

Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Wednesday, 29th July 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
Cllr C Scott

SKDC Cllr M Turner

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

Cllr Stonestreet welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2197.704.26 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given.

There were none.

2198.704.26 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2199.704.26 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.

2200.704.26 To adopt the notes of the meeting held on the 24th June 2026 as a true record and to resolve for the chair to sign them.

Proposed Cllr K Hyland Seconded Cllr S Walker

RESOLVED: For the chair to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 24th June 2026 as a true record.

2201.704.26 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other Organisations.

Cllr Turner (SKDC) reported on the following matters:

1) Improvements to Changing Facilities at Leisure Centres – SKDC has shown its commitment to quality leisure facilities with the start of major renovation works. Leisure facilities at Bourne, Stamford and Grantham will all be undergoing major works to its changing facilities with around £500,000 being invested.

2) **Council Tax Payments** – 36,000 Council Tax Payments for August were taken early and SKDC have apologised to the residents that have been affected.

3) **Local Government Reorganisation announced** – It will see the creation of two new unitary authorities – A city of Lincoln Unitary Authority and a Unitary Authority covering the rest of Lincolnshire.

Existing county and district councils will continue to operate during a transition period until the end of March 2028, while detailed governance and implementation arrangements are developed.

4) **SKDC Community Fund** – This fund has been doubled in size since the ending of the UKSPF scheme and all local organisations and Parish and Town Councils should look to apply for funding as ap. There is a simple guide and form on the SKDC website. Please apply as all applications have to be approved by ward members.

2202.705.26 Highways

1) Milestone

The clerk informed the members that he had spoken to an officer at Lincolnshire County Council who assured the Council that the the issue would be assessed but commented that a milestone would never be placed on private land.

The clerk provided the land registry plan for the area concerned and all were in agreement that the milestone was outside the curtilage of the property concerned.

The clerk had also included in the pack the proposed letter, should it be needed, that would be sent from the 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 off 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 Billingham 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.

2203.706.26 Planning

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

Application No: S26/1119

Proposal: Works to TPO Trees

Location: Turnpike House, 11 Spring Lane, Horbling

Proposed Cllr G Davis, Seconded Cllr D Blandford
RESOLVED: To record a recommendation of 'No Objections'..

CORRESPONDENCE

2204.706.26 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 24.06.2026
- b) LALC – Enews 26.06.2026
- c) SKDC Planning Lists 22-26.06.2026
- d) RSN – Newsletters 27.06.2026
- e) HW Lincs Newsletter – June 2026
- f) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 25.06.2026
- g) SKDC Planning Lists 25 – 29.06.2026-03.07.2026

- h) **RSN Weekly Newsletter – 08.07.2026**
- i) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 02.07.2026**
- j) **LALC – Enews 07.07.2026**
- k) **SKDC Planning Lists 06-10.06.2026**
- l) **LCC – Town & Parish Newsletter June 2026**
- m) **SKDC Planning Lists 13-17.07.2026**
- n) **RSN – NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 02.07.2026**
- o) **Newsletters 24.07.2026**
- p) **LALC – Enews 24.07.2026**

B) Items for discussion

a) Recreation Ground

Cllr Stonestreet informed members that a consultation meeting with regard to the proposals for the improvements to the Recreation Ground would be taking place on Saturday 8th August 10.00am.

b) National Grid – Grimsby-Walpole June 2026 Update

The clerk had continued to update members on this project and summarised it as follows:

- **Clean Energy:** The old grid was built for coal and gas plants. New power comes from offshore wind and nuclear sites.
- **Net Zero Goals:** The UK aims to carry 50 gigawatts of offshore wind power by 2030.
- **Lower Bills:** Using cheap domestic wind power reduces reliance on expensive imported gas.
- **New Pylons and Lines:** Building high-voltage overhead lines and new substations across rural and urban areas.
- **Subsea Links:** Transporting power from Scottish wind farms down to demand centers in England.

c) Improvements to Household Waste Recycling

The clerk informed members that Lincolnshire County Council had announced measures to modernise Household Waste Recycling Centres across Lincolnshire.

The agreed measures include the introduction of a booking system similar to that implemented during COVID.

d) Elections May 2027

The clerk confirmed that local Parish Elections would take place in May 2027 this would coincide with the elections for the new unitary authorities. Cllr Davis asked what the process would be for the Parish Elections. The clerk informed the members that at the date of the elections they would all step down and have to be renominated, the question arose as to what if more people came forward than vacant positions? The clerk responded that in this situation an election would take place unless strategically one nominee stepped down to halt the election process.

The question arose regarding political affiliation but the clerk commented that at Town and Parish level there was no political bias whatsoever.

e) Safer Streets Programme

Cllr Stonestreet had contacted SKDC Neighbourhoods Team following the damage that had been caused to the Spring well.

Cllr Stonestreet had received a reply from the team informing the Parish Council that it had limited resources but would check on things in the area as and when they were able.

f) Letters of thanks

Two letters of thanks had been received:

- 1) Horbling Parish Church with regard to the grant recently awarded.
- 2) Louise Brown following her resignation from the Council.
- 3) Jim Gale with regard to Horbling Day

Proposed Cllr S Walker, Seconded Cllr K Hyland
RESOLVED: To receive the above items en bloc

2205.708.26 Newsletter

Cllr Stonestreet had produced the Summer Edition of the Parish Council Newsletter and the clerk had ensured that it had been printed and was available for distribution.

The members thanked Cllr Stonestreet for his continued work on the publication which they acknowledged was an invaluable form of communication with the residents.

It was agreed that the Newsletter would be distributed early next week.

It was agreed that the next edition would be the Autumn edition and would be distributed in November.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2206.708.26 Approval of Treasurers Report for the period to 30th June 2026

The clerk presented the Income and expenditure statement and Balance Sheet for the period to 30th June 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 £ 6,987.05.

This position is split:

Parish	Surplus £6,537.43
Plough	Surplus £ 449.62

The Parish Council balance sheet was also presented to the Council that showed cleared cash balances of £58,383.63.

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.

Discussion at previous meetings had focused on the level of reserves that the Council should hold and the clerk had therefore referred members to the relevant section of the 'Practitioners Guide 2026/27' which stated that:

'The generally accepted recommendation with regard to the appropriate minimum level of a smaller authority's general reserve is that this should be maintained at between three and twelve months of net revenue expenditure.'

Therefore, the clerk was happy that the Council had the appropriate level of reserves at this point in time.

The clerk informed members that he would prepare a session on understanding the Council's accounting statements for the next meeting.

Proposed Cllr C Scott, Seconded Cllr D Blandford

RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurers report and accounts for the period to 30th June 2026.

2207.710.26 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments to the members that totalled £ 155.18.

23/06/2026	EON	35.18
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Electricity Supply for the Meeting Room.

23/06/2026	Dales Doins	120.00
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Monthly payment to Dales Doins during grass cutting season.

Proposed Cllr G Stonestreet, Seconded Cllr K Hyland

RESOLVED: To Approve the payments schedule as listed

2208.710.26 Bank Mandate

The clerk explained that the Mandate had now been amended to include Cllr G Stonestreet and Cllr D Blandford. Once all was working well with the two Councillors mentioned them the remaining Councillors would be added.

2209.710.26 The Meeting Room

Following previous meetings discussions Cllr A Tagg had obtained quotes to replace the meeting room lighting.

Quote 1	Quarrington Electrical	£585.00
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Quote 2	SKU Electrical	£670.00
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Quote 3	DCTM	£473.09
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Cllr Tagg was of the opinion that new lighting would brighten up the meeting room and would benefit the activities that take place at the meeting room.

Discussion ensued following presentation of the quotes and for many reasons all members were in agreement that this was a positive step forward. Cllr Tagg's recommendation was Quarrington Electrical as the contractor appeared more proactive than the other closely matched provider and it was unanimously agreed that the work should be awarded to Quarrington Electrical.

Cllr Tagg confirmed that the quotes were all for the upgrade of lighting in all areas of the meeting room.

Cllr Stonestreet was concerned about the level and colour of lighting that would be emitted and ask that this should be discussed before the installation.

Proposed Cllr A Tagg, Seconded Cllr K Hyland

RESOLVED: To appoint Quarrington Electrical as the contractor to undertake the work associated with the meeting room lighting

2210.711.26 The Plough Inn

The clerk confirmed the date and time for the meeting with Batemans Property Manager, Sarah Kitchen. The date had been set for Tuesday 18th August 10am.

The matters to be discussed were as follows:

- 1) Car Park repairs – still chasing the original contractor but a competitive quote is being obtained for this work.
- 2) Damp Proofing works – One quote had already been received and it was suggested that other quotes could be obtained from:
 - Dower Damp Proofing
 - Newman Moore
- 3) Toilet Refurbishment
- 4) Signage
 - Improvements

Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded D Blandford

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2211.711.26 Local Government Reorganisation

As had been mentioned earlier in the meeting the decision on Local Government Reorganisation had been made and the clerk and Cllr Stonestreet had attended a briefing held by SKDC earlier in the month.

Both the clerk and Cllr Stonestreet were amazed by the negativity that came from the briefing.

The clerk had included in the pack information with regard to the decision and informed members that the detail behind the decision was being worked out by a specific implementation team that has been formed.

The decision was as follows:

The Government has announced that it intends to proceed with the four-unitary model.

Under the selected proposal Lincolnshire would have two new unitary authorities:

- ***City of Lincoln, plus 12 wards from NKDC and seven wards from WLDC, collectively referred to as 'Lincoln City'***
- ***Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council, South Kesteven District Council, South Holland District Council and North Kesteven District Council less the above mentioned 12 wards collectively referred to as 'Rural Lincolnshire'***
- ***North East Lincolnshire***
- ***North Lincolnshire***

Proposed Cllr G Stonestreet, Seconded Cllr D Blandford

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2212.712.26 Spring Wells Grant Application

The clerk explained to members that the application to the SKDC Community Fund was a two step procedure.

- 1) Provision of details of the project to SKDC as an 'Expression of Interest' which will then be assessed and a decision as to whether a full application can be made. The clerk had submitted the Council's 'Expression of Interest for the Spring Wells project and had received a confirmation that a full application could be made.
- 2) The clerk informed members that now that the project was under full application quotations would have to be obtained to back the application and that to this end an organisation called HMC would be attending to assess and quote for the project.

Proposed Cllr S Walker, Seconded Cllr C Scott

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2213.713.26 Horbling Day

The members were of the opinion that the day had been a great success and that it should now become a part of the Horbling annual calendar with consideration to the following:

- a) Timing as to the actual date
- b) Consideration with regard to the amount of food provided
- c) Duration
- d) Content

Cllr Stonestreet acknowledged the fact that all who were present were more than happy to help pack everything away when the event concluded. Cllr Stonestreet continued that the idea of the day was to bring the community together.

It was mentioned that comments had been made as to the possibility of the provision of a canopy to offer protection to the participants due to the hot and humid conditions.

2214.713.26 Update on Emergency Planning

Cllr C Scott was leading on this item and informed the members that the plan was near finalisation and once complete could be assessed by the Parish Council. The clerk concluded that once the plan was complete and adopted then it could approach the LCC Resilience forum for its emergency pack for the village.

Cllr Stonestreet agreed with Cllr Scott that he would go through finalising the plan with him.

2215.713.26 Amenities

1) Clock on the Old Post Office Farm

Cllr Stonestreet informed the members that he had made contact with the property owners of the old post office and offered to supply the batteries to enable the working of the clock but since then no further contact has been made. Cllr Stonestreet suggested that a pack of batteries should be purchased and delivered to the owners. Cllr Blandford added that we should include a note with the batteries informing them that if they required any assistance installing the batteries then to let the Parish Council know.

2) Flower Troughs

Cllr Davis informed the members that he had surveyed both sites and both were large enough to site a flower trough as discussed with the following dimensions:

120cm Long, 60cm Wide, 70cm Deep

Cllr Davis continued that they could be built with pallets, based on slabs, lined, filled and planted up.

The question arose as to whether permission would be needed from the relevant authority and the clerk responded that a licence would be required from Lincolnshire County Council.

Security of the troughs was also raised and it was thought that a simple chain and lock would suffice.

Cllr Davis confirmed that he would be happy to maintain the flower troughs should they go ahead.

Cllr Davis also wished to seek the members thoughts on designing a crest for the village and provided some examples of mock ups he had made which included a village motto. Members were generally in agreement that this was a good idea and the clerk was to add to the next meetings agenda.

3) Coffee Mornings

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

4) Horbloomington Marvellous

It was confirmed that the event had been successful and looked as if it would continue in future years.

5) Toller/Brown Educational Foundations

The clerk was concerned that both of the above mentioned organisations should have Parish Council representation on them and did not believe this to be the case currently.

The clerk informed members that he would obtain further details direct from the organisations.

Proposed G Davis, Seconded G Stonestreet

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

2216.715.26 Speedwatch

Cllr Tagg supplied the following data that had been downloaded from the Speed Indicating Devices:

Donington Road

Camera on south side of the road outside No.10, facing east (towards Donington).

Traffic coming towards the device, into the village:

Total vehicles - 15,435

Max speed detected - 54mph

Average speed - 26mph

Percentage of vehicles obeying speed limit - 89%

Traffic going away from the device, towards Donington:

Total vehicles - 18,832

Max speed detected - 61mph

Average speed - 26mph

Percentage of vehicles obeying speed limit - 86%

High Street

Camera on west side of High St, opposite Sandygate Farm, facing south (towards Billingborough).

Traffic coming towards the device, towards Donington:

Total vehicles - 25,932

Max speed detected - 49mph

Average speed - 25mph

Percentage of vehicles obeying speed limit - 91%

Traffic going away from device, towards Billingborough:

Total vehicles - 32,006

Max Speed detected - 51mph

Average speed - 26mph

Percentage of vehicles obeying speed limit - 87%

2217.716.26 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.

Cllr Stonestreet informed members that he had formulated the idea of holding a monthly 'Games Evening' with a possible September start.

2218.716.26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 6.30pm

Wednesday 7th October 2026 6.30pm

Wednesday 4th November 2026 6.30pm

Wednesday 2nd December 2026 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.20Hrs

Signed Chair

Date