

East & West Barkwith Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2026 starting at 7.30pm

Present

- A Platt – Chair
- C Wilson
- C Fincham
- N Gibson
- J Phillips
- H Parker
- Cllr N Oliver

Apologies

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- D Ward – in attendance at another meeting
- D Platt – away
- J Stamp – engaged with other business
- R Yarsley – in attendance at another meeting

Minutes

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The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2026 were circulated, approved and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising

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There were no matters arising.

Correspondence

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Specific items to note:

Electoral Register

There have been up-dates showing five creations and one deletion.

Planning

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Application – Plot 4, Hollingworth House, Willingham Road – circulated and approved.

Decisions – Ashdene, Willingham Road – approved and confirmation received from ELDC.

Reports

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a) Village Hall

The village fete was discussed with a prospective date of 23rd August. This has since been revised to the early part of September due to potential conflicts with setting up the site.

The condition of the car park was raised, however, to preserve the condition after repair, it is planned to complete renovation works on the Village Hall first and

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then resurface the car park. These plans are currently on hold due to the transitional state of the village trustees and control issues. There was also discussion regarding grants that may be available for specific parts of the village hall renovations.

b) Neighbourhood Watch

N Gibson had Lincolnshire Alert leaflets available and gave an outline of the alert system. This is namely to provide accurate and up to date information regarding local news, information appeals and crime prevention advice. Once signed up to this service you can also make suggestions and comments regarding issues of safety or concerns you have.

A pdf will be made available to put on the website and on various notice boards around the local villages. H Parker advised that she would make this information available to Community Spirit for future inclusion in the magazine.

c) Play Area

The RoSPA annual inspection is taking place in August.

Cleaning and necessary repairs are being conducted this weekend (18th July) from 9am.

d) Countryside Committee

Thanks to Mel & David Gardner for all their help. Thanks to C. Fincham for placing the “Think Deer” signs.

C. Wilson is drawing up processes on research and surveillance cameras for wildlife, also to include signage detailing known sites for deer, badgers etc.

C. Fincham brought up the rules regarding paths on private land. An obstruction can be removed, but hedging cannot be cut back fully by anyone other than the landowner.

Discussion followed regarding placement of signs regarding animal paths and road safety. N. Oliver advised that highways needed to be contacted for “official” signage and that she could do that. It was advised that highways avoid putting up too many signs as the message gets lost due to excessive information.

e) Dog Watch

No report.

f) History Group

There was low attendance at the first meeting and there will be a push to try and get new members for the later meetings. A number of the current projects are ending and plans are being made for any new projects and where to move onto now. A site meeting at Panton had been requested for personal interest, with a viewing of Panton Church to be included.

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Amenities

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a) War Memorial

The plants have been struggling due to the continuing hot weather; help was offered to keep watering them.

The order for the winter flowers has been discussed and approved.

The ordering of the wreaths has been approved.

Highways

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There has been a visit to the Village Green regarding resolving the issue of drainage and how to achieve this without removing the trees. The issue needs to be sorted before more road repairs can be considered. N. Oliver has offered to follow up on this as there has been no recent update.

N. Oliver has had an email from a couple in the 40mph zone asking about moving the SID to the 40mph zone for a period of time. There is a consideration to put it there for the purposes of gathering information to reduce it to a 30mph in the future.

She also advised that the Local Government reorganisation is following the Lincoln City model. They are working to make sure it has the least impact and as little change as possible.

Finance

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The insurance quote for the mower was approved for the coming year.

a) Receipts

The clothing bank payments received totalling £36
VAT refund for £355.27.

b) Payments

The following payments have been approved for payment.

Service charges – July	5.75
Service charges – August	5.75
S Warren – August wages	650.00
Clear Insurance – Mower insurance	195.79
E Brady – mower fuel – July & August	60.00
M Woodcock – grass cutting	165.00

c) B. Theairs reported that there had been no enquiries relating to the paperwork during the inspection period and that this was now closed.

Any of business

1430

Thanks to H. Parker and C. Fincham for painting the Panton bus shelter.

A proposal to alter the council meetings from bi-monthly to quarterly was made and seconded. The new meeting schedule will begin from next year with the remaining meetings for this year being held in September and November.

No further business – meeting closed at 8.50pm.