

WEST HALTON AND COLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6th February 2025 at 18.30 – venue West Halton Village Hall

Present

Frances Altoft
Cllr Ian Williams
Cllr Sam Duck
Cllr Janet Van Der Westhuizen
Cllr Marina Spellman
One member of the public

Clerk
West Halton and Coleby Councillor
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Abbreviations; NLC – North Lincolnshire Council VH – Village Hall
WH&CPC – West Halton and Coleby Parish Council NPG – Northern Powergen

Questions from members of the public. A resident brought to the council the following points • Alkborough road speeding – cars, when turning into Alkborough lane accelerate away even though the area is a 30mph zone. Cars approaching from Alkborough do not slow down. Council to investigate if SID sign can be erected on Alkborough Lane lamp post. • No footpath along Alkborough Lane; People parking on the corner – possibility of yellow lines? • Grass verge is churned up where NPG have been working recently • Phone box door – books are being damaged, and it is disgraceful that the door has not yet been hung in place.	
250206:01 Receive apologise for absence and approve reasons for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Elaine Marper, Cllr Ralph Ogg, Cllr Charles Dent and Cllr Helen. Quorate – 4 councillors present. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Council agreed that Cllr Williams would chair the meeting	
250206:02 Declarations of interest (a) Agenda point 250206:12 (a) Allotments; Clerk / Cllr van Der Westhuizen – Personal – Allotment holders (b) Agenda point 250206:11 Finance - Clerk – Personal - reimbursement of funds (c) No dispensations granted.	
250206:03 Minutes The minutes of the Meeting held on 4th December 2024 were accepted and signed as a true record of business transacted. Proposed Cllr Spellman; seconded Cllr Duck	
250206:04 Reports from Ward Councillor(s) Telephone report – HCCP pipeline signs have appeared around the parishes. Cllr Ogg suggested in future, a public meeting may be required for residents to express their views and worries. IDB mended West Halton drain breach at start of 2025 however January heavy rain washed repair out. Teams are now back on site re-repairing the breach. The recent bad road traffic accident on Alkborough road has brought to the forefront the standard of driving and speeding around the parishes.	
250206:05 Highways and footpaths (a) Coleby footpaths – Clerk met with CPB team. They will try and include these when the churchyard work is carried out. (b) FS669488920 – Top Road pot holes have been filled in (c) New salt/grit bin Short Lane. Ward councillor asked if WH+C PC have been approached with a request for a salt/grit bin as they have received a direct request from a resident. WH+C PC confirmed that no request had been received but council will take up the matter with NLC Clerk to liaise with Ward councillor and NLC AP250206:01	
250206:06 Butchers Arms Unfortunately now closed. No further actions to be taken	
250206:07 Village Services (a) Northern Powergen – Complaint number 231221-014698. Cllr Clough has re reported Water	

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Lane vegetation to NPG. NPG team visited and have logged Water Lane as a priority to action (b) Land Registry (i) Village Hall freehold owner – still under investigation (ii) Allotments – Cllr Dent completing relevant forms and will send to Clerk. (c) EA – Halton drain breach – see under ward councillor report. (d) Anglia Water issues. Many complaints from surrounding villages with regards to water quality. Council agreed to officially complain to AW. Clerk to log an official complaint with AW AP250206:02 (e) NPG issues. Dreadful power cuts; identified as issue between WH and Whitton (f) West Halton Landfill. Lorry traffic has now ceased. There are no plans to extend the solar farm. Contact has been made with site manager who has offered council a site visit. Clerk to arrange and council agreed to invite Mr Frow AP250206:03 (g) Cemetery ownership. Clerk has chased up NLC for response on progress.	AP240201:02 Cllr Dent (VH/allotment ownership) On-going
250206:08 Village field, playground and public areas (a) Bus Shelter – Alkborough Lane. Cllr Ogg to obtain. (b) Telephone box – door to fit – Cllr Dent (c) Asset inspections/locations. Visual checks taken place by Cllr Van Der Westhuizen. Cradle swing handle still requires attention. (d) Football pitch requires re-marking. More fluid is needed. Clerk to speak with resident who has helped with pitch marking. AP250206:04	AP230706:01 Cllr Ogg (Shelter) On-going AP230111:03 Cllr Dent (door) On-going AP241107:02 Cllr Dent (swing) On-going
250206:09 Cemetery New agreements, documentation, prices etc have been circulated by clerk. Council needs to examine, comment and review. To revisit at March meeting.	
250206:10 January 2025 flooding Council has sent strongly worded E mail to LLFA team to request immediate action. Several residents were affected and extremely concerned. Cllr Duck responded to resident E mail.	
250206:11 Finance To approve and sign the December 2024 and January 2025 financial information as follows; - Summary receipts and payments December 2024 - Bank reconciliation December 2024 - Receipts and payments v Budget December 2024 - December Bank statements - Q3 explanation variances to Budget - Q3 expenditure over £100 - Summary receipts and payments January 2025 - Bank reconciliation January 2025 Imbalance - Receipts and payments v Budget January 2025 - December Bank statements All financial reports signed by council and RFO. Q3 reports countersigned Resolution passed. Payments below agreed Proposed Cllr Duck seconded Cllr Spellman	

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Date and invoice reference	Company	Reason for invoice	Payment Method	Minute reference	Amount	Authorisation	
31/12/2024	Clerk	December Salary	BACS	N/A	£245.68	Cllr Dent/ Cllr Duck	
20/01/2025	Clerk expenses	HP Quarter Printing costs invoice as agreed	BACS	N/A	£5.49	Cllr Duck /Cllr Van Der Westhuizen	
28/01/2025	Anglian Water	Installation of allotment mains water. Allotment mains water project	BACS	Agreed E mail 28/01/2025	Invoice £6440.24 Paid £6640.24 in error	Cllr Van Der Westhuizen/Cllr Clough	
31/01/2025	Clerk	January Salary	BACS	N/A	£245.68	Cllr Van Der Westhuizen/Cllr Duck	
Clerk now has access as additional administrator for Virgin Bank January imbalance of £200 due to AW payment error. Refund is being processed by AW. Post meeting note – Refund has been received December / January accountable volunteer savings – none to report Current account balance as of 31st January 2025 £2197.46 - Reserve account £2527.60							
250206:12 Projects (a) Allotment / Cemetery mains water. National Lottery Community Grant funding successful - £7226.00 awarded. Cllr Dent arranged Anglian Water payment. Next step contact contractor to arrange for pipework channel to be dug. Cllr Williams to organise AP250206:05 (b) Village Field Car Park re vamp. Project discussions to continue at future meetings – grant funded dependant (c) Village field Wall repairs. National Lottery Heritage Grant funding. No response from Historic England; Savills permission granted for 2 interpretation boards. National Lottery Heritage Project enquiry report circulated to council. To be discussed at future meetings							
250206:13 Council Workload Nothing to report							
250206:14 Correspondence Mr Frow – Solar Park. Haxey Parish Council. Proposal to take out judicial review with regards to recent Community Governance Review. Council agreed to support the motion, however we are not in a position to offer any financial assistance towards the judicial review. Clerk to respond AP250206:06 Mr Kersh – flooding. HCCP update consultation – web page has been updated with new information. Signs have appeared around the parishes. Fillingham Grass Cutting Savills – Summer Camp out Anglia Water Hardness E mail 24/01/2025. Baton of Hope Nominations NATS Parish On line newsletter – Gov.net funding 15/01/2025							
250206:15 St Etheldredas Church Both the December Carol Service and the Christmas Communion services were well attended. CPB team visit arranged. March Service date not confirmed yet							
250206:16 Village Hall Christmas Lunch and Race night were huge successes. Council expresses thanks to the VH committee for hosting these events 2025 events planned Easter Egg Hunt 20th April VE Day Event 10th May - suggestions needed from council VJ Day 16th August along with Summer Camp Out. Savills permission has been granted. Clerk has							

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forwarded letter to VH committee for signature. Clerk to follow up and return to Savills Macmillan Coffee Morning date to be confirmed Scarecrow weekend 27-28 September Halloween Disco – date TBC Christmas Craft Fayre 23th November Christmas Lunch 7th December Children's Christmas Party 29th November and Christmas Tree light switch on	
250206:17 Minor items (a) Cllr Clough tendered his resignation. All councillors sincerely thanked him for all his work, commitment and support during his time with the council. Cllr Van Der Westhuizen proposed Cllr Duck to take the vacant position of vice chair. Cllr Williams seconded. Cllr Duck thanked the council and accepted the position (b) Molehills back in cemetery – Cllr Williams to organise	AP241107:08 Cllr Williams (moles) on going
250206:18 Agenda for next and future meetings. Cllr Williams – village field car park - on agenda under projects	
250206:19 Next Meeting Date of next meeting subject to change 6th March 2025 18.30 West Halton and Coleby Village Hall. In the absence of any other matters the meeting closed at 20:15 <u>Closed action points</u> AP241204:01 Clerk provide location AP241204:02 Clerk inform NLC on PROW cuts AP231207:05 Cllr Dent Second bank admin AP241204:04 Clerk Precept request AP241204:05 Clerk Allotment rent invoices AP241204:06 Clerk Defib AP241204:03 Clerk contact resident burial plot Accepted and signed as a true record of business transacted. Signed Date..... Position.....	