



Elsham Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Elsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th October 2026 commencing at 7pm at the Village Hall, Elsham

Present: Cllr Mark Lilley, Cllr Michael Percy, Cllr Steve Moir, Cllr Marianne Everett
Clerk – Louise Price
Ward Councillors: Cllrs N and C Sherwood

2610/01 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Horner (Holiday), Cllr D Taylor (Family commitments), Cllr S Van Oosterhout (illness).

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr Lilley took the Chair.

2610/02 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

2610/03 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2026 were an accurate and true record and these were signed by the Chair, Councillor M Lilley.

2610/04 Declarations of Interest

- a) There were no declarations of interest.
- b) No dispensations were given.

2610/05 Report from Ward Councillors

Cllr N Sherwood informed the Council that NLC Councillors have planning training tomorrow and next week will be the last planning meeting in its current format. New Planning regulations come into force in November.

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The Banking Hub will be operational from November and an ATM is being installed. The Post Office have chosen their preferred provider for the new Post Office in Brigg and this will be announced shortly. There is no information on location as yet. Cllrs Sherwood passed over the new sign cleaning equipment to the Council and a photo was taken by the Clerk. Cllr C Sherwood has received an email from Age Concern which he will forward to the Clerk.

The Ward Councillors left the meeting.

2610/06 Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues

- a) The damaged sign on Newland Hill has not yet been removed for repair. The Clerk had contacted NLC and was informed it would be removed this week.
- b) Cllr Horner has his quarterly walkabout with NLC in the near future. There are still concerns on drains being cleared and the frequency that the road sweeper visits Elsham. Some concerns were expressed on trees overhanging the highway. The Clerk informed Councillors that Mick Johnson, Highways, was leaving his post at NLC.

2610/07 Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch/NATS

- a) The Police were not in attendance at the meeting but it was felt there was little to report. Farmwatch emails are being circulated to Councillors and members of the public need to be alert for evidence of cable theft.

2610/08 Planning

- a) No planning decisions had been received.
- b) No planning applications had been received

2610/09 Parish Projects, Reports and other Parish Matters

- a) Play Area
Cllr Percy provided the October inspection sheets. There were no issues however the grass needed cutting and someone had moved one of the picnic tables.
- b) Nature Reserve
There was no report available. Cllr Lilley was reminded that he still needs to look at the gate closure.
- c) October planting was discussed.
Resolved: A budget of £50 maximum for planting was agreed.
- d) Handyman jobs for October include putting the lamp post poppies up. Cllr Lilley to contact Cllr Horner on his return from holiday reference any other potential jobs for the Handyman.

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2610/10 Clerks Report

The Clerk reminded Cllr Lilley about the NATS meeting scheduled for Thursday 22nd October. The Clerk will represent Elsham Parish Council at the ERNLLCA AGM which is taking place on Thursday 22nd October at Worlabby Village Hall. The Clerk reminded Cllr Lilley of the Singleton Birch meeting that he and Cllr Taylor are attending. She will remind them again before the event.

2610/11 Finance/IT/Policies/Other Council business

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

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

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

01.09.26	Cllr A Horner – Compost – In Bloom Grant	£168.00
01.09.26	Cllr A Horner – Planting – In Blom Grant	£54.45
01.09.26	SLCC – Membership	£116.00
04.09.26	A Sissons – Verges/PROW	£374.04
07.09.26	Cllr A Horner – Planting – Watering Costs	£15.00
21.09.26	CPRE Membership 26/27	£60.00
28.09.26	Mrs L Price – Clerks Salary and Expenses	£467.16
28.09.26	HMRC – P32	£127.52

- c) No other payments were presented.

- d) The mileage rate for Councillor and Clerk expenses is currently 45p per mile.

Resolved: To increase this in line with Government guidance to 55p per mile.

- e) The Clerk gave Councillors an update on the application for the new Bank Account.

- f) The appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2026/27 was discussed.

Resolved: To appoint Brian Brooks to the role of Internal Auditor. Councillors were happy that Mr Brooks is independent from the Council.

- g) New Christmas tree lights were discussed. 50m of lighting is needed plus additional cable and fittings.

Resolved: to purchase new Christmas tree lights at a cost of no more than £500.

- h) The 2026 village Christmas tree was discussed. The Dunns have a tree available and the date has been set as Wednesday 9th December 2026

Resolved: to organise a tree lighting event at a cost of no more than £150

- i) Lindsey Lodge are hosting their Treecycling scheme again this year.

Resolved: To make a S137 grant of £50 to Lindsey Lodge for their Treecycling Scheme 2026.

- j) Elsham Parish Council require two poppy wreaths which the Clerk will source.

Resolved: To make a S137 grant of £80 to the Royal British Legion for the two poppy wreaths.

- k) Cllr Van Oosterhout and Cllr Taylor wish to organise a coffee/cake event to thank local volunteers. As both Councillors had sent apologies to the meeting it was agreed to defer this item to the November meeting.

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2610/12 Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda items for the next meeting

- a) Councillors to inform the Clerk of any items for the November Agenda. Cllr Moir asked for the LVF to be added to the agenda.
- b) There are two memorial services in Elsham for Remembrance Sunday.
 - 1st November – Elsham Wolds event – Cllr Percy to attend plus any other interested Councillors
 - 8th November – All Saints Church, Elsham event – Cllr Moir to attend plus any other interested Councillors
- c) An email invitation had been received to an online Project briefing: Project Union: East Coast. It was agreed to defer this to the November meeting.

2610/13 Date and Time of forthcoming meetings

The date and time of the next Parish Council meeting is:
Tuesday 17th November 2026, 7pm and Elsham Village Hall.

2610/14 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.

2610/15 Staffing

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

Meeting closed 8.30pm.

Signed _____ Date _____