ASKHAM PARISH MEETING

Askham, Nottinghamshire

Draft Minutes of Askham Parish Meeting at Village Hall/Parish Room 7th May 2026 7.30pm

1. **Welcome** Martyn H-W welcomed Askham residents. Apologies received from Rachel & Mandy Williams-Hill, Jane Ball, David Garner, Graham Sullivan, Sheila Langlands

2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 6th November 2025 were presented for approval, noting this also approves the minutes of 8th May 2025. Prop. JS, 2nd AHW, Approved nem con.

3. **Matters Arising** None

4. **Election of Officers** Martyn Hunter-Wyatt and Guy Le Geyt offered to stand again as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively. Prop. JB, 2nd, VB both elected nem con.

5. **Planning Matters**
   25/01387/FUL Askham Depot – Noted, no comments.
   26/00354/FUL & 26/00353/FUL East Drayton & Upton Solar Farms – Discussed – MHW to reply to both with stance of 'Object'. Concerns about lack of biodiversity gain; no cohesive plan for solar development in the area; balance between different uses of land; capacity of local infrastructure to support the developments; detrimental to local amenity.
   26/00293/FUL Woodcoates Road solar Farm – Noted for context.

   Noted works have commenced at Joleshan, NG22 0RJ. No planning application since 2010. Works to gate area and garden probably permitted development. Future applications should be notified from saved search on Planning Portal.

6. **Village Security** The church remains locked for security, but keys are available locally.

7. **Road Matters** There is a new Lengthsman Scheme for 2026-2029 Askham will join again. Prop. JW, 2nd AHW, agreed nem con

   Vegetation encroaching on the road at the tunnel. Reported, but doesn't meet the threshold for action. It will be reported again.

8. **Village General** Pinfold wall has partly collapsed. DD & GLG to look at it when weather improves. Ivy has been removed from churchyard wall to Church Lane. Stability looks questionable. MHW to contact church authorities to see if more action will be taken.

   Flooding outside the village hall, even in moderate rain. Long-standing issues with drains. Repeatedly reported, occasionally cleared, underlying problem has not been addressed.

   The Parish Meeting continues to support maintenance of the church clock.

9. **Finance** GLG presented accounts to 31st March 2026. Prop. DD 2nd AB, approved for auditing nem con. Budget will be revised to reflect new Lengthsman scheme

10. **AOB** Daniel Barnes appointed trustee of Askham Charity No. 213979 Prop. GLG, 2nd DD, nem con
    Charity constitution to be published on Parish Meeting website
    Condition of Parish Noticeboard at Duke William. MHW to investigate

11. **Date of Next meeting** Thursday 12th November 2026

13 villagers present (10 required for meeting to be quorate). Meeting closed at 2025

 A copy of these minutes will be posted on the Parish notice board at the Pub and on the village hall board.