

Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Wednesday, 22nd April at 6.30pm in the Meeting Room, Horbling

Present:

Cllr L Brown – **Chair**
Cllr D Blandford
Cllr K Hyland
Cllr G Stonestreet
Cllr C Scott

SKDC Cllr M Turner

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

Due to Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2143.678.25 Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons given

The following Councillors had given their apologies:

Cllr S Walker

Proposed Cllr K Hyland Seconded Cllr C Scott

RESOLVED: To Receive and accept the reasons for apologies for absence.

2144.678.25 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2145.678.25 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.

2146.679.25 To adopt the notes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2026 as a true record and to resolve for the chair to sign them.

Proposed Cllr C Scott Seconded Cllr L Brown

RESOLVED: For the chair to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2026 as a true record.

Matters outstanding for discussion:

- a) Emergency Plan (This item is the subject of a separate agenda item)**
- b) Plough Inn (This item is the subject of a separate agenda item)**
- c) Speed Indicating Devices**
- d)**

Cllr Blandford informed the members that the Speed Indicating Devices had been received at long last but the packaging was not in ideal condition. Cllr Blandford continued that the company had delivered the solar panel version instead of the battery operated unit and hence it had arrived without the batteries.

The clerk was in communication with Elan City to ensure that the situation was corrected and that as the solar panels are collected the batteries and chargers are delivered. The clerk confirmed that payment had not been made to Elan City.

Cllr Blandford added that although her husband had managed to get one of the units working the downloadable manual had not been particularly helpful.

Cllr Stonestreet commented that the plan was to start them in default mode before attempting to customise. All agreed that seemed a good idea.

2147.679.25 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other organisations.

Cllr Turner gave the following report:

- Current Administration continues to perform well and currently unsure if elections will take place in 2027 due to no current central Government decision.
- Local Government reorganisation continues to go through due process.
- SK Community Fund for grants up to £5,000 now open.
- Food Waste Bins have been delivered, and first collections have been made.
- Pop up Cinema is being planned in Billingborough Cllr Turner will keep the members updated.
- Cllr Turner shared concerns with regard to the potholes in the Plough Car Park.
- Cllr Turner asked if the 30MPH sign on the approach to Horbling could be cleaned.

CORRESPONDENCE

2148.679.25 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) **LCC Parish Council Newsletter February 2026**
- b) **SKDC Planning Lists 16.02.2026**
- c) **RSN – Newsletters 25.02.2026**
- d) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 26.02.2026**
- e) **SKDC Planning Lists 23.02.2026**
- f) **RSN – Newsletters 04.03.2026**
- g) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 04.03.2026**
- h) **Environment Agency – Newsletter Feb 2026**
- i) **RSN – Newsletters 11.03.2026**
- j) **LALC – Enews 06.03.2026**
- k) **SKDC Planning Lists 02.03.2026**
- l) **RSN – Newsletters 14.03.2026**
- m) **LCC Town & Parish N/Letter March 2026**
- n) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 12.03.2026**
- o) **SKDC Planning Lists 09.03.2026**
- p) **RSN – Newsletters 18.03.2026**
- q) **LALC – Enews 20.03.2026**
- r) **SKDC Planning Lists 16.03.2026**
- s) **RSN – Newsletters 25.03.2026**
- t) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 19.03.2026**
- u) **SKDC Planning Lists 23.03.2026**

B) Items for discussion

a) Local Government Reorganisation

The clerk reminded the members that the Local Government Reorganisation was ongoing and that a decision as to the option they would adopt would be made by July of this year.

b) SKDC Draft Design Code Consultation

The clerk had included in the pack links to a consultation being run by SKDC on the Draft Design Code. This in essence is a part of planning that stipulates what Buildings, Streets, Public Spaces should look like.

e) SKDC Food Waste Caddies

As mentioned by SKDC Councillor M Turner the food waste caddies were now in operation.

f) Ossian Wind Farm Project

Update received from the organisation putting the project together.

g) Flood Devices

The clerk introduced this item as 'Project Groundwater' and forms apart of Emergency Planning. LCC have partnered with the Environment Agency to install devices in local watercourses that will alert local people, as well as the flood authority, that water levels are rising. The clerk provided details of where the devices were located and asked that members should consider if any further units should be added.

The clerk continued that an email had been received from Billingborough PCC with regard to forming an alliance with other emergency planning groups to discuss common issues, this was left to Cllr Scott to liaise with the clerk at Billingborough.

Proposed Cllr C Scott Seconded Cllr K Hyland

Resolved: To receive the above correspondence en bloc

2149.680.25 Highways – Update

- The Clerk informed the meeting that he would try to reconvene the meeting with LCC regarding the milestone issue that had previously been discussed..

2150.681.25 Planning Applications

1. Application: S26/0615

Applicant: Mr Pillai

**Proposal: Submission of details reserved by statutory condition
1)Biodiversity Gain,2)Method of demolition,3)Construction
management plan.**

Location: Toller Court, Horbling

The clerk explained that although this development had been approved by SKDC it was governed by certain conditions which the notice is attempting to discharge.

Concern was raised by the members that a meeting had been held by the applicant to engage with the residents but that the meeting had not been publicised.

Cllr Brown was of the opinion that perhaps it was because the Council were a statutory consultee in the original planning application.

The clerk continued that he had enclosed the applicants construction management plan as it detailed key elements such as times of working etc which would be useful if approached by members of the public regarding the development.

Proposed Cllr L Brown, Seconded Cllr D Blandford

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

FINANCIAL REPORT

2151.681.25 Approval of Treasurers Report for the period to 31st March 2026

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

The clerk explained that to add clarity to the figures the accounts were split in to 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 £ 6,755.55

This position is split:

Parish	Deficit £ 1,163.96
Plough	Surplus £ 7,919.91

The Parish Council balance sheet was also presented to the Council that showed cleared cash balances of £51,895.26.

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 continued that these were the end of year figures and would be formally agreed at the Annual Meeting.

Proposed Cllr C Scott, Seconded Cllr L Brown

RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurers report and accounts for the period to 31st March 2026.

2152.683.25 Confirmation of receipt of Precepted Funds.

The clerk confirmed to the members that the Precept in the sum of £6,840.00 had been received.

2153.683.25 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments to the members that totalled £2,443.19

1.	25/03/2025	Dalkes Doins	£ 120.00
2.	17/03/2025	N Ballard	£1,903.00
3.	17/03/2025	Eon	£ 41.41
4.	24/02/2026	A Deptford	£ 342.00
5.	20/02/2026	Eon Â£	£ 36.78

Proposed Cllr C Scott, Seconded Cllr G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To Approve the payments schedule as listed.

2154.683.25 The Meeting Room and the Plough Inn.

The Chair, Cllr Brown informed members that at this point there was little to report on the Plough other than that Batemans were continuing to talk with the tenants with regard to internal works.

Cllr Brown continued that the priority was to get the surface works to the car park sorted out.

The clerk mentioned that he had spoken with Sarah Kitchen from Batemans who organised the emergency works to the pub roof but following conversations with the contractor the clerk had been informed that these works had still not been completed. The clerk informed the members that he would continue to chase this up. Cllr Brown suggested that perhaps we should obtain some other roofing quotes.

Cllr Scott asked if there was any update on the damp proof work as the plaster was still off the walls in the pub. The clerk said that this would be part of further talks with Sarah Kitchen.

Cllr Stonestreet asked if any quotes had been received for the repair works to the carpark. The clerk responded that a couple had been received that were very high

and that Batemans had produced a competitive quote and that he had asked Sarah Kitchen to forward this to him.

Discussion turned to the meeting room and all members were impressed by the work completed on the meeting room door. It was agreed that Neal Ballard should continue working his way through his job list.

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

2155.684.25 Update on Emergency Planning

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

2156.684.25 To receive the resignation of Cllr K Lunn

Cllr Brown informed the members of the resignation of K Lunn due to personal reasons. At this point Cllr Brown announced her own resignation after 10 years on the Parish Council.

Cllr Turner congratulated Cllr Brown on her excellent work as Chair of Horbling Parish Council.

The clerk had already prepared the advertisement notice to go out and although due process had to be followed this should be publicised now.

The clerk said that he would send Cllr Stonestreet a PDF of the advertisement.

Proposed Cllr D Blandford, Seconded Cllr G Stonestreet
RESOLVED: To Receive the above resignations

2157.684.25 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.

There was none.

2158.684.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Meeting Friday 15th May 6.30pm

Annual Meeting Friday 15th May 2026 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 19.35Hrs

Signed Chair

Date