

EASTOFT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 March 26 AT 7:30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Public Forum 7.30-7.45pm. Any members of the public attending the meeting may be given (at the chairman's discretion) a combined 15-minute time slot to address councillors on any items of concern or interest. After this period the public are welcome to stay for the full parish council meeting but CANNOT speak nor offer advice/opinion on any matter. This public participation is NOT part of the parish council meeting and as such there are no rights to record this part of the meeting in any way.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 7.30-7.45. All welcome

No members of public present

Councillors present: Cllr E Yorke (Chair), Cllr M Everatt (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Bramhill, Cllr T Moody, Cllr P Reay, Cllr D Everatt, Ward Cllr Julie Reed.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 January 26 had been circulated to Councillors. They were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

61/2526 APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

62/2526 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The parish councils (Model Code of Conduct Order 2011). To record any declarations of interest by any member in respect of items on this agenda).

Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

No declaration of interest stated.

63/2526 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

North Lincs Council has agreed its budgets – council tax will rise this year by 2.7% plus the 2% social care levy. Parish precepts have also been approved – Eastoft was agreed at £6,500.

Recycling – new system goes live in April. Key changes are:

Brown bins can include food and will be collected weekly. All food including cooked meats bones etc. Burgandy bins are being increased from 140l to 240l and the 40l boxes will be discontinued. (You can keep your boxes for other uses). From April you will put papers, bottles and glass in the new big burgundy bins along with the existing plastic and cardboard.

The changeover process for burgundy bins is you use the existing small bin until the collection day after your new big bin has been delivered. You leave the small burgundy bin to be emptied then leave it on the street and it will get picked up. You start using the big bin exactly as you do now and continue with the boxes.

From 6 April, stop using the boxes, that stuff now goes in the big burgundy bin. Collection day in Eastoft changes to Thursday.

NLC currently has under 1% of waste going to landfill. This will enhance it further and is made possible by advances in AI recycling that does not require the manual sorting we currently have.

In summary it will be Green and Brown bins one week, Burgandy and Brown bins the next week. There will not be the pause on brown bins over Christmas as they need to remove your food waste.

Road closures - traffic lights are now on the A161 outside Axholme North School for Severn Trent sewage works and this will continue into May. The full road closure and diversion through Eastoft will take place on Tuesday 7 April and currently planned until the 14 April but may extend to the 18th if they have issues. The diversion is via Eastoft, Luddington, Amcotts and Keadby. It will also affect bus's and there will be a funded shuttle bus to link to Crowle.

A zebra crossing is to be installed on the A161 outside Axholme North School in the coming months.

OFSTED are currently undertaking a review of childrens services. Various easter activities are arranged for children who are in receipt of free school meals including free swimming lessons. Imagination Library is open for 0-5 year olds to sign up to.

64/2526 BANK ACCOUNTS

Current Account as at 19 January 26 £3,180.39 broken down as:

 PCC Funds £1530.39

SSE Microgrant fund £1,650.00

Deposit Account as at 19 January 26 £826.43

Payments made since last meeting

Nicky Gawthorpe £52.00 - Working From Home Allowance January & February 26

Nicky Gawthorpe £252.00 - Salary January & February 26

Microsoft subscription (Annual) - £84.99

RNS Accountancy Services Q4 25 (payroll) - £57.60

Scribe subscription (annual) - £273.60
ERNLLCA – training course (clerk) - £24.00
ECWA – hire of village hall(annual) - £100.00

Receipts since last meeting:

HSBC Deposit Account - £1.93 - Gross Interest for January & February 26

65/2526 PLANNING

Planning application PA/2026/238 – to determine is prior approval is required for a change of use from a currently vacant single storey office building to a single storey residential bungalow. There were no objections. Clerk to advise North Lincs Council.

66/2526 ONGOING ISSUES

- I. Devolution arrangements – spraying. North Lincs Council are offering devolution of spraying to councils for an additional payment of 3.8% on top of the current payment for grass cutting. Alternatively, councils can continue to cut their own grass with North Lincs council continuing to spray for 1 further year. In this circumstance, payment for grass cutting remains as for 25/26. Following discussion it was agreed that we would continue to cut the grass with North Lincs Council to continue with spraying for the coming year. Cllr Reay raised an issue with a section of pavement on Yorkshire side, opposite the Green. Cut down vegetation and growing plants are encroaching across the pavement and in places the pavement is less than half its intended width. This is an access route for the school. Clerk to contact North Lincs Council to request that they resolve.
- II. Replacement Benches – to be installed to replace the older benches now that the weather is improving.
- III. Land registry update – the Land registry have now inspected the Green and have noted the presence of various utilities in the grass and overhead. These include street lights, telegraph poles and green cabinets. The Land Registry have requested details of ownership so that they can be excluded from the land registry for this area. Clerk to liaise with solicitors & respond.
- IV. Assertion 10 – Digital & Data compliance. Under Assertion 10 is mandatory that the council use a .org.uk or .gov.uk email address. We are compliant with this. In addition they recommend that councillors use the same domain name for their council account. Cllrs E Yorke, M Everatt, D Everatt and P Reay requested new .org.uk email accounts. Clerk to liaise with IT provider to arrange.
- V. Councillor Vacancy – following the resignation of A Woodhouse, no election was called and there is a vacancy for councillor. Clerk to produce a notice for the noticeboard and facebook.

67/2526 NEW ISSUES

None to report.

68/2526 CORRESPONDENCE

- I. Proposals for local government reorganization – Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government have issued proposals for local government reorganisation in Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire. Following review of the proposals it was unanimously agreed that North Lincolnshire should remain unaltered.
- II. Wroot Homes have requested that the speed control sign & camera on the A161 from Crowle be removed as it will be on/adjacent to pavement and driveway to be installed. Siting decisions rest with North Lincs Council. Clerk to liaise with them to discuss if it can be move, where to and costs associated with any work. Cllr Bramhill mentioned county brown sign has no yet been reinstated. Clerk to raise with North Lincs Council.
- III. CWC have submitted their quotation for grass cutting for this year. Costs remain unaltered from 2025 and quotation was unanimously agreed.
- IV. Insurance Brokers have issued a pre-renewal declaration before renewal terms are issued – clerk to complete.
- V. North Lincs Council playing pitch survey – a survey of all playing fields/pitches is underway. Clerk to respond following liaison with ECWA who manage the area.

69/2526 AOB

- i. Clerk requested agreement to appoint A Bosmans as internal auditor for year end. Unanimously agreed.

70/2526 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Events - Cllrs requested to propose events for the village for this year.

71/2526 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11 May 2026 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Nicky Gawthorpe

Clerk & RFO