

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 7pm at the Foreman Carter Centre, Westwoodside.

Present: Cllrs Bond, Booth, Carlile, Farmer, Harris, Holgate, Knowles, Lindley, Martin, Skelton & Steers.

Also Present: 3 resident & Ward Cllr Judy Kennedy.

Chairman: Cllr Holgate presided.

Clerk: Deb Hotson

2503/01 Apologies and reasons for absence received from Cllrs Cunningham, Thorpe & Parkin.

2503/02 **Resolved** - to temporarily suspend the meeting for a period of normally, no more than 15 minutes, but at the Chairman's discretion to allow for a period of public participation. Members of the public may raise subjects, which they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Items relating to matters on the agenda will be taken first and any decisions will be made when the meeting is declared opened. Two residents attended with regard to agenda item 2503/23 for an update on the issues of Thinholme Lane & Holm Road parking issues.

The residents stated that there were now barriers on the path. One of the residents has spoken to the planning department at NLC and she stated that the local council should have a discussion and act on their concerns. Cllr Holgate stated that the council have objected to these issues via NLC Planning Department and through the Ward Cllrs.

Resolved – to reopen the meeting.

2503/03 To approve the following minutes:

Parish Council Meeting held 25th March 2025. The date was incorrect so the February & March minutes would be approved at the next meeting.

2503/04 To record declarations of interest by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared. Cllrs Harris & Lindley declared a personal interest in agenda item 2503/06 2025/258.

Cllr Farmer declared a personal & prejudicial interest in agenda item 2503/23.

2503/05 To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed.

Dispensation granted regarding item 2503/12 due to the Parish Council being Sole Trustee of WPFA.

2503/06 **Planning**

a. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th March 2025.

Item noted.

b. To consider the following applications received after the Planning Committee meeting agenda was issued.

2025/258 – planning permission to erect a single storey double garage building at the side of the existing dwelling at Axholme House, 9 The Nooking, Haxey.

Resolved – no objection with the following comments:

Large plot can accommodate the proposal, it should not impact on privacy or overshadow other properties.

Proposed: Cllr Booth, seconded: Cllr Carlile. 10 for with 1 abstention.

2025/280 – planning permission to erect a garage/store at 28 The Nooking, Haxey.

Resolved – objection with the following comments:

A large plot that can accommodate the proposal, it should not cause any over shadowing or privacy issues. However, the proposal is forward of the building line and will be out of character with immediate street scene.

Proposed: Cllr Carlile, seconded: Cllr Bond. 10 for with 1 abstention.

2025/310 – application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to create one single storey dwelling house (use class C3) under class Q at Barn off Carr Lane, East Lound.

Resolved – object with the following comments:

No access to planning ref 2/1993/0259 and therefore the Parish council do not know what type of application it was, other than as a stable/storage.

The Isle of Axholme Historic Environment is a nationally recognised area and should be a consideration. The site is isolated, being some distance from the nearest village of East Lound and other dwellings.

Whilst the planning statement demonstrates a continued use, no financial evidence is available to the Parish Council that an agricultural business operated continually for the qualifying periods, the planning permission and the planning statement provides no evidence other than use was for recreation or as hobby and would not qualify under Class Q.

It should be noted that this is still a used for a unit for rare breeds according to the planning statement, this will mean the loss of shelter for livestock and is not as such a redundant building.

While local plan RD9 appears to be overruled by part Q, it is important the applicant understands. RD 9 iii would restrict any further development.

In determining this application, it would appear at odds with the NPPF which is the primary guidance for planning and the Local plan which conforms to the NPPF. The Parish Council understands the assessment is determined by class Q which appears to ignore the government guidance and fails to adequately recognise Natural England's statement. "Although currently non-statutory (not enshrined in law), the NPPF is a vitally important framework. It can shape how we can build the houses and infrastructure we need in a way that protects our countryside and involves local communities."

At the heart of this application is whether for purpose of Class Q it was a farming unit, it is recognised the barn was agricultural in respect of its original use for the keeping of horses planning application 2/1993/0259. Its use as provided by the planning Statement "Last use as an agricultural Building" demonstrates a use for keeping rare breeds, the planning statement refers to occasional sale for meat and the production of milk with no stated commercial value. It does not demonstrate financially viable farming use but an important hobby for rare breeds.

This Council concludes it fails class Q as recreational or hobby uses are not accepted under class Q as an agricultural use, therefore this Council ask the planning authority to recommend full planning is required and it be considered against NPPF and the local Plan.

Informative

NPPF Para 83 - To promote sustainable development in rural areas, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities.

NPPF Para 84 - Planning policies and decisions should avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside unless one or more of the following circumstances apply:

- a. there is an essential need for a rural worker, including those taking majority control of a farm business, to live permanently at or near their place of work in the countryside.
- b. the development would represent the optimal viable use of a heritage asset or would be appropriate enabling development to secure the future of heritage assets.
- c. the development would re-use redundant or disused buildings and enhance its immediate setting.
- d. the development would involve the subdivision of an existing residential building; or
- e. design is of exceptional quality, in that it:
 - i. is truly outstanding, reflecting the highest standards in architecture, and would help to raise standards of design more generally in rural areas; and
 - ii. would significantly enhance its immediate setting and be sensitive to the defining characteristics of the local area.

Proposed: Cllr Carlile, seconded: Cllr Booth. All in favour.

2503/07 Clerks Report

- a. ERNLLCA February Newsletter.
- b. HWRA will be attending the next meeting to provide an update on the recent Haxey & Westwoodside Housing Needs Survey.
- c. Following the notice of election there was no election called so therefore a co-option notice has been put on the notice boards and in the Arrow.
- d. The Clerk attended the HWRA Martyn's Law seminar. This will come into force in the next 12-18 months and all RAs should include terrorism precautions.
- e. The Good Councillors Guide to Finance has been circulated and the Model Financial Regulations have been updated, and these will be reviewed at the May meeting.
- f. Notice of Election for the Combined County Authority Mayoral Election for the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority will be held on May 1st.
- g. ERNLLCA information on a new Town & Parish Council savings account.
- h. Cllr Booth and the Clerk attended the ERNLLCA Talking Tables Seminar Event on Friday 21st which was very interesting.
- i. Communication from NHS Humber & North Yorkshire Integrated Care regarding the Goole & District Hospital Position Statement March 25. The item was noted.
- j. Humberside Police & Crime Commissioner Community Safety Fund round 6.
- k. Grant application from Westwoodside Village Hall. Item for the next agenda.
- l. NALC Commons Transport Select Committee buses survey. Cllrs to complete.
- m. Pre-application update from NLC Planning.

Highways / Neighbourhood Services / North Lincolnshire Council items**2503/08 To receive an update regarding the removal of the hedge on Nethergate.**

The hedge has not been cut further round the corner, and this is now overhanging the highway again. Cllr Kennedy to chase this up with ONGO as they had stated this would be done prior to the nesting period.

2503/09 To receive an update of the proposed parking for Church, High, Low Street, Haxey determining any actions required.

Cllr Kennedy stated that Cllr Mitchell had stated that the Highway Officer would only tend a meeting in the afternoon, early tea and not in the evening. Cllr Booth stated that the Officers should be meeting the parishioners needs.

Clerk to ask the Highway Officer to meet the Council and Parishioners at the latest possible time in an afternoon.

2503/10 To be notified of any other highway issues or updates on past self-service reports determining any actions required.

The Clerk went through the outstanding actions which will be checked by Cllrs and reported to the Clerk for any further actions.

Clerk to circulate the self-service portal link to all Cllrs.

Clerk to report the pothole on Uppertorpe adjacent to Achleon. Cllr Kennedy to chase up the repair of this pothole which has been reported a dozen times with no actions.

The Clerk was asked to chase up the status of checking the paths for repairs.

Reports / Updates**2503/11 To receive a report from the Ward Councillors on activities within North Lincolnshire Council.**

Cllr Kennedy stated that if any works are required on footpaths to provide this information to the Clerk who can then pass on to Cllr Kennedy.

In April, 66+ residents will be able to use the Live Well facilities for 2 months free of charge.

NLC have responded to the New County Boundary consultation with North Lincolnshire, Northeast Lincolnshire and East & West Lindsey as a suggestion.

The distribution of low energy devices is going well.

2503/12 To receive the minutes and accounting details from the Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee determining any actions required.

The information was circulated prior to the meeting.

2503/13 To receive an update report on Westwoodside Pond determining actions required.

The Clerk has written to the Environmental Agency but to date there has been no response.

2503/14 To receive an update report from the Planting Working Group determining actions required.

The notes of the meeting were circulated.

Cllr Bond stated that the handyman had been issues with 2 x £50 vouchers to spend on planting.

The following points were raised from the minutes:

3a. The funding for the smaller hamlets towards the Best Kept Village has been approved and will be paid in due course. The Clerk has also been in touch with all 4 pubs and only one confirmed that they were happy to be included in the Best Kept Village Category, this being the Loco and they have their own displays. Cllr Farmer stated that the Duke William would also like to be included and provided hanging baskets.

3d. Jubilee Wood – this was resolved to cut and flail the area as per quote received from the Groundsman. Flail, cut field and strim around the saplings. Clerk to ask the Groundsman his thoughts on the frequency of the cuts.

Proposed: Cllr Lindley, seconded: Cllr Knowles. 9 for with 2 against.

3h. It was agreed that the Church Lane Memorial Garden remains within the planting group.

7. The VJ day is on Friday 15th August.

8. The Clerk has requested another key.

The item regarding the co-op grant was not added to the agenda – this was passed to Cllr Bond who confirm he had not added it to the agenda. Cllr Booth to contact the Co-op to see if the grant is still open.

2503/15 To receive an update report from Dr Dysons Working Group determining actions required.

The notes of the meeting were circulated.

Cllr Booth stated that the planting will be carried out and then the trellis will be installed.

The bug hotel was in place and looks great.

Accounts are being set up at the Garden Centre and Travis Perkins with discounts.

A sensory garden will be installed in the rockery area.

The WI will install some Easter items.

2503/16 To receive an update report on VE/VJ Day determining any actions required.

The Clerk stated that the ESAG & RA has been submitted to NLC after the last Council meeting.

The vicar has contacted the bell ringers, and they will ring the bells at 6.30pm on 8th May.

Cllr Steers stated that the Bawtry Air Cadets and the Scouts will be marching.

Cllr Holgate stated that the WI will be doing something, but it wasn't sure what.

Cllr Carlile declared an interest in the item.

The event will take the same format as last year.

The item was placed in last month's Arrow.

Cllr Martin to create some posters for shops and notice boards. Cllr Steers to work with Cllr Martin to print the posters.

2503/17 To receive an update report on the responses received from the Governance Community Review letters sent to all T & PC's, including the offer to meet the MP Lee Pitcher determining if any further actions are required.

Further responses have been received from other councils with only one showing a slight interest after costs are known.

Clerk to contact MP Pitcher to arrange a meeting with the council in connection with the recent Governance Review.

2503/18 To receive an update report on the updating of the Community Emergency Plan determining actions required.

The format has changed on the creation of a plan and starts with the completion of a questionnaire which the Clerk will complete and circulate for all to comment.

2503/19 To receive an update report on the Turbary Road Bridleway 84 determining any actions required.

A response has been received from NLC PROW Officer stating that

The farmer I understood to be responsible was spoken to and written to and has declined to do any repairs. It is unlikely that we, NLC, can pursue for repairs to benefit private vehicle use when there is no impingement on public use of the bridleway. The effect of the harvesting at the time was unfortunate in coming just after the full repair being done.

The Parish Council role was to facilitate a meeting and this is what had been done.

2503/20 To receive an update report from the Town & Parish Council Liaison Meeting determining any actions required.

Cllr Holgate and Cllr Carlile attended the meeting.

The Great Lincolnshire Devolution - £24m is available to spend on the area.

There are 3 officers from North & North East Lincolnshire & Lincolnshire Councils to set up the joint council. These officers are being vired from the councils included. This outcome will be announced in November with it all set up and in place for the 2027 elections.

The Government will reduce the number of local authorities and Ward Cllrs.

There will be no additional layer of bureaucracy.

Local Plan update – housing allocation will increase from 300-700 houses for North Lincolnshire.

The increases will be contained in Scunthorpe, Brigg & Barton.

The process will go through a consultation process including a further call for land.

Environmental Matters – next April additional bins will be available for residents to use for food waste.

Solar Panel Farms will be objected to by NLC and solar panels on new homes will be mandatory.

Clerks attending the meeting – they are still not allowed to attend as the Government carried out an assessment and it was found that NLC did not have enough integration with Councillors. NLC are planning to set up separate meetings for Clerks and a portal for Clerks to obtain a variety of information.

General Items

2503/21 To notify the Clerk of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Items to be provided to the Clerk.

2503/22 To notify the Clerk of items to be submitted for inclusion into the next edition of the Arrow.

Items to be provided to the Clerk by the end of the month.

2503/23 To be notified of the concerns raised by residents regarding the issues on Thinholme Lane/Holm Road determining actions required.

Cllr Carlile stated that there was a recent reluctance for the Planning Enforcement Department to interact with the Parish Council on any enforcement issues.

Cllr Carlile added that he understood the frustration of residents.

Cllr Booth stated that the land in question needs the owner identified.

Cllr Farmer informed the meeting that he had made enquiries with the current owner as he was the tenants only at present.

When the bungalows were built the road came from Newbigg straight down so there was no bend. A land swap took place, and the footpath was moved from the side of the premises.

Due to recent thefts at the garage a new barrier had been installed after consultation with NLC Planning Department. This now prevents parking on the junction which helps residents.

Cllr Farmer stated that he is trying to address the concerns including the removal of the container which is a work in progress. One has been emptied and that will be removed soon.

The business is contributing to the local economy.

Cllr Farmer has detailed maps and will arrange to bring the to the next meeting.

2503/24 To be notified of the BBC Radio Humberside, Make a Difference Awards 2025 determining any actions required.

Item noted.

2503/25 To consider the storage of the Commemorative status/objects determining actions required.

Cllrs Martin, Bond, Steers, Skelton & Parkin to review the objects and their storage before the next meeting.

2503/26 To consider repairs to the west fence at the allotment site determining actions required.

Clerk to get quotes to repair the fence.

Two residents left the meeting at 8.30pm.

Finance

2503/27 To receive a copy of the Financial Statement up to 25th March 2025.

Item noted.

2503/28 To consider attendance to any ERNLLCA training seminars circulated for 2025/26.

Some Cllrs have booked on to the course.

Cllr Farmer to provide dates to attend the Being a Good Cllr course.

2503/29 To consider the Clerk & Councils Direct subscription renewal for 2025.

Resolved – renew the membership as is.

Proposed: Cllr Booth, seconded: Cllr Holgate. All in favour.

2503/30 To consider supporting the Over 70's Party for 2025.

Resolved – approval of a sum not to exceed £2000. Cllr Harris to represent the Council.

Proposed: Cllr Booth seconded: Cllr Harris. 10 for with 1 abstention.

2503/31 **Grant Requests**

No grant requests.

Expenditure

2503/32 To approve the following accounts.

04.03.25	Cloudy IT	IT Support 6634	42.58
08.03.25	BT	Phone & Broadband	69.85
10.03.25	Post Office	Over 70's expenditure	85.00
18.03.25	P Booth	Dr Dysons expenditure	35.90
18.03.25	ERNLLCA	Training 2162	72.00
18.03.25	ERNLLCA	Training 2128	84.00
18.03.25	ERNLLCA	Training 2122	28.01
18.03.25	Vision ICT	Website hosting fee	180.00
22.03.25	HSBC	Bank charges	8.00
25.03.25	P Booth	Travel expenses	31.05

25.03.25	NS Groundcare	Verges cuts 589/25	1,644.00
25.03.25	NEST	Pension - March	157.34
25.03.25	Salaries	Salary	
23.03.25	HMRC	Tax/NI	456.56
Total expenditure up to 25th March 2025			4,324.71

Resolved – approval of the monthly accounts for payment.

Proposed: Cllr Lindley seconded: Cllr Bond. 10 for with 1 abstention.

2503/33 To agree the time and date of the next Parish Council meeting as 6.45pm on Tuesday 29th April 2025. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

2503/34 To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed if required.
No items raised.

Appendix A – Abbreviations

AA	Allotment Association
CCC	Caravan & Camping Club
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
Cllrs	Councillors
DPD	Development Plan Document
EA	Environmental Agency
ERNLLCA	East Riding & North Lincolnshire Local Council Advisors
FP	Footpath
HPFA	Haxey Playing Field Association
HMRC	His Majesty's Revenue & Customs
HWRCC	Humber Wolds Rural Community Council
ICCM	Institute of Cemetery & Cremations Management
LDF	Local Development Framework
LWP	Land Working Party
LWT	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
NATs	Neighbourhood Action Teams
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch
NHP	Neighbourhood Plans
NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
NLH	North Lincolnshire Homes
PCC	Parochial Church Council
P&CC	Police Crime Commissioner
PP	Planning permission
PPAG	Parish Plan Action Group
PROW	Public Right of Way
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
TEN	Temporary Event Notice
T & PC	Town & Parish Council
WLHH	We Live Here Haxey
WPFA	Westwoodside Playing Field Association
WPFMC	Westwoodside Playing Field Management Committee
WWS	Westwoodside