

East & West Barkwith Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2026 starting at 7.30pm

Present A Platt – Chair
 C Fincham
 J Stamp
 J Phillips
 H Parker
 D Ward
 D Platts

Apologies

1431 N Gibson – away at work
 C Wilson – in attendance at another meeting
 R Yarsley – in attendance at another meeting

Minutes

1432 The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2026 were circulated, approved and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising

1433 There were no matters arising.

Correspondence

1434 There has been an enquiry regarding the bungalow on Louth Road and whether it is available for sale. The Council does not keep a register of unoccupied properties, and this has been advised.

Planning

1435 There were no planning issues to discuss at this time.

Reports

1436 a) Village Hall
 Taken from a report filed by C Wilson.
 The transfer to the Parish Council is still ongoing. C Wilson will update the Council as soon as the solicitor gets back to the Village Hall committee. An AGM is to be held at the end of October. C Wilson is still trying to coordinate an autumn fayre in mid-October to raise funds for the hall.

 b) Neighbourhood Watch
 Nothing new to report.

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c) Play Area

Taken from a report filed by C Wilson

RoSPA has carried out their yearly inspection. There are a few small things to sort out (categorised as low risk).

Thanks to all the volunteers for carrying out the weekly safety inspections.

C Wilson is calling a meeting to discuss the issues raised.

The Council discussed obtaining quotes to train or take on another inspector to assist C Wilson during the year.

d) Countryside Committee

Taken from a report filed by C Wilson

Thanks again to David and Mel Garred for helping to harvest the wildflower seeds, which have been delivered to wilding projects. There are a small number of seeds left. Please contact me if you need some. The wilding projects around the Parish are doing very well despite the warm weather, though most of the ponds had dried up – the recent change in weather is helping bring them back.

The mowers have both been serviced. Thanks for Ned Chamberlin for all his work in doing this.

As Parish tree warden, I will be setting out on the task of collecting tree and shrub seeds. If anyone would like to have a go collecting them, I could help you to sow them. If they grow, they can go into the local existing or even new wilding projects. The tree council are holding a series of events from 21st September – 21st October.

Seed gathering masterclass: growing trees from seeds, go to

info@treecouncil.org.uk

Thanks for Eric for keeping the area cut and to Helen for helping to keep the area tidy.

H Parker brought up an issue with a couple of trees that might be damaged in the Parish field near the entrance. The tree warden is going to be consulted about this. H Parker is continuing weeding out the memorial.

e) Dog Watch

Taken from a report filed by C Wilson

One of our green bins has been placed on the Village green near to the path sign. It is getting well used and C Wilson has requested that it be put on the Council empty schedule with all the other bins in the Village. The second bin is being placed on Louth Road near the Parish Field to test its effectiveness.

The Council discussed the possibility of adding a waste bag dispenser to a couple of the most used dog waste bins to aid people who may have forgotten or run out of bags. H Parker to action this initiative.

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f) History Group

Taken from a report filed by C Wilson

The History group had been put on hold due to personal issues, but it is up and running again now.

New material has been forwarded to the group members which are continuing to fill gaps in our local history.

Thanks to the members for their continued efforts in gaining information and cataloguing it in preparation for the website.

Amenities

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a) War Memorial

Taken from a report by C Wilson

The marigolds have really been struggling through the warm spell of weather but have managed to bounce back quickly with the rain. If anyone would like some of the seed heads to own plants next year, they are welcome to take some.

The replacement winter plants have arrived and are currently being grown on ready for planting out.

Highways

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H Parker has applied for a funding bid for planters and path repairs for Lincoln Road. The bid closes at the end of October and results are expected within 6 weeks of closing.

C Fincham brought up the issue of the SID having to be removed for charging and whether it was possible to look at getting a solar version and maybe updating the one we currently have. Options will be found and discussed at the next meeting.

H Parker has had a couple of complaints regarding the quality of the road repairs directed to her. She has advised that any issues are reported on Fix My Street.

Finance

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a) Receipts

The clothing bank payments received total £32.40.

b) Payments

Description	VAT	Receipts	Expenditure
Alford Storage		10.00	
Clear Insurance			195.79
J Parker winter bulbs	16.65		99.90
S Warren – September wages			650.00
Alford Storage		22.40	
E Brady – fuel refund	5.32		31.90
Service charges – September			4.25
E Brady – fuel refund	5.83		34.95
C Wilson – fuel refund	4.05		24.30
RoSPA	17.40		104.40
C Wilson – fuel refund	4.06		24.33
C Wilson – repair parts	3.40		20.39

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Expected Payments for September and October			
Service charges – October			4.25
S Warren – October wages			650.00

Any of business

1440 The Clerk brought up an issue with some of the notice boards, which had been commented on and sought approval to make some repairs. This was granted.

No other business – meeting closed at 8.15pm.