

Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Wednesday, 2nd September 2026 at 6.30pm in the Meeting Room, Horbling

Present: Cllr G Stonestreet
Cllr S Walker
Cllr D Blandford
Cllr K Hyland
Cllr G Davis
Cllr A Tagg

SKDC Cllr M Turner

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

Cllr Stonestreet welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2219.717.26 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given.

Apologies were received from Cllr C Scott.

Proposed Cllr A Tagg Seconded Cllr D Blandford

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the reasons for apologies from Cllr C Scott

2220.717.26 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2221.717.26 To ask if members of the public, resident or employed within this Parish, have any intention to speak under any agenda items of this meeting.

There were no members of the public present.

2222.717.26 To adopt the notes of the meeting held on the 27th July 2026 as a true record and to resolve for the chair to sign them.

Proposed Cllr A Tagg Seconded Cllr D Blandford

RESOLVED: For the chair to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 27th July 2026 as a true record.

2223.717.26 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other Organisations.

Cllr Turner (SKDC) reported on the following matters:

1) **Very little activity in the month of August** – Cllr Turner reminded members that Central Government is in recess from late July until early September hence little activity takes place at all levels.

2) **Current SKDC Administration is challenged** – Cllr Turner informed members that it appears that the current leader and possibly the administration is being challenged but will not unfold until full Council at the end of this month.

3) **Local Government Reorganisation** – Cllr Turner informed members that SKDC had decided to employ a barrister to ask for a judicial review of the Governments decision on Local Government reorganisation announced recently.

Cllr Turner also informed members that he did not think this was the right avenue to take and that the council should be trying to work with the decision. Cllr Turner was concerned about the financial risk involved in entering a judicial review.

4) **SKDC Community Fund** – Cllr Turner commented that the fund had received many and varied applications and that future applications may be on hold currently.

The clerk informed Cllr Turner that the council had submitted its 'expression of interest' and been awarded a full application. The clerk continued that it was on the meetings agenda as the initial quotation for the project had now been received.

2224.718.26 Highways

1) Milestone

The clerk informed members that despite assurances from Lincolnshire County Council it did not appear that an officer had made any progress on the situation.

This matter to be progressed with Lincolnshire County Council.

2) Street Signage

a) Church Lane – No through Road sign that had been reversed into. The clerk informed members that this matter had been reported to Lincolnshire County Council.

b) Sandygate Lane – Broken road sign – this has been reported to SKDC although this has been temporarily mended. It was suggested that perhaps the road sign could be mounted on the wall that it stands in front of but all were aware that this would need the permission of the property owner.

3) Finger Post

This matter had also been discussed with Lincolnshire County Council who would be looking at the options to facilitate this.

This would be to incorporate signage for the meeting room as well as the spring well.

Cllr Tagg enquired as to when the 30mph signs may be moved. Cllr Turner responded that this was in progress but referenced a similar situation in Billingborough when it took LCC 18 months to achieve the required result.

Cllr Turner continued that it might be worth a request from the Parish Council asking the question of the LCC Cllr responsible, David East, as to when they may be moved.

Proposed Cllr G Stonestreet, Seconded D Blandford
RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

2225.719.26 Planning

The clerk informed members that only one application had been received and had been added to the agenda as sent.

Application No: S26/1414

Proposal: 5 day notice to remove dead branch

Location: 15 Spring Lane, Horbling

The clerk informed members that the work had already been allowed on this application and was for information only.

Application No: S26/1485

Proposal: Works to TPO Tree

Location: 19 Spring Lane, Horbling

Proposed Cllr G Stonestreet, Seconded D Blandford
RESOLVED: To record a vote of 'No Objections'

Preliminary Enquiry WHP Telecoms

The clerk informed members that a preliminary enquiry had been received with regard to a minor upgrade development on wireless infrastructure on Sandygate Lane.

The enquiry was from the Wireless Infrastructure Group Limited and the work would involve swapping existing equipment and replacing this with similar new apparatus.

The members were not concerned by the possibility of the upgrade but the clerk said that this would be included in the meetings minutes for future reference.

Proposed Cllr S Walker, Seconded K Hyland

RESOLVED: To record a vote of 'No Objections'

CORRESPONDENCE

2226.720.26 The clerk produced a list of correspondence for the members to receive.

The clerk informed the members that should they wish to inspect any item of correspondence then they should contact him direct.

A) For Information only – to be received en bloc

- a) **RSN – Newsletters 30.07.2026**
- b) **LALC – Enews 14.08.2026**
- c) **SKDC Planning Lists 03-07.08.2026**
- d) **RSN – Newsletters 13.08.2026**
- e) **HW Lincs Newsletter – August 2026**
- f) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 30.07.2026**
- g) **SKDC Planning Lists 10-14.08.2026**
- h) **RSN Weekly Newsletter – 15.08.2026**
- i) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 06.08.2026**
- j) **LALC – Enews 08.08.2026**
- k) **SKDC Planning Lists 17-21.08.2026**
- l) **LCC – Town & Parish Newsletter August 2026**
- m) **SKDC Planning Lists 23-28.08.2026**
- n) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 13.08.2026**
- o) **RSN Newsletters 21.08.2026**
- p) **LALC – Enews 28.08.2026**
- q) **National Allotment Survey**
- r) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 27.08.2026**

B) Items for discussion

a) Michael Cornish Core Grants Programme

The clerk had incorporated into the meeting pack details of a grant making organisation known as 'Michael Cornish Core Grants'.

The key areas covered are as follows:

- 1) Counselling for survivors of domestic abuse
- 2) Youth work
- 3) Community gatherings in rural community pubs

b) SKDC Informal Street Name Project

Project being undertaken by SKDC to ensure that all isolated properties or those on informally named roads have an address that meets the national standard and is in line with legislative requirements that will allow them to be incorporated on national lists.

c) Winter Salt Programme

Winter Salt programme being run by Lincolnshire County Council that enables Parish Council's to apply for a ton bag of salt for winter use.

d) Lincolnshire Day 1st October

The clerk informed members that Lincolnshire Day would be celebrated on Thursday 1st October.

Proposed Cllr G Davis, Seconded Cllr K Hyland
RESOLVED: To receive the above items en bloc

2227.721.26 Newsletter

The clerk had included in the meeting pack a copy of the summer newsletter. It was agreed that the next edition would be the Autumn edition and would be distributed in November.

Cllr Stonestreet asked members to pass any ideas for content to include in the forthcoming newsletter directly to him.

The clerk commented that one idea would be to major on the coffee mornings as a central warm hub for the winter months.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2228.721.26 Approval of Treasurers Report for the period to 31st August 2026

The clerk presented the Income and expenditure statement and Balance Sheet for the period to 31st August 2026.

The clerk explained that to add clarity to the figures the accounts were split into two categories 'Parish' and 'Plough' to enable members and other users to see the way that the monies were spent and that Income from the Plough should be reinvested into the structure of the building. The statements prepared by the clerk showed an overall position of a surplus of £ 3,456.06.

This position is split:

Parish	Surplus £2,974.18
Plough	Surplus £ 481.88

The Parish Council balance sheet was also presented to the Council that showed cleared cash balances of £52,374.56

The clerk informed members that the above figures showed distinctively that the precept claimed via Council Tax was used solely for Parish associated purposes and that the 'Plough Inn' was self-financing.

The clerk informed members that due to the limited time available at the meeting the discussion on finance scheduled for this meeting would take place at a separate meeting agreed for the 30th September.

Proposed Cllr A Tagg, Seconded Cllr G Stonestreet
RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurers report and accounts for the period to 31st August 2026.

2229.722.26 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments to the members that totalled £ 6,588.19.

06/07/2026	FPO	Service Charge	£4.25
13/07/2026	FPO	IM Sismey	£1,084.93
13/07/2026	FPO	Lymn Roofing	£2,865.00
14/07/2026	FPO	Horblooming	£100.00
14/07/2026	FPO	HMRC	£177.45
14/07/2026	FPO	Data Protection	£52.00
14/07/2026	FPO	St Andrews Church	£1200.00
20/07/2026	FPO	E.ON	£17.68
27/07/2026	SO	Dales Doins	£120.00

03/08/2026	FPO	Service Charge	£4.25
20/08/2026	FPO	E.on	£57.63
25/08/2026	SO	Dales Doins	£120.00
25/08/2026	FPO	Quarrington Elec	£585.00
25/08/2026	FPO	Jim/Julia	£200.00

**Proposed Cllr G Stonestreet, Seconded Cllr K Hyland
RESOLVED: To Approve the payments schedule as listed**

2230.723.26 Bank Mandate

The clerk explained that Cllrs Stonestreet and Blandford were now using the banking system as planned and that the remaining Councillors would now be added. Cllr Stonestreet and Cllr Blandford informed the clerk that they could not see the third account that was the 30 day notice account, the clerk said that he would investigate this and assumed the bank would need to add this to their profiles.

Cllr Blandford mentioned that the old signatories remained on the mandate and that these needed to be removed. Cllr Blandford continued that she had removed one and that it required a second signatory to verify the removal. It was agreed that the remaining old signatories should be removed.

2231.723.26 The Meeting Room

Lighting

The meeting room lighting upgrades as agreed at the last meeting had been completed and all were in agreement that they were a great improvement.

Decoration

The clerk informed members that he had included this on the agenda as it had been previously agreed that once the lighting improvements had been completed then the interior decoration of the meeting room should be undertaken.

It was agreed that the actual date and details of this would be discussed at the council's early October meeting.

Internet Connection

The chair, Cllr Stonestreet, had asked for this item to be added to the agenda and explained to members that he was of the opinion that some form of internet

connection should be obtained for the meeting room. Cllr Stonestreet explained that the provision of this service would increase usage of the meeting room as many users now required internet access. Cllr Stonestreet continued that this was highlighted when Sarah Kitchen from Batemans came to meet with the council and had difficulty in accessing information as she had to rely on her mobile connection.

Cllr Stonestreet had obtained a quotation from Quickline Communications that for the basic package was £25.00 per month £300 per year.

At this point Cllr Turner declared an interest and informed the meeting that he was a telecoms advisor and would be happy to provide a competitive quote for the service.

The members were in agreement that Cllr Turner should provide them with a competitive quote.

Other matters

Cllr Tagg addressed the meeting and informed them that during his time spent at coffee mornings at the meeting room he had noticed the following:

First Aid Kit

That the first aid kit was over seven years out of date- approval was given to rectify this situation.

Soap Dispensers

That the dispensers were generally empty. It was confirmed that the caretaker would be in possession of the relevant key.

Guttering

That the guttering required cleaning out. Cllr Stonestreet commented that this had been done just 6 months ago. Cllr Tagg had noticed that it was continuously overrunning following a down pour in the past few weeks. Cllr Stonestreet said that he would provide a ladder if Cllr Tagg was prepared to clear the guttering.

Notice Board

It had been suggested that cork tiles should line the backing of the board. Cllr Stonestreet said that he would source these, Cllr Tagg also suggested that the notice board would also require another coat of protective stain before the winter took hold.

Fire Door Hold Backs

Cllr Tagg asked for approval to purchase some hold backs that he would install to ensure that the fire doors remained open. These was agreed.

Payments for the meeting room.

Currently cash is required for payment of meeting room hire which is not very efficient, Cllr Tagg suggested that it become more electronic with users paying via the internet. It was agreed that ways of updating this process should be researched.

Cllr Tagg informed the meeting that he was happy to perform regular checks on apparatus etc in the meeting room and he had obtained a record book to complete this. The members were happy for Cllr Tagg to undertake this on a regular basis.

Proposed Cllr A Tagg, Seconded Cllr K Hyland

RESOLVED: To receive the above information and action the points as mentioned.

2232.725.26 The Plough Inn

The following are the notes from the meeting held with Sarah Kitchen (Bateman Breweries Property Manager) on Tuesday 18th August 2026.

Purpose of the Meeting

The meeting was held to discuss proposed works, compliance requirements and related expenditure for The Plough Inn, Horbling. The discussion focused on damp proofing, toilet refurbishment, hardwiring certification, fire risk assessment matters, signage and the long-term position of Bateman Breweries under the lease.

Matters Discussed and Decisions Reached

1. Damp Proof Works and Toilet Refurbishment

Horbling Parish Council had approached other contractors to obtain quotations for damp proofing works so that these could be measured against the quotation received from British Damp Proof, which members considered to be high. Following discussion with Sarah Kitchen, it was agreed that both the damp proof works and the toilet refurbishment should be left in the hands of Sarah Kitchen and Bateman Breweries, with an indicative budget of £25,000 to £30,000.

2. Hardwiring Certification

Sarah Kitchen advised that Bateman Breweries has a contractor able to complete the hardwiring testing at an estimated cost of approximately £800 to £900. It was agreed that Bateman Breweries should proceed with arranging this work on behalf of the Council.

3. Fire Risk Assessment and Separation Requirement

Sarah Kitchen informed members that fire risk assessments were being undertaken by Graham Almack and that he would complete a fire risk assessment for The

Plough Inn. A current issue was identified concerning the separation layer between the living quarters and the public house, which does not currently comply with the 60-minute legal requirement.

4. Signage

Councillor Stonestreet raised concern regarding the fittings for the external sign. It was agreed that he would send the drawings for a replacement sign to Sarah Kitchen for consideration.

5. Lease Position and Future Occupation

Members expressed their concern to Sarah Kitchen regarding the possibility of Bateman Breweries breaking the lease at the five-year stage. Sarah Kitchen indicated that, as far as she was concerned, this was not considered to be an issue, as it had always been reported to her that the public house was profitable.

6. Compliance Checklist

Sarah Kitchen shared Bateman Breweries' compliance checklist with members. The position shown was favourable overall, with the exception of the hardwiring certification, which was now being addressed by Bateman Breweries on the Council's behalf.

Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded D Blandford
RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2233.726.26 Local Government Reorganisation

As previously discussed the decision on Local Government Reorganisation had now been made and the clerk had included in the meeting pack the slides from SKDC's briefing on the decision.

Proposed Cllr G Stonestreet, Seconded Cllr D Blandford
RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2234.726.26 Spring Wells Grant Application

The clerk informed members that he had now received the quote promised from HMC and that this would now enable him to submit the application to SKDC.

Proposed Cllr S Walker, Seconded Cllr G Stonestreet
RESOLVED: To approve the quote from HMC and submit an application to the Community Fund on behalf of Horbling Parish Council

2235.727.26 Update on Emergency Planning

This item was deferred to the next Parish Council Meeting. The clerk emphasised that this was clearly a big and extremely important project that would see participation from many areas within the community including the school and church.

Cllr Stonestreet said that he would ask Cllr Scott to send the document as it is so far to all of the members so that they can appraise it and offer input.

The clerk informed members that once the plan was complete and submitted to the relevant authority then the Parish Council would be privy to a lot more information that would help to protect the village from potential harm.

Members were in agreement that the plan should progress as quickly as possible and that any member with expert knowledge should ensure that they have relevant input.

The concern from the members was that we are approaching the season where the weather worsens and we are currently not prepared for what that may bring.

Conversion turned to sandbags and as members were aware following the last bout of flooding they were shipped out to Billingborough and not returned. This matter would be progressed with Billingborough Parish Council.

In conclusion it was felt that the Village Emergency Plan should be a high priority.

Proposed Cllr A Tagg, Seconded Cllr G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To receive the above information and to add to the October meeting agenda.

2236.727.26 Amenities

1) Clock on the Old Post Office Farm

This matter is ongoing and we need to obtain the cooperation of the property owners

2) Flower Troughs

Cllr Davis confirmed that he was happy to build and maintain the troughs. The clerk said that he would have to seek permission from Lincolnshire County Council to allow the installation of a structure on the highway.

3) Coffee Mornings

Continue to be a success and helped by the donated cakes.

4) Toller/Brown Educational Foundations

No update on this item.

5) Village Plaque

Members were in agreement that this was a good idea but in the current climate should probably be put on hold for the time being.

The clerk to obtain an indicative quote.

6) Games Evening/Film Evening

Cllr Stonestreet was of the opinion that we should try and put on one games evening to see how it was received.

Cllr Stonestreet also informed members that he would like to attempt a film evening that had also been trialled in Billingsborough.

Cllr Turner said that this had been done in association with Stamford Arts Theatre and had shown reasonable success.

Cllr Stonestreet suggested that a possible Christmas showing with a matinee might be a possibility.

Proposed G Davis, Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To receive the above information and action the points as listed

2237.728.26 Speedwatch

Cllr Tagg supplied the following data that had been downloaded from the Speed Indicating Devices for the month of August:

Donington Road traffic coming into Horbling

Vehicles - 20,859

Max Speed - 65

Average Speed - 28

% Obeying limit – 74

Donington Road traffic going out of Horbling

Vehicles - 16,252

Max Speed - 59

Average Speed - 28

% Obeying limit – 77

High Street Traffic going towards Billingborough

Vehicles - 31,071

Max Speed - 56

Average Speed - 28

% Obeying limit – 88

High Street Traffic coming from Billingborough

Vehicles - 25,009

Max Speed - 49

Average Speed - 25

% Obeying limit – 92

The most significant change from the data gathered in July is the 12% increase in the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit on Donington Road.

Proposed G Davis, Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2238.729.26 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.

Cllr Stonestreet informed members that he would be organising a litter pick in the forthcoming weeks.

2239.730.26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7th October 2026 6.30pm

Wednesday 4th November 2026 6.30pm

Wednesday 2nd December 2026 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.15Hrs

Signed Chair

Date

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