took place on 24 June. The planning application will be submitted shortly to South Kesteven District Council.

Deepings Neighbourhood Plan (DNP)

Cllr Dr Byrd informed that the DNP will be visiting the Deepings 6th form students at the school to carry out a consultation with the next generation, the purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to put forward their views on how they would like the Deepings to develop and progress in the coming years.

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Amenities and Open Spaces

The next meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee will be taking place on Wednesday 15 July, an update will follow at the Full Council meeting in September.

Finance and Personnel

Finance and Personnel met earlier this evening and there was nothing to report.

Mayor

The Mayor attended the following:

Tuesday 16th June, Allison Homes – cheque presentation, Deepings Community Library, Market Deeping

Monday 22nd June, Peterborough City Council, Fly the Flag Ceremony for Armed Forces

Wednesday 24th June, Allison Homes Stakeholder Preview for Cllrs re land East of Peterborough Road, Community Centre, Market Deeping

Sunday 28th June, Market Deeping Town Council, Civic Service, St Guthlac's Church, Market Deeping

Friday 3rd July, Fenland District Council, Chairman's Civic Reception

Tuesday 7th July, East Anglian Veteran's Association meeting, Peterborough.

Deputy Mayor

The Deputy Mayor attended the following:

Sunday 28th June, Market Deeping Town Council, Civic Service, St Guthlac's Church, Market Deeping

Clerk's Report – 8th July 2026

	Comment
Lincolnshire County Council are being advised by a Hydrogeologist to advise them re best solution for repairing the borehole. In the meantime, the Town Centre car park has been made tidier. It is hoped that its' current state will be improved upon due to the Raft Race taking place on 2 nd August 2026.	Noted.
Market Deepings Civic Service was held on 28 th June 2026. It was attended by over 50 people and everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea in the Green School afterwards.	The Mayor informed that she had received some lovely feedback from neighbouring councils who had attended the service.
Stamford's Christmas Market date has been changed to 6 th December 2026. Ours is Sunday 29 th November 2026.	Noted.
The installation of the Town Centre clock will take place on 23 rd July 2026.	Noted.
The hanging baskets are up and are brightening up the town centre.	Noted.
The Clerks and Mayor will be attending the LALC Summer Conference on 12 th July 2026 in Lincoln, so the office will be closed.	Noted.

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49. Correspondence to be noted and resolved upon

Correspondence to be Noted – Received up to 8 July 2026				
No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1.	L.C.C.	15.6.26	Lincs Mineral and Waste Local plan – version Reg 19 Consultation	Noted.
2.	DNP	15.6.26	The Deepings Plan vision survey	Noted.
3.	Countryside Charity Rutland and Lincs	16.6.26	CPRE parish Update and Telephone Kiosk Restoration Grant	Noted.
4.	RSN	17.6.26	RSN weekly newsletter	Noted.
5.	SKDC	22.6.26	Community grant funding workshop	Noted.
6.	LCC	22.6.26	Proposed developed of a mainstream SEND Hub (Market Deeping Community Primary School)	Noted.
7.	RSN	24.6.26	RSN weekly newsletter	Noted.
8.	Environment agency	29.6.26	Maintenance information for constituents	Noted.
9.	LCC	30.6.26	Parish and Town Council newsletter June 26	Noted.
10.	Market Deeping County Primary	7.7.26	Concerns re rough sleeper	SKDC are supporting the rough sleeper.
Correspondence to be Acted Upon – Received up to 8th July 2026				
No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1.	DSJ PC	29.06.26	Deepings Practice Survey results-feedback to be with Clerk for collation by 10.7.26	Councillors had received a copy of the survey results and were requested to send any feedback to the Town Clerk by 10 July.
2.	SKDC	02.07.26	LGR Briefings to be held in July following announcement on 16.7.26 (names of attendees needed)	Councillors were informed that there are two briefings taking place should they wish to attend. Cllr Mrs Jones would like to attend the event in Grantham on 28 July.
3.	DNP	8.7.26	Objection to 111 houses on Peterborough Road – Allison development	Cllr Dr Byrd informed that the objection from DNP regarding the pre-application is due to the land being earmarked for employment opportunities. DNP would review their response if an alternative piece of land was identified

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				for employment opportunities. The planning application will be submitted shortly to SKDC.
4.	RBL	08.07.26	Request for financial contribution towards travel expenses for drummer at Remembrance Parade	It was RESOLVED unanimously that MDTC would contribute towards travel expenses to a limit of £50.
5.	Resident	8.7.26	Request re-employment opportunity as litter picker.	It was agreed that the request will be discussed at the next Amenities and Open Spaces Committee meeting on 15 July.

50. Council Finances

a) Income and expenditure by cost centre

Members had received a copy of the Council Finances and Omega report prior to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Jones asked if there were any questions. There were none.

b) Accounts to be paid for July and permission to pay in August 2026

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the council pay its bills for July and permission to pay in August 2026. See appendix A.

c) For members to review Council Finances to 30.6.26

The balance in accounts at 30.6.26 were as follows:

Current account - £86,865

General savings - £22,827

Cemetery land a/c - £58,366

CCLA - £375,872

Petty cash - £1,184

CCLA – Charter Ave - £355,364

Total £900,478 Total cash and Investments

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the report.

d) For members to review detailed income and expenditure to 30.6.26

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the detailed income and expenditure to 30.06.26

e) For members to review EMRs for 30.06.26 and 31.07.26

The Clerk pointed out that in June £547 had been spent on Cemetery fencing (25% deposit) from EMR 332 Community Assets and £4,594 had been spent on new swings on John Eve Park from EMR 338 Play Equipment.

In July £5480 will be spent on fencing for Charter Avenue allotments £3000 from EMR 335 – Allotments and £2480 from EMR 355 – Charter Avenue.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the EMRs for 30.06.26 and 31.07.26.

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51. For members to consider payment of precepted amounts to the Citizen's Advice Bureau, The Deepings Community Library and the MadCaps Summer Playscheme

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to pay the sum of £5,433 for Citizen's Advice Bureau.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to pay the sum of £8,500 for Deepings Community Library.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to pay the sum of £1,995 to MadCaps Summer Playscheme and if required the Chair and Town Clerk would have the discretion to increase this up to the agreed precepted amount.

52. For Councillors to receive an update on the borehole

Cllr Mrs Jones reported that the hydrogeologist report had been received by Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) who are considering the report. It is hoped that the Town Council will be informed by the end of July what course of action LCC will be taking to repair the borehole. LCC have tidied up the Market Place area and reduced the area that is behind barriers.

Cllr Mrs Jones informed that hoarding will be placed on the railings to try and keep the area tidy. LCC are aware of forthcoming events but the repair work will not be concluded prior to the raft race.

53. To consider a grant aid application from Community 4x4

It was agreed that this would be deferred until September to allow information to be submitted by Community 4x4.

54. For Councillors to receive an update on liaison with schools and colleges

Cllr Mrs Jones informed that the art work for the hoarding is awaited.

Cllr Mrs Jones informed that primary schools have been invited to use the council chamber and communication regarding the Christmas card competition is ongoing.

Cllr Broughton informed that some students will be helping him weed the allotments on Tuesday 14 July.

55. For Councillors to consider a contribution to the Bark in the Park event

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to contribute £50 to the Bark in the Park event.

56. For members to consider arrangements for forthcoming events: Christmas Fayre 29th November 2026. Race Night and Charity Bingo

Christmas Fayre - Cllr Mrs Jones informed that New River Retail had given permission in principle to use some of their car park if required for the Christmas Fayre. Local pub has offered to obtain performers for the event i.e. the Grinch.

Race Night – event to take place this side of Christmas - date to be agreed.

Charity Bingo will take place next year.

Cllr Broughton reported that 26 explorers were invited to assist in clearing rubbish at the allotments. The explorers worked extremely hard for two hours and the area now looks a lot tidier. It is hoped that a grand opening will take place in Spring 2027.

57. For members to consider and discuss any points raised in the public session

There were no points raised in the public session.

58. Personnel Matters: Consideration to go into Closed Session to discuss: Staff Issues

There were none.

59. To consider items for inclusion on the agenda at the next meeting of the Town Council, to be held at The Town Hall, Market Deeping on Wednesday 9 September 2026

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There were none at this time.

The Chairman thanked all members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.
The next scheduled meeting of the Full Council will be held on Wednesday 9 September 2026.

Chairman's signature.....

Date.....

Attachments: Appendix A