



ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting of ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL held at Alexander House, High Street, Askern, Doncaster DN6 0AB on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 6.15pm.

Present - Councillors: Cllr Helen Murphy, Cllr Sharon Mitchell, Cllr George Gracey, Cllr Francis Jackson, Cllr Nichola Roberts, Cllr Jake Keeble, Cllr Mark Faulkner & Cllr Laurie Murray

In attendance – 1 member of the public & A Marsden – Clerk

1. Apologies were received from Cllr John Rowley; the reason for absence was approved.
2. No declarations of interest were received.
3. Under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, members of the press and public were excluded from agenda item 11.3 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. It was RESOLVED that item 11.3 would be heard at the end of the meeting.
4. The open discussion session was passed as there were no members of the public present or Cllrs in attendance who had anything to raise.
5. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 28th October 2025 were approved and accepted for accuracy.
6. The Council received the Clerk's Report, Staff Report and an update regarding the Action Log - updates were given on previous meeting items; this information was noted.
7. Ward Cllr Jackson gave the city councillor report. He informed all that the developers of Eastfield Hall had appealed the planning decision regarding their fence, which runs adjacent to Moss Road, and the appeal had been denied. Cllr Jackson had recently attended a Transport Meeting, in which local issues were discussed. A street audit had also taken place, and a number of issues were raised involving footpaths and crossing points around Askern. These issues were recorded, and CDC will work on addressing them. The Doncaster Airport reopening was also discussed, and Cllr Jackson shared that this had been delayed further due to concerns over transparency and interests not being declared.

8. The following correspondence was received:

- 8.1** – The informational letter from Minister Fahnbulleh was noted.

8.2 – The information received from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority regarding the bus franchise was noted.

9. Updates from Committees and Working Groups

9.1 – The Event Working Group shared feedback from the Firework Spectacular. The overall opinion was positive, and the event ran well. Concerns were raised over parking, and the council will consider the disruption caused when planning next year's display. It was also requested that next time the lakeside toilets be opened.

9.2 – The HR Committee had not recently met, and so no information was shared.

10. Planning Applications:

10.1 - There were no planning applications to consider.

11. Matters of Business

11.1 – The Council noted the recent play park inspection reports and requested that a play park renovation be considered on the agenda at the Budget Meeting in January.

11.2 – The Council discussed having 1 member of staff attend PAT testing training.

Resolved: The council approved 1 member of staff attending this training and purchasing a PAT testing machine, with a budget of £350.

11.3 – The Council considered the information received from SYPA regarding a pooled rate for pension contributions.

Action: The office to enquire further regarding this matter and present the information at a subsequent meeting.

12. Financial Matters

12.1 - Payments - APPROVED

12.2 - Receipts - APPROVED

12.3 - BACS - APPROVED

12.4 - The interim Audit report was received and noted.

With no further business to be transacted, this meeting was closed at 7:20pm.

Members of the Council

**Cllr Jake Keeble, Cllr George Gracey, Cllr Francis Jackson,
Cllr Nichola Roberts, Cllr John Rowley, Cllr Sharon Mitchell, Cllr Mark Faulkner,
Cllr Helen Murphy and Cllr Laurie Murray.**