

# East and West Barkwith Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 17th July, 2025, starting at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Mr. J. Stamp, Mr. C. Wilson, Mrs. T. Brady, Mr. C. Fincham, Mr. N. Gibson,

There were no members of the public.

In the absence of Cllr. A. Platt, the chair was taken by Cllr. Stamp.

1355 **Apologies** - Cllr. A. Platt and Cllr. Ward were working, Cllr. Parker was away due to a family issue and Cllr. D. Platts was abroad.

The County Councillor, Ms. N. Oliver, and the District Councillor, Ms. R Yarsley, had been called to other meetings.

These apologies were accepted and approved.

1356 **The Minutes** of the meeting of 15th May had been circulated. They were approved by the meeting and signed by the chairman.

1357 **Matters arising** - Cllr. Wilson reported that the Book Swap in the West Barkwith bus shelter was now up and running.

1358 **Correspondence.**

Newsletters, general information and dates - The clerk pointed out the item in LALC's July newsletter concerning the consultation on the proposed routes for the electricity pylons and the link for further information and responses. It was agreed that this would be re-sent to all councillors for them to comment directly.

Other items:-

**Electoral Register** There have been two up-dates with a total of four additions and four deletions.

**The Police and Crime Commissioner's Office** has sent notification of the next Parish Council Briefing session, to be held via Teams on Tuesday, 23rd September. They are anxious to know who will be representing each council as soon as possible due to considerations regarding numbers. It was agreed to ask Cllrs. Parker and D. Platts if either of them could attend.

**Lincolnshire Care Services** is publishing a new edition of the Care Services Directory. The clerk will download a copy as soon as it is ready and printed copies will be available from the Services Group in December if requested.

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**District Cllr. Yarsley** had sent information on this year's opening of the District Councillors' Grant Scheme. An initial suggestion is that it might be of use towards speed control measures such as the gates or a second speed camera.

It was agreed to discuss the suggestion under 'Highways'.

Cllr. Yarsley has also reported two items of interest in Wragby:-

The Wragby Mill has a dedicated space for an exhibition about the mill and the community and this includes mention of the Stamp family in relation to the mill stairs. Councillors are invited to visit the exhibition in August.

The old Box of Frogs shop, near the Ivy on Bardney Road, is being used as a free Pop-up Museum until the end of September. The display relates to Wragby - Where Five Roads Meet.

**Lincolnshire Wolds** has sent its Annual Review for 2024-2025. It has been downloaded and Cllrs. Stamp, Fincham and Gibson asked for copies to be forwarded.

**Greater Lincolnshire For All** is a team formed by East Lindsey and South Holland District Councils to suggest a form of local government which will replace the District Councils under the new Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Authority. The proposal is for two authorities covering the districts of North Lincolnshire, North-East Lincolnshire, West Lindsey and the City of Lincoln, to be known as Northern Lincolnshire Unitary Authority, while North Kesteven, South Kesteven, Boston, South Holland and East Lindsey form Southern Lincolnshire Unitary Authority.

There will be two on-line events for Parish Councillors to hear more and ask questions. These are set for Monday, 28th July and Wednesday, 20th August, both starting at 6.30pm. There is also the option to ask for a representative to attend a council or other meeting to explain the proposals and the implications. Copies of the recently circulated information were available to view. It was agreed to take no action now but to wait for further developments as other district councils might be forming alternative proposals.

### . 1359 **Planning** -

#### a) Applications -

02366/25/FUL - The Rectory, (The Mead), Torrington Lane, East Barkwith.

Installation of 18no. ground mounted solar panels.

The application was circulated between meetings and it was agreed to support it.

02326/25/FUL - Barkwith House, Torrington Lane, East Barkwith.

Installation of a ground mounted solar array and landscaping in connection with the existing dwelling.

The application was circulated between meetings and it was agreed to support it, subject to proper consideration for the neighbouring St. Mary's church, which is a listed building.

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02572/25/FUL - Sycamore Cottage, Torrington Lane, East Barkwith.  
Replacement of existing oil tank within the curtilage of a listed building.

The application was circulated between meetings and it was agreed to give full support to the application as the replacement was essential and the minor relocation was necessary for safety reasons but caused no additional impact on the setting of the building.

### b) Decisions -

02366/25/FUL - The Rectory, (The Mead), Torrington Lane, East Barkwith.  
Installation of 18no. ground mounted solar panels.

This has been granted.

### c) Parish Emergency Plan -

Cllr. Wilson reported that he is still trying to get official guidance on approaching residents who might become local volunteers in some way. It is possible that a Public Meeting might need to be called.

There is also the new information on precautions relating to possible acts of terrorism which have to be incorporated into the final plan.

## 1360 Reports -

### a) Village Hall -

The clerk completed the review of the documents from the Charity Commission some weeks ago and had reported on them to the solicitors but there has been no response in spite of the e-mailed reminders and a request for some form of acknowledgement in time for this meeting. A further message will be sent but, if there is no news by early August, it will be necessary to review the situation as the delays are having an impact on preparations for the improvements.

A recent check on the defibrillator showed that it was in need of a new charger pack and pads and these were obtained from the LIVES organisation and installed without delay on the authorisation of the Safety Officer. This action was approved by the meeting.

It should be noted that manufacture of this model has been discontinued and supplies of the charger and pads have become scarce and more expensive. It is likely that they will no longer be available by the time the next replacement is due and that a new machine will be required. This possibility will be noted for future budget consideration.

The date for the Village Summer Fete will be set as soon as sufficient helpers are identified for the setting up and packing down.

So far, personal contacts have brought no candidates for the cleaning work at the hall and a formal advertisement will be prepared for posting in the shop.

### b) Neighbourhood Watch - There was no report on this occasion.

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c) Play Area - Cllr. Wilson reported that there will be a Clean-up Session shortly, to be ready for the summer holiday visitors and for the Annual Inspection due in August. It is proposed to issue a circular to parents of users in order to gain more support for the maintenance tasks.

d) Countryside Committee - Cllr. Wilson wished to thank Cllr. Helen Parker for her work in the Parish Field, and Eric Brady and Mike Yates for their work with the main mower. Thanks are also due to Ned Chamberlin for servicing it.

There are plans to improve the access to the Parish Field as the entrance can be very wet. This may include consideration of disabled access and how far this should extend in view of the nature and purpose of the site and the potential costs involved.

e) Dog Watch - There was no report from Cllr. Platts on this occasion. Cllr. Brady said that Eric had seen no issues when walking their dog.

f) History Group - Cllr. Wilson wished to thank all those who had assisted with the exhibition in St. Mary's for the Open Churches Weekend. It was well attended. Items are still coming in for the group's collection. The next meeting is due at the end of the month.

### 1361 Amenities -

War Memorial - The summer marigolds have been planted out and are doing well with water now drawn from the outside tap at the Village Hall. This has also served the Christmas Trees during the recent hot weather.

It will soon be time to purchase the plug plants to be grown on for the winter display. Last year's total came to about £100 but this year's weather conditions may mean that prices are higher. It was agreed to prepare for the purchase, subject to confirmation of the cost.

Cllr. Wilson reported that, when he has been attending to the area, he has often been complimented on the care given, showing the respect awarded to those whose names are on the memorial. This has included members of a passing highways maintenance team who stopped their vehicle to pay their respects and make their comments.

Cllr. Wilson proposed to dress the memorial again to mark VJ Day on 15th August.

Thanks are due to Tom Bollan for his attention to raising and lowering the flags on the relevant days. It was agreed that the Barkwith Flag would be hoisted for the first time on 26th July, in memory of an occupant of the churchyard and the service to the community given by their family. Thereafter, it will be flown to mark any village events.

1362 Highways - Cllr. Wilson reported that Tom Bollan had witnessed a visit from a police van and the installation of a black box on a sign post outside his property. As the volunteer who deals with the council's speed camera data, he wondered whether it had anything to do with a period of official monitoring. It was confirmed that this was a 'silent' speed monitor.

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The council's camera is currently down for charging before relocation. The mounting plate will be removed, temporarily, from that pole, for measurements to be taken and another plate manufactured locally, as the price quoted commercially was excessive..

The County Councillor had sent apologies for her absence and had included a progress report on her efforts relating to the situation on the A157. She has given instructions for an initial check on the need to adjust the speed limits to bring the new properties within the 30mph zone. The highways department has confirmed that this will be done.

It seems there are footpath issues in many of Cllr. Oliver's parishes so she has requested the development of a comprehensive approach to deal with them all. She will be accompanying Leila, from the highways team, on visits to many areas in August to begin to draft a plan of action and will let the council know the date for East Barkwith so that a councillor may attend. Cllr. Wilson said he would be happy to be involved and this was approved.

The possibility of getting a District Councillor's grant from East Lindsey and using it for speed control measures will be discussed when up to date information can be obtained on the probable costs of an additional speed camera and of the 'entrance gates' which have also been proposed.

### 1363 Finance -

#### a) Receipts -

The Recycling company has made payments in the last two months for collections from the Clothing Bank and the combined amount for the Village Hall Reserve was £28.00.  
The VAT Refund had been received from HMRC in the sum of £612.20.

b) Bills - The following items had been approved for payment at the due date or on receipt of invoice, using the CARD where necessary.

Payee - For	Cheque no.	Net	VAT	Total
Eric Brady - Mower Fuel	001063	£24.18	£4.84	£29.02
Chris Wilson - Churchyard Mower Fuel	001064	£17.48	£3.49	£20.92
Greenstripe - Mower Service Parts	CARD	£77.15	£15.43	£92.58
Lloyds Bank - Service Charges	Direct	£5.25	-	£5.25
HMRC - PAYE for clerk	On-line	£547.00	£0.33	£547.33
Mrs. B. Theairs - Clerk's Salary	001065	£1201.50	-	£1201.50
Eric Brady - Mower Fuel	001066	£25.16	£5.03	£30.19
Mark Woodcock - Grass-cutting	001067	£120.00	-	£120.00
LIVES - Defibrillator Parts	CARD	£180.00	£36.00	£216.00

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Also expected -

Insurance renewal for the mower - last year's premium was £179.16. The budget allows for £200 but recent increases may mean that the final cost is higher than this..

Lloyds Bank - Charges for July - £5.75, and August - to be advised.

Play Area Inspection Fee - £80 plus VAT.

It was agreed that all these payments, along with the on-going expenses for grass-cutting and office stationery, were approved and should be made as they arise.

c) Inspection Period - This closed on Monday of this week, with no requests to view the accounts. The external auditors have confirmed the registration of the Exemption Certificate so there should be no further action for this year. The documents will now be prepared for the long term filing box.

1364 **Any Other Business** -

An old picture has been seen relating to the Lincoln Cattle Market and an advertisement for Duckering Engineering. The Duckering family were well known residents of this area.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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