

# Elsham Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Elsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 commencing at 7pm at the Village Hall. Elsham

Present: Chair – Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout  
Cllr Andrew Horner, Cllr Steve Moir, Cllr Mark Lilley, Cllr Michael Percy, Cllr M Everett  
Clerk – Louise Price  
Cllr N Sherwood and Cllr C Sherwood – North Lincolnshire Council

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2601/01            **Apologies**  
There were no apologies.

2601/02            **Public Participation**  
One member of the public was present but she was co-opted to the Council under item 2601/05.

2601/03            **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
**Resolved: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were an accurate and true record and these were signed accordingly.**

2601/04            **Declarations of Interest**  
a) Cllrs Van Oosterhout declared an interest in Item 2601/13 d – payments made November/December 2025.  
b) No dispensations were given.

2601/05            **Co-option to the Council**  
An application to be co-opted to the Council had been received for one of the two vacancies.  
**Resolved: Cllr Marianne Everett be co-opted to the Council.**  
**As Cllr Everett was present, she signed the declaration of office and joined the meeting.**

2601/06            **Report from Ward Councillors**  
The Ward Councillors reported that applications for electrical items were still open. The next phase of collections is w/c 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026. There will be an Air-fryer demonstration in Brigg on the 18<sup>th</sup> February. The appeal for the lorry park at Barnetby Top has been granted. The rollout of new burgundy bins has started. New regulations on what can be out in the bins starts in April. Work is to be done to the mast at Elsham Wolds.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Repairs to pot holes in local areas are starting 16<sup>th</sup> February. The recent released pot hole report was incorrectly reported which had left North Lincolnshire Council at the bottom of the report. The Data Centre final proposals are now with NLC and the planning application should be on the February or March Planning agenda. Cllr Horner mentioned Barnetby Hill road sweeping and that a local resident had swept the leaves away in the end. Cllr C Sherwood informed the Council that the Highways team would not give them a programme. The accident on Newland Hill junction over Christmas had resulted in the salt bin being moved and the road sign post being slightly damaged. There have now been 4 accidents at that venue in 12 months. Elsham Parish Council had requested that the speed limit be moved to the Junction but this had been rejected. The Ward Councillors agreed to speak to Highways again on the subject. Cllr Percy asked whether there were any plans to upgrade the roundabout at Barnetby top. There isn't at present however this may need to be revisited should the Data Centre gain approval. Cllr Moir asked whether 20mph areas may be an option in Elsham however the Ward Councillors responded that there was no policy within North Lincolnshire Council and they were not enforceable.

The Ward Councillors left the meeting.

## 2601/07 Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues

- a) i) There had been no response from NLC Highways on the Road sweeping.
  - ii) Cllr Horner reported that poor parking is causing some issues a school bus collection and drop off times.  
**Resolved: The Clerk to write to Hymers School asking if they could ask parents to park sensibly.**
  - iii) Cllr Horner questioned the location of the shared speed signs. There was an option to apply for the Road Safety Grant which the Clerk had circulated correspondence about however it was felt that the 50 percent financial outlay was too much.  
**Resolved: The Clerk and Cllr Van Oosterhout attempt to get the current cameras into Elsham for a period.**
  - iv) Highways had been invited to a meeting to discuss the request to move the 30mph limit but had not responded as yet.
  - v) The Council discussed the condition of the Elsham Signal Box. Cllr Van Oosterhout advised that it was in Wrawby Parish.
  - vi) Cllr Horner stated that the 2025 Christmas tree was unsuccessful with regards to the lighting and how it kept leaning to 45 degrees. Various different options for 2026 were discussed including a conical frame, an artificial tree and a planted tree. It was agreed to discuss this later in the year. The Clerk to look at other options.
- b) There were no other issues to discuss.

## 2601/08 Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch/NATS

There were no issues to discuss. Brigg and Wolds Neighbourhood Police Team have been invited to the February meeting and have confirmed attendance if possible. The Clerk to check if there is still a registered Neighbourhood Watch Group in Elsham.

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## Planning

- a) i) Planning Application No: PA/2026/14  
Proposal: Application under the Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England & Wales) Regulations 2009 to install proposed new terminal pole. Replace existing terminal pole with new.  
Site Location: Elsham Spa, Pumping Station, Middlegate Lane, Elsham DN20 OPH  
**Resolved: No comments or objections**
- b) i) Planning Decision: PA/2025/1054 – Planning permission granted to erect a self build/custom build detached two-storey dwelling land west of Front Street, Elsham.  
ii) Planning Decision: PA/2025/1193 – Planning permission granted to erect single-storey extensions to the rear of the dwelling – 21 Maltkiln Lane, Elsham DN20 ORH.
- c) i) Planning Appeal Decisions received:  
Appeal Ref: APP/Y2003/W/25/3363214 Land to the south of M180 Barnetby Top interchange (Junction 5) and to the north and west of the A18. Appeal granted.

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## Parish Projects, Reports and other Parish Matters

- a) i) Play Area  
Cllr Percy provided the December and January inspection sheets and expressed some concerns. The Clerk has emailed Sovereign again but has not had a reply. She will chase it urgently. Cllr Van Oosterhout to speak to the Handyman regarding the required work.  
ii) Nature Reserve  
Cllr Van Oosterhout had little to report. She will ask the Handyman to look at a tree in the quarry that has fallen on to a fence.
- b) **Resolved: a budget of £100 was agreed for village planting for the month.**
- c) Handyman jobs for January include the Play Park, the Fence at the Quarry, clearing and sweeping of the snickets.
- d) Councillors confirmed they had read the letter received from the Ministry of Justice regarding the closure of the Cemetery at All Saints Church, Elsham

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## Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that there had been no update from Highways on the replacement of the sign at Barnetby Top nor the road markings at the MFG garage. She re-iterated the importance of Councillor Training. A permitted development application had been submitted for the proposed flag pole but since its submission, other residents of Astley Corner had come forward to say they did not want a flag pole. Cllr Van Oosterhout is to attend the Ancholme Valley Conference. The Council are very grateful to Brady Durkin for assisting with the gritting.  
**Resolved: To book Cllrs Percy, Lilley and Everett on the ERNLLCA Being a Good Councillor Course in June.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2601/12 Verge and PROW cutting 2026/27

- a) The Clerk has approached Contractors for quotes for the Verge, grass cutting and PROW work for 2026/27. At present two quotes have been received.

**Resolved: To accept the quote from Contractor A should Contractor C and D not be competitive. This will be confirmed at the February meeting.**

- b) Cllr Horner informed the Council of the discussions that took place at the recent Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting. The meterage of weed killing suggested for Elsham was far in excess of what was actually needed.

**Resolved: To accept the existing grass devolution arrangement with an addition of weed clearance, which will be supported by a 3.8% uplift in grant funding from NLC.**

## 2601/13 Finance/IT/Policies/Other Council business

- a) **Resolved: That the financial expenditure, receipts and bank statements were approved to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.**
- b) **Resolved: To make a S137 grant of £50 to Lindsey Lodge Hospice for the Treecycling Scheme 2025.**
- c) **Resolved: To purchase 2 nr peacock signs for the village at a cost of £71.50 plus VAT per sign.**

- d) The following payments had been made – November/December 2025. These were noted.

3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	ERNLLCA	£36.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	RBL – S137 Grant – Poppy wreath	£20.00
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	A Sissons – Grass cutting/PROW	£583.01
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	NLC – SLA Agreements 25/26	£466.36
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Eve Middleton – Delivery of LEADER	£25.00
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	L Price – Clerks Salary and Expenses	
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	HMRC – P32	£66.20
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Autela Payroll	£84.00
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	The Big Give – S137 Grant – LIVES	£25.00
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	A Sissons – Grass cutting/PROW	£201.56
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Balfour – Play Park rent	£30.00
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Cllr S Van Oosterhout – Events	£49.54
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	I Bowmer – Handyman Services	£33.00
24 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	L Price – Clerks Salary and Expenses	
24 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	HMRC – P32	£66.40

- e) The 2026-2027 Budget sheet had been circulated to Councillors.

**Resolved: The Budget sheet was agreed by Councillors and the precept was set for 2026/2027 at £10000.**

- f) No other payments were presented.

- g) Cllr Van Oosterhout stated Councillors must be careful what they post on social media as personal opinions may be taken reflecting those of the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would look at whether it was possible to create an Elsham Parish Council Facebook page and the item to be added to the February Agenda.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- h) **Resolved: That the updated complaints policy be approved.**
- i) The approval of the Emergency Plan was deferred until the next meeting.
- j) **Resolved: That the updated IT Policy be approved.**
- k) **Resolved: That the updated Vexatious policy be approved.**
- l) The Clerk updated Councillors on the current position with NatWest Bank.

2601/14                    **Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda items for the next meeting**

- a) Items for the Agenda for February include Community engagement. Councillor Van Oosterhout informed the Council she would not be standing as Chair in May.
- b) Councillor training was discussed again. Cllrs Van Oosterhout and Horner are booked on the Finance training.

2601/15                    **Date and time of forthcoming meetings**

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

2601/16                    **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.**

Meeting closed 9.14pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_