



**Minutes of the meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Finance and Planning Committee, held on Monday 8th December 2025
at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 7:30pm**

Members Present: Cllr David Garritt (Chair), Cllr Hazel Fox, Cllr Pat Frankish, Cllr Chris Howard, Cllr Joy Kofoed, Cllr Barry Starkie and Cllr Suzanne Stephenson

Also present: One member of the public, Assistant Clerk Cheri Morton (voluntarily) and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson.

Cllr Garritt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

FP2512/01 Apologies

No apologies were received.

FP2512/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

- No declarations of interests were declared.
- No dispensations were granted.

FP2512/03 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke regarding his complaint about the Town Council's response to his planning application PA/2025/881, noting in addition to his comments at the Full Council meeting that he was also unhappy with the concern raised about 'over-development'. He also noted that in checking with North Lincolnshire Council (NLC), they have advised him that if the Town Council object to any planning application that application is automatically referred to their Planning Committee for decision.

FP2512/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the minutes of the FP Committee Meeting held on 10th November 2025.

RESOLUTION: That the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record.

FP2512/05 Planning

The Committee considered the response submitted by the Town Council to Planning Application PA/2025/881 following a complaint from the applicant at the Full Council meeting held 26th November. Cllr Garritt noted his summary response at the Full Council Meeting which he hoped had proven helpful. Cllr Fox noted looking into the Town Council response submitted and confirming the accurate comments including that the development is outside the development boundary, the land is grade 3 agricultural land and potential asbestos concerns were also noted in the Environmental Protection report submitted prior to the Town Council response.

FP2512/06 Finance

The Committee discussed matters for consideration for 2026-2027 budget and precept planning works. The Town Clerk noted the updates to the budget planning document, including the confirmation of the budgeted grants figure and an update from NLC on the devolved grass cutting and Parish Paths Partnership offer values. The offer is for an 3.8% uplift to recognise inflation, however there is now a condition that weed clearance of roads and pathways is included in the arrangement. With receipt of the preliminary tax base figures from NLC the Town Clerk noted the impact on the Band D Council Tax rate for three preferred options previously discussed: to set the precept to meet the budgeted costs; to set the Precept at the 2025-2026 value and to retain the Band D Council Tax rate at the 2025-2026 level. The deadline from NLC for receipt of precept requests is Friday 30th January 2026.

The Town Clerk highlighted budget lines needing discussion as Bank Interest; S137 grants; Community Pot grants; Members Training; Litter Bins/Dog Bins and Community Sports Sessions.

Cllr Garritt suggested Members Training could be increased from £300 to £500. Cllr Fox suggested that staff expenses/travel costs could be increased from £100 to £200 and that Community Sports Sessions funding needed to be included.

The Committee considered the current preferred position is to either retain the precept at the 2025-2026 value or to retain the Band D Council Tax rate at the 2025-2026 level.

FP2512/07 Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the date and time of the next Finance and Planning Committee meeting, if required, as 12th January 2026 at 7:30pm, with agenda items to be submitted in writing prior to Friday 2nd January in line with Standing Orders.

The meeting closed at 7:53 pm