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Minutes of the meeting of Locking Parish Council held on 23 June 2026 at 19:00 at Locking Parish Hall

Meeting opened: 19.00

Meeting closed: 19:14

Present: Cllr Paul Jones (Chair), Cllr Wendy Ashdown, Cllr Carl Prosser, Cllr Paul Schofield, Cllr Pete Lacey and Cllr William Bearsby

Also in attendance: Clerk

- 225) **To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons where appropriate.**

Cllr Kimberly Shepherd - APPROVED

Cllr Ian Hilder - APPROVED

Cllr Joe Smith - APPROVED

- 226) **To receive declarations of interest by councillors and to consider any written applications for dispensations.** None received

Finances:

- 227) **To consider and agree Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 (AGAR Page 4)** Council reviewed and approved the report, signed by the Clerk and Chair.
- 228) **To consider and approve Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2025/26, prepared on a receipt and payments basis (AGAR Page 5)** Council reviewed and approved the report, signed by the Chair.
- 229) **To receive and review the Internal Auditor's Report (AGAR Page 3).** Council reviewed and noted the report.
- 230) **To receive and review the Explanation of Variances 2025/26** Resolved to approve the Explanation of Variances for 2025/26.
- 231) **To note the restatement of Year End figures for 2024/25 and explanation.** Resolved to note and accept the revised figures as presented.
- 232) **To receive and consider the detailed Internal Audit Report/Letter from Bridget Bowen following her visit on 5 June 2026.** Resolved that the report be accepted and its recommendations noted.
- 233) **To confirm that no conflicts of interest have been identified in respect of the External Auditor, BDO LLP.** Council confirmed that no conflicts of interest have been identified, signed by the Chair.

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- 234) **To note the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return and the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights as 25 Jun to 5 Aug 2026.** Council received and noted.
- 235) **To receive and approve payment for the Internal Audit completed by Bridget Bowen.** Council resolved to approve the payment.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19:14.

Signed (Chair):



Date:

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The next meeting of Locking Parish Council is 2 July 2026