

Elsham Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Elsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th February 2026 commencing at 7pm at the Village Hall. Elsham

Present: Chair – Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout
Cllr Andrew Horner, Cllr Mark Lilley, Cllr Michael Percy, Cllr Marianne Everett
Clerk – Louise Price
Cllr N Sherwood and Cllr C Sherwood – North Lincolnshire Council
Sgt William Harrison, PCSO Kev Horsfall – Brigg and Wolds Police Team
1 member of the public

2602/01 Apologies

Resolved: To accept the apologies from Cllr Steve Moir.

2602/02 Public Participation

The member of the public did not wish to address the Council.

2602/03 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2026 were an accurate and true record and these were signed by the Chair.

2602/04 Declarations of Interest

- a) Cllr Horner declared an interest in Item 2602/12 c – payments made January 2026.
- b) No dispensations were given.

2602/05 Report from Ward Councillors

The Ward Councillors reported that the 26/27 Budget meeting will be on Tuesday 24th February. It is expected that the Elsham Wolds Data Centre planning application will be on the March NLC Planning agenda. Cllr C Sherwood had been contacted regarding fly tipping on Barnetby Lane near to Starbucks and this was being dealt with. He was also trying to get Mick Johnson or Jack Holgate to visit Elsham to look at moving the 30mph limit further up Barnetby Lane. Cllr Horner discussed road sweeping and gullies being blocked. Cllr N Sherwood suggested that the gulley cleaner visiting Elsham might be a better option than the Road sweeper. The Council asked the Ward Councillors if they could chase up the new sign at Barnetby roundabout and if they could have an update on the road markings at the Barnetby top garage on whose responsibility they are.

The Ward Councillors left the meeting.

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2602/06 Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues

- a) i) Parking on Astley Corner was to be discussed under Item 7.
- ii) A letter had been received from the LVF regarding the jointly owned speed signs. It is hoped that they come to Elsham soon as it has been over a year.
- iii) A discussion took place on the Peacock signs. The Clerk reported that she had not yet heard back from NLC however she believed a case had been opened due to an email she had received. Highways had been invited to the February meeting but had not responded.
- iv) The sign at Barnetby Top and the line marking at the Garage had been discussed under item 5. Cllr Van Oosterhout reported that the signs at Fiveways had been replaced.
- b) The Anglian Water road closure in Elsham had caused issues to the village. Many of the verges had been damaged and signs had been left up too long implying the road was closed when it was open.

Resolved: The Clerk to speak to Anglian Water and ask them to send their road sweeper around Elsham.

2602/07 Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch/NATS

The Chair welcomed Sgt Harrison and PCSO Horsfall to the meeting. The meeting was closed to allow the Police to take part in the discussion. Cllr Lilley had not managed to attend the recent NATS meeting so Sgt Harrison updated the Council. Sgt Harrison asked members of the public to be vigilant around the villages. There had been issues in Barnetby resulting in a vehicle being stolen. The Winter Action plan was discussed. The passive dog had visited Brigg and the team are currently looking at the Summer Action Plan. Sgt Harrison asked if the Council had any issues or needs in Elsham. Cllr Van Oosterhout reported that hare coursing had been an issue in the past. The Rural Task Force is now stationed at Brigg. They work on target reduction and property marking also. Cllr Horner expressed concerns about cannabis residues being dumped. This has happened recently on the outskirts of Elsham but was removed once reported. Sgt Harrison asked that any suspicious activity was called in immediately on 999. Any registration numbers or other information could be valuable to Op Kinetic. Cllr Horner reported the number of alcohol bottles and cans he found discarded while walking around and Sgt Harrison informed the Council that unfortunately drink and drug driving was on the increase.

The Clerk passed photos to PCSO Horsfall of an incident involving a HGV in Elsham where a verge, post and a planter had been damaged. A passing resident had taken photos of the vehicle and the damage and these were handed to the Police. PCSO Horsfall will check the information for the Council. Sgt Harrison encouraged the use of Operation Snap (Humberside Police) where residents and Councillors could upload images and footage of bad driving.

Cllr Everett mentioned issues with parking at Astley Corner. As the vehicles were not parking illegally it was not a police matter. It was suggested contact be made with ONGO to request more parking or removal of the accessible spaces.

The Police were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

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2602/08

Planning

- a) i) Planning Application No: PA/2025/1588

Proposal: Planning permission for change of use from permanent pasture to dog exercising and training area.

Site Location: The Lodge, Rennison Carr Farm to west of Carr Side Plantation, Elsham.

Resolved: No comments or objections

- ii) Planning Application No: PA/2026/36

Proposal: Planning permission to remove Condition 2 of 7/1989/1133 dated 15th March 1990 namely to remove the agricultural occupancy restriction

Site Location: Village Farm, Wootton Road, Elsham DN20 ONU

Resolved: No comments or objections

- iii) Planning Application No: PA/2026/130

Proposal: Planning permission to erect a detached dwelling

Site Location: Land (Orchard) to the east of 27 Front Street, Elsham

Resolved: The Council object to the application with the following statement:

The Old Orchard is entirely outside the development boundary. As such the proposal is in breach of policies CS2, CS3 and CS8 of the Core Strategy. These policies make it clear that development in small villages like Elsham should be limited to small scale infill within the development boundary. This proposed build is outside the development boundary and is certainly not infill – it would be an extension of housing into previously open countryside which is supposed to be protected by the development boundary.

Furthermore, the site is immediately adjacent to 32 Church Street. A proposed development there submitted twice under PA/2021/68 and PA/2022/1495 was twice refused by North Lincolnshire Council and twice dismissed on appeal for being in the open countryside outside the development line. That must surely apply to this adjacent empty site too.

To approve this application would set a major precedent and would result in an increase in planning applications on other areas of open countryside in the village which are outside the development boundary. This would not only spoil the overall look of the village but would also burden the sustainability of the village in terms of loss of amenity and increased traffic and would negatively impact on services and infrastructure.

- b) No planning decisions received.

The member of the public left the meeting.

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2602/09 Parish Projects, Reports and other Parish Matters

- a) i) Play Area
Cllr Percy provided the February inspection sheets and the repairs to the Playpark were discussed. He expressed some concerns. It was agreed to review some of the suggested repairs at the March meeting when the weather was hopefully not so wet.
- ii) Nature Reserve
Cllr Van Oosterhout had forwarded the report to be circulated to Councillors.
Resolved: Cllr Van Oosterhout to contact Anglian Water to see if they could send some volunteers to do some work in the Reserve.
- b) i) **Resolved: to carry over the budget of £100 from January for planting.**
- c) Handyman jobs for January include the Play Park and repairs to the verges
- d) The date for the Elsham Litter pick was agreed as 8th March 2026. The Elsham Leader has gone out for delivery and it is hoped that volunteers may come forward.
- e) The Big Lunch is scheduled for 6th-7th June but the Council agreed to wait until the volunteers' responses from the Leader had come in.
- f) It was decided to defer the Best Kept Village 2026 entry decision until more volunteers stepped forward.
- g) The state of the Elsham Signal Box was discussed.
Resolved: The Clerk to contact Network Rail with the Councils concerns.

2602/10 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Hymers School and had booked Cllrs Percy, Lilley and Everett on to the Councillors courses offered by ERNLLCA.

2602/11 Verge and PROW cutting 2026/27

- a) **Resolved: To award the contract for the Verge and PROW cutting 2026/2027 to Contractor A – Sissons Gardening Services.**
Resolved: To award the weed killing contract to Contractor A – Sissons Gardening Services however to discuss the weed killing in greater detail with the Contractor as the meterage suggested by NLC did not align with actual requirements.

2602/12 Finance/IT/Policies/Other Council business

- a) **Resolved: That the financial expenditure, receipts and bank statements were approved to 31st January 2026.**
- b) **Resolved: Cllr Horner to be reimbursed for the costs incurred so far on repairs to the Play park - £68 to date.**
- c) The following payments had been made – January 2026. These were noted.
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| 19 th January 2026 | Cllr A Horner – Expenses | £12.60 |
| 26 th January 2026 | L Price – Clerks Salary and Expenses | |
| 26 th January 2026 | Vision ICT – Email hosting | £168.00 |
| 26 th January 2026 | M D Signs – Peacock Signs | £171.60 |
| 26 th January 2026 | HMRC – P32 | £66.40 |

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d) The following payments were presented at the meeting:

LVF – Elancity warranty	£46.67
Newton Printing – Leader Printing	£161.02

Resolved: To pay the above invoices.

- e) The Council further discussed an Elsham Facebook profile but it was decided to stay at present with the Clerk posting on Elsham Past and Present under her own profile.
- f) The revised Emergency Plan was not approved. Cllr Van Oosterhout will amend and re-send to the Clerk for approval at a future meeting.
- g) The Clerk gave the Council an update on the Bank Mandate. This should be resolved by the next meeting.
- h) It was agreed to approach Brian Brooks to ask if he was prepared to be the Internal Auditor for 2025/2026.

2602/13 Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda items for the next meeting

- a) Items for the Agenda for March include re-discussing the Councils Mission Statement, Guidance on giving apologies for meetings.
- b) The Local Government Review Survey circulated by ERNLLCA was discussed.

Resolved: Councillors would complete it individually.

2602/14 Date and time of forthcoming meetings

- a) The date and time of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 17th March 2026 7pm at Elsham Village Hall.

2602/15 Closure of the Meeting to the press and public

Resolved: That the Council move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s 1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

2602/16 Staffing

Resolved: To pay the Clerks salary and expenses

Meeting closed 9.11pm.

Signed _____ Date _____