



Elsham Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Elsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th September 2026 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, Cllr Dee Taylor
Clerk – Louise Price
Ward Councillors: Cllrs N and C Sherwood
11 members of the public
Craig Snow and Daniel Stewart – Anglian Water

2609/01 Apologies

There were no apologies as all members were present.

2609/02 Public Participation

Anglian Water gave a presentation to the Council and residents outlining the progress on their strategic pipeline project: the Elsham to Essex pipeline, as well as their existing assets, proposed new infrastructure, and the current drought situation. They explained that they supply approximately 1.1 billion litres of water daily to residents in 14 different counties via 40000 km of pipelines. Anglian Water told us that the northern part of the Anglian Water region has a surplus of underground water. The pipeline will allow them to move water to the drier southern region. They are confident that neither the pipeline nor the proposed data centre will affect water pressure or water supply in our area. The pipeline section from Elsham to Lincoln has been completely laid and they are now filling in the trenches. It is planned that it will start to pump water in summer 2027. Residents raised a number of questions and concerns, including the low level of investment in infrastructure over recent years and whether sufficient capacity exists to meet future demands.

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Particular concern was expressed about the volume of water the proposed data centre would require. It was explained that the proposed data centre would seek to maximise the use of grey and recycled water wherever possible, rather than relying solely on potable water supplies. Anglian Water were thanked for their attendance.

9 members of the public along with the Anglian Water representatives left the meeting.

2609/03 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 2026 were an accurate and true record and these were signed by the Chair, Councillor A Horner.

2609/04 Declarations of Interest

- a) Cllrs Van Oosterhout and Horner declared an interest in Item 2609/11b – payments made July/August 2026 – Appendix 1. Cllr Van Oosterhout declared an interest in Agenda item 2609/11 f.
- b) No dispensations were given.

2609/05 Report from Ward Councillors

Cllr N Sherwood informed the Council that new Planning regulations come into force in October. Going forwards, Parish and Town Councils objecting to planning applications will not mean applications will go to Committee. Developments under 10 houses will be assessed by an officer, developments of 10-149 will be looked at by the planning committee, developments above 150 will be decided by the Greater Lincolnshire Authority. The idea is to speed up response times on applications and to prevent Parish and Town Councils who object to every application, delaying the decision. Cllr Sherwood offered the Parish Council a self-powered cleaning machine to assist with cleaning road signs. The Clerk to confirm if the Council would like the equipment. An update was given on the roadworks at Monument roundabout in Brigg. It was confirmed that two organisations are now bidding to re-open the Post Office in Brigg. A new cash machine is being installed at the Buttercross. Cllr Van Oosterhout mentioned concerns about the cycle path to Brigg which the Ward Councillors confirmed they were aware of. Cllr Horner thanked the Ward Councillors for attending the meeting.

The Ward Councillors along with 2 members of the public left the meeting.

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2609/06 Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues

- a) The Clerk has reported a damaged street sign on Newland Hill. This was caused by the vehicle cutting the hedge. NLC were contacted and have agreed to remove the sign for repair.

2609/07 Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch/NATS

- a) The Police were not in attendance at the meeting but it was felt there was little to report. The Clerk has registered the Council for the Farmwatch alerts and Sgt Harrison had asked that Councillors and the public remain vigilant for suspicious activity relating to cable theft.

2609/08 Planning

- a) The following planning decision had been received:
Application No. PA/2026/332 - **granted**
Proposal: Planning permission to erect a replacement stock shed
Location: Manor Farm, 1 Wootton Road, Elsham DN20 ONU
Applicant: Mr Grant Willox, Elsham Linc Ltd
- b) No planning applications had been received

2609/09 Parish Projects, Reports and other Parish Matters

- a) Play Area
Cllr Percy provided the September inspection sheets. There were no issues however the grass needed cutting. Cllr Horner said that the Contractor had been in Elsham that day.
- b) Nature Reserve
Cllr Van Oosterhout reported that all was good in the quarry. The paths had been strimmed and the grass was due for cutting. One of the cones from protecting the gas valves had disappeared. A discussion took place regarding the gate. Cllr Lilley will look at the gate prior to the next meeting to see if it can be forced to automatically close after opening.
- c) September planting was discussed. Most of the summer planting is now complete.
Resolved: A budget of £50 maximum for planting was agreed.
- d) Handyman jobs for September include sweeping of the dead weeds as they had been sprayed by the Contractor, painting of the phone box and replacement of a post on the quarry fence.

2609/10 Clerks Report

The Clerk reminded Cllrs Lilley, Percy and Everett on the date of Part 2 of the ERNLLCA Councillors training. Cllr Taylor is attending all three parts, two in September and one in February. She informed Councillors that the VAT reclaim for 2025/26 had been submitted and had been received. The Clerk has reported the blocked drain near the footpath sign on Church Street to NLC which had been reported by several residents but it has not yet been cleared.

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2609/11 Finance/IT/Policies/Other Council business

- a) The Clerk had circulated the bank statements and bank reconciliation to the end of the August 2026. The budget v actual spend to date spreadsheet had been circulated to the end of August (month 5). The Clerk had sought information from North Lincolnshire Council on the potential cost to Elsham should there be a parish election in 2027 and this was circa £1000 which would need including in next year's budget.

Resolved: That the financial expenditure, receipts, budget monitoring, bank reconciliation and bank statements be approved to 31st August 2026.

- b) The following payments had been made – July/August 2026. These were noted.

02.07.26	A Sissons	PROW/Verges	£822.73
13.07.26	Cllr A Horner	Planting	£43.96
13.07.26	Cllr A Horner	Expenses – Mileage	£15.40
27.07.26	Mrs L Price	Clerks Salary and Expenses	
27.07.26	Autella Payroll	Payroll	£72.00
27.07.26	HMRC	P32	£66.20
11.08.26	Vision ICT	Webmail hosting services	£16.00
11.08.26	A Sissons	PROW/Verges	£586.69
12.08.26	Mrs L Price	Compost – IN Bloom Grant	£95.00
12.08.26	Balfours	Play Park rent	£30.00
20.08.26	Cllr A Horner	New planter – In Bloom Grant	£437.21
24.08.26	Newton Printing	Elsham Leader	£229.00
24.08.26	Cllr A Horner	Planting – In Bloom Grant	£51.99
25.08.26	Mrs L Price	Clerks Salary and Expenses	
25.08.26	Cllr S Van Oosterhout	Planting – In Bloom Grant	£91.99
25.08.26	HMRC	P32	£66.40

- c) No other payments were presented.
- d) The In Bloom 2026 grant claim had been submitted and £665 had been received from North Lincolnshire Council.
- e) The Clerk gave Council an update on the application for the new Bank Account.
- f) Council discussed the Voluntary Car Service but had no information on whether anyone in Elsham had used it or needed to use it therefore no donation was agreed at this time.
- g) **Resolved: to renew the CPRE membership at £60.00 per annum.**
- h) The 2026 village Christmas tree was discussed. Cllr Van Oosterhout will speak to the Dunns to see if a tree is available and speak to Rev Lee regarding a date for the lighting/blessing and the Clerk will investigate new lights for approval at the next meeting. Cllr Taylor is prepared to organise the festivities and refreshments.

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2609/12 Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda items for the next meeting

- a) Councillors to inform the Clerk of any items for the October Agenda.
- b) The best kept village presentation is on Wednesday 30th September 2026 at Worlabby Village Hall. It was agreed to send two representatives.
- c) Singleton Birch have invited Councillors to their annual meeting on 27th November 2026. Cllrs Lilley and Taylor will attend.

Councillor Moir left the meeting.

- d) The Council have received the offer of an antique plough from a resident which it was agreed to gratefully accept. Cllrs Van Oosterhout and Taylor will liaise with the resident.
- e) Correspondence had been received from NALC and the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services regarding the 2026/2027 pay agreement.

Resolved: Cllr Van Oosterhout will contact Autella to update the Clerk to the new rate.

2609/13 Date and Time of forthcoming meetings

The dates and time of the next Parish Council meeting is:
Tuesday 20th October 2026, 7pm and Elsham Village Hall.

2609/14 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.

2609/15 Staffing

- a) **Resolved: To pay the Clerks salary and expenses**

Meeting closed 9.14pm.

Signed _____ Date _____