



Elsham Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Elsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st July commencing at 7pm at the Village Hall, Elsham

Present: Chair – Cllr Andrew Horner
Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout (Vice Chair), Cllr Mark Lilley, Cllr Michael Percy, Cllr
Steve Moir, Cllr Marianne Everett
Clerk – Louise Price
Ward Councillors: Cllrs N and C Sherwood
1 member of the public

2607/01 Apologies

There were no apologies as all members were present.

2607/02 Public Participation

The member of public present expressed concerns over vehicles above 7.5t in weight travelling through Elsham as a short cut to the A180/M180. He also expressed his concerns about the current hose pipe ban and how the construction of the data centre and the Elsham to Essex pipeline could cause even more water shortages in the future for Elsham. The Clerk will ask Anglian Water to attend a future council meeting to hear the concerns. Cllr N Sherwood commented that there had been a lack of investment in infrastructure eg. reservoirs for many years.

2607/03 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2026 were an accurate and true record and these were signed by the Chair and that the minutes of the Personnel meeting held on Monday 29th June were an accurate and true record and these were signed by Cllr Van Oosterhout, Chair of Personnel.

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2607/04 Declarations of Interest

- a) Cllrs Van Oosterhout and Horner declared an interest in Item 2607/12b – payments made June 2026 – Appendix 1. Cllr Van Oosterhout declared at interest in item 2607/13d.
- b) No dispensations were given.

2607/05 Co-option

An application for co-option to Elsham Parish Council had been received from Dee Taylor.

Resolved: that Dee Taylor be co-opted to Elsham Parish Council.

2607/06 Report from Ward Councillors

Cllr C Sherwood announced that Summer Daze free swimming for children would take place from 20th July to 30th August. There is also a programme this year for all children on assisted meals called Fuelled. The work on Barton Bypass has started. The Banking Hub is opening in Brigg at the Buttercross. There has been a lot of interest in taking over the running of the Post Office in Brigg which was closing in its current location as the Morrisons local store was closing. NLC have a meeting with the Post Office on 23rd July. Post 16 transport for the 26/27 school year has been set at £35. Safer Neighbourhoods will be sending new stickers out to all households regarding unwanted cold callers. He was pleased to announce that NLC had won the Council of the Year award and that the result of the Local Government Re-organisation was that NLC would remain unchanged.

The Chair thanked the Ward Councillors for their attendance and report and they left the meeting.

2607/07 Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues

- a) Councillors discussed the SIDs. Cllr Percy had retrieved the information from it and had re-set the device. The results circulated were discussed by Council. It was agreed to put some of the information in the next Leader.
- b) Cllr Horner informed Councillors that there had been some damage caused to the Newland Hill sign which he thought had been caused by the hedge cutting. The Clerk had approached NLC who had asked for more information and witnesses. Cllr Horner informed the Council that he walks that route daily and the damage was not there before the hedge was cut. The sign had been damaged from behind.

2607/08 Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch/NATS

- a) The Police were not in attendance at the meeting but it was felt there was little to report. There are issues with speed of some vehicles and HGVs. The Clerk will check when the next NATS meeting is.
- b) The Clerk reported that she had sent a letter to the Haulage company whose vehicle had damaged the triangle via PC Parsons however there had been no response.

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Planning

- a) The following planning decisions had been received.
 - i) PA/2026/619
Applicant: Lynn Webster – Northern Powergrid
Application under the Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England & Wales) Regulations 2009. Recovery of existing OHL pole numbered G1537/03-23 and one existing Stay Wire and replace with new single wood pole and Stay Wire, Recovery of existing 50kVA pole mounted transformer and replaced by a new 100kVA pole mounted transformer
Location: The School House, Vicarage Lane, Elsham, DN20 ORF - **GRANTED**
 - ii) PA/2026/635
Applicant: Anglian Water
Application for a non-material amendment to PA/2022/1122 dated 19/05/2023 namely to amend the wording of condition 20 to provide an additional time extension of 18 months to the requirements of this condition to allow additional time for the submission of PXA reports - Street Record,
Location: Access Road to Reservoir and Water Treatment Works, Elsham – **GRANTED**
- b) No Planning applications had been received.

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Parish Projects, Reports and other Parish Matters

- a) Play Area
Cllr Percy provided the July inspection sheets. He had found that the climbing hoops were loose on the inspection. The bench still needs repairing and picnic tables still need painting. Cllrs Lilley and Percy will look at this before the September meeting and hopefully this weekend. The Council may need to buy some bolts.
Resolved: To spend £35 on bolts if needed for the Play park
- b) Nature Reserve
Cllr Van Oosterhout had circulated the report prior to the meeting. The grass is high and there are lots of butterflies. The paths need cutting.
- c) July to September planting was discussed. Most of the summer planting is now complete.
Resolved: A budget of £100 maximum for planting was agreed.
- d) Handyman jobs for July to September include weeding near Astley Corner and gutter cleaning.

Councillor Moir left the meeting.

2607/11

Clerks Report

The Clerk stressed the importance of training. She reported a delay on the launch of the Farmwatch Scheme, that she would re-request the collection of the litter bags at Barnetby Top. She reported that between now and September she would ensure the VAT return was submitted, the policies were updated and uploaded with the new logo. The Council had received a thank you from the Scouts for the S137 Grant. She also reported that she was still waiting for a response from Network Rail regarding the signal box.

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2607/12 Finance/IT/Policies/Other Council business

- a) The Clerk had circulated the bank statements and bank reconciliation to the end of the June 2026.

Resolved: That the financial expenditure, receipts, budget monitoring, bank reconciliation and bank statements be approved to 30th June 2026.

- b) The following payments had been made – June 2026. These were noted.

02.06.26	Stevenson and Julian Charity	S137 Grant	£500.00
02.06.26	Cllr S Van Oosterhout	Planting	£57.91
02.06.26	North Lincolnshire District Scouts	S137 Grant	£75.00
08.06.26	Sissons Gardening Services	Verges/PROW/Grass cutting	£901.75
09.06.26	Cllr S Van Oosterhout	The Big Lunch	£145.94
09.06.26	Dee Taylor	The Big Lunch	£48.92
11.06.26	Cllr A Horner	Office equipment	£5.99
16.06.26	Cllr S Van Oosterhout	The Big Lunch	£40.29
17.06.26	Cllr A Horner	Planting	£62.98
17.06.26	Cllr A Horner	Playpark equipment	£25.61
21.06.26	Cllr A Horner	Planting	£10.99
21.06.26	Cllr A Horner	Playpark equipment	£11.00
25.06.26	Louise Price	Clerks Salary & Expenses	£301.30
25.06.26	HMRC	P32	£66.4

- c) An Invoice from Autella had been received for payroll services April to July 2026 - £72.00

The member of the public left the meeting.

- d) Cllr Horner discussed the In-Bloom grant and the need to complete the grant by the end of August 2026.
- e) The Clerk updated the Council on the Bank Account. It was agreed to follow the previous resolution and open an account with Unity. If this was not possible, it was agreed to look at HSBC.
- f) **Resolved: to allow the Clerk to re-join the SLCC at a cost of £116.00.**
- g) **Resolved: to amend the Financial Regulations to allow the Clerk to make regular payments up the value of £1000.00**

2607/13 Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda items for the next meeting

- a) Councillors to inform the Clerk of any items for the September Agenda. One item for the agenda is the Christmas tree and associated celebrations.

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- b) The email from NALC was discussed.
- c) Councillors were not available to attend the ERNLLCA District Committee meeting on the 22nd July 2026.
- d) Councillors discussed the Voluntary Car Service. It was decided to discuss the item in more detail at the September meeting.
- e) A request to advertise in the Leader had been received from a company called Propel.
Resolved: The cost for a full-page advert was £25 and this payment should be received before publication due to non-payment in the past from other companies.

2607/14 Date and Time of forthcoming meetings

The dates and time of the next Parish Council meeting is:
Tuesday 15th September 2026 7pm at Elsham Village Hall

2607/15 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.

2607/16 Staffing

- a) **Resolved: To pay the Clerks salary and expenses**
- b) The Clerk's Review was discussed with full Council. The Clerk thanked Councillors for an enjoyable year and Cllr Van Oosterhout said that she was an asset to the Council.
Resolved: To increase the Clerks salary from SCP14 to SCP18 effective April 1st 2026. Cllr Van Oosterhout to inform Autella.

Meeting closed 9.05pm.

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