

# Parish Council of East & West Barkwith with Panton

## Annual Parish Meeting 2025

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm. on May 15th, 2025 in the Village Hall.

**Present:-** The Chairman, the clerk and three councillors were in attendance. The District Councillor, Mrs. R. Yarsley, and the County Councillor, Ms. N. Oliver were also present, as were six members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** - These were received and accepted from Cllrs. N. Gibson, C. Fincham and T. Brady, who were away, and from Cllr H. Parker, who had been called into work.
2. **Minutes** - The minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting were read by the clerk.
3. **Approval** - They were approved by the meeting and signed by the chairman.
4. **Matters arising** - It was noted that the Crossroads was doing well and would be open after the meetings.
5. **Chairman's Report** - Cllr. A.Platt, chairman of the Parish Council, gave this report, on the course of the past year:-  
“The highlight of year was the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, in June, which was marked by an event based on Village Hall. The weather was pleasant and the event was enjoyed by all, with many favourable comments both during and after. Thanks are due to all who supported the preparations and the organisation of the day, including District Councillor for a grant of £400 towards costs of printing and mounting the photographs recording the activities which took place.

The Annual Remembrance Service again saw an attendance of some 160 people, including contingents from the Scout and Guide organisations as well as residents of East Barkwith and the neighbouring villages.

Refreshments were served in village hall and the customary collection in resulted in £45 for the Royal British Legion

Efforts continue to improve road safety measures for both speed control and the condition of the surfaces of the highways, particularly on the A157. Thanks should be given to the former County Councillor Patricia Bradwell for her sterling efforts on this matter and we hope her successor will follow up on the outstanding issues.

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The Village Hall improvements have been awaiting enough quotes from contractors but they are now to hand and the project will be moving on to the grant applications very soon. The hall committee is still short on members so it is looking into an alternative management system within the remit of Parish Council.

The regular work continues on grass-cutting and other Countryside projects, the care of the War Memorial and maintenance of the Play Area.

All of these tasks depend on the leadership of councillors and the active support of numerous volunteers from the community.

Particular thanks are due to:-

Tom Bollan for technical help with web-site management, speed camera reports, for the design work for the Village Flag and for hoisting and changing the flags on the pole.

Retiring County Councillor, Patricia Bradwell for all her efforts in trying to resolve our highways issues.

Cllr. Chris Wilson for his continued leadership on all the outdoor projects and events.

Thank you, too, to the other volunteers who work behind the scenes in support of our community and let us hope for another good year.”

**6. General Discussion** - Representatives from the Hatton Action Group wished to discuss the proposal for the Solar Farm. As this was already on the Agenda for the Council Meeting, to follow this one, the topic was deferred until then.

Residents from the Lincoln end of the village asked when any further work would be done on the A157 footpath as the earlier efforts were a waste of time and money, having only made matters worse. The user of the mobility scooter could no longer use the path at all and had to drive along the main road or remain at home. There was also the question of the speed limits on that section of the road. They were informed that both of these issues were still being pursued and would be discussed further under the Highways section of the Council meeting to follow.

A lady from West Barkwith said that she had agreed to the installation of a dog waste bin at the edge of her property and left her e-mail address for further communications.

With no further comments, the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Signed by the Chairman . . . . .