

Minutes of a Meeting of Horbling Parish Council held on Wednesday, 15th May 2026 at 6.45pm in the Meeting Room, Horbling

Present: Cllr G Stonestreet
Cllr S Walker
Cllr D Blandford
Cllr C Scott
Cllr K Hyland

Parish Clerk: Mr I Sismey

2159.685.26 Appointment of Chairman and the Chairman to sign their declaration of office.

The clerk explained to the members that this was their annual statutory meeting and at such a meeting the Chairman from the past year retired and a new chairman elected. Due to the fact that Cllr Brown had resigned at the meeting on the 22nd April 2026 there was no retiring chairman.

The clerk called for nominations and the following was nominated:

Cllr G Stonestreet

Proposed Cllr D Blandford, Seconded Cllr K Hyland

RESOLVED: Being unopposed Cllr G Stonestreet was elected Chairman for the year 2026/27 and Cllr Stonestreet duly signed his declaration of office.

2160.685.26 Appointment of Vice Chairman and the Vice Chairman to sign their declaration of office

The clerk called for nominations and the following was nominated:

Cllr D Blandford

Cllr Blandford had giving a short report at the Parish Meeting as she was also Vice Chair for the year 2025/26 in which she summarised the years events and also gave thanks to the outgoing Chair, Cllr L Brown, who she said, had achieved great things during her chairmanship which had included the installing of a major new tenant at the Plough Inn.

Proposed Cllr K Hyland, Seconded Cllr C Scott

RESOLVED: Being unopposed Cllr D Blandford was elected Vice Chairman for the year 2026/27 and Cllr Blandford duly signed her declaration of office.

2061.686.26 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given.

SKDC Councillor M Turner had given his apologies
Proposed Cllr C Scott, Seconded Cllr D Blandford

RESOLVED: To accept the reasons for apologies for absence.

2062.686.26 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2063.686.26 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.

2064.686.26 To adopt the notes of the meeting held on the 22nd April 2026 as a true record and to resolve for the chair to sign them.

Proposed Cllr C Scott Seconded Cllr S Walker

RESOLVED: For the chair to sign the notes of the meeting held on the 22nd April 2026 as a true record.

CORRESPONDENCE

2065.686.26 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.

Cllr Stonestreet queried with the clerk the possibility of seeing the items of correspondence as the usual protocol was purely to provide the list of correspondence received. The clerk responded that any member could see any item of correspondence by purely requesting it.

A) For Information only – to be received en bloc

- a) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 12.03.2026**
- b) **SKDC Planning Lists 09.03.2026**
- c) **RSN Rural Bulletin 18.03.2026**
- d) **LALC – Enews 20.03.2026**
- e) **SKDC Planning Lists 16.03.2026**
- f) **RSN - Newsletters 25.03.26**
- g) **NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 19.03.2026**
- h) **SKDC Planning Lists 23.03.2026**

- i) RSN - Newsletters 22.04.2026
- j) NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 23.04.2026
- k) LALC – Enews 24.04.2026
- l) SKDC Planning Lists 24.04.2026
- m) National Allotment Survey
- n) LCC Town & Parish Newsletter April 2026
- o) SKDC Planning Lists 01.05.2026

B) Items for discussion

a) Lincs Reservoir Project Update

The clerk had included in the reports pack communication from the Lincs Reservoir team giving an update on the project so far. The team are envisaging further consultations in the Autumn of this year and the Parish Council will be advised accordingly. Cllr Scott asked if a start date for the works had been given but the clerk responded that it was still going through due process and was some way off being given full Government approval. The clerk continued that if the process was to go to plan the construction of the reservoir would start in 2029 with the reservoir coming online in 2039.

b) Billingborough Recreation Ground Survey

The clerk had sent the survey to all members when it had been received but had also ensured that a full copy was included in the meeting pack for tonight's meeting.

Cllr Blandford questioned the ownership of the land and the clerk pointed out that the purpose of the survey was to obtain the views of key stakeholders regarding its use and future development. The document states that although the Recreation Ground is sited in the Parish of Horbling it is owned and managed by Billingborough Council.

The clerk informed the members that with the aid of a postcode he would be able to confirm the ownership of the Recreation Ground. It was thought that a conversation with a local resident might determine the history of the asset.

All were agreed that it would be interesting to know the history of the recreation ground for future reference.

Proposed Cllr G Stonestreet, Seconded Cllr C Scott
RESOLVED: To receive the above items en bloc

FINANCIAL REPORT

2066.688.26 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 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 £ 6,755.55.

This position is split:

Parish	Deficit £1,163.96
Plough	Surplus £7,919.51

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.

Proposed Cllr C Scott, Seconded Cllr S Walker

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

2067.688.26 (a) To Complete the annual governance statement

The clerk had provided copy of the governance statement and went through it line by line.

Proposed Cllr C Scott, Seconded Cllr D Blandford

RESOLVED: To approve the annual governance statement

2068.688.26 (b) To approve returns for external audit for the year ended 31.3.26

The clerk presented the returns to the members.

Proposed Cllr D Blandford, Seconded Cllr G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the returns for the external auditor

2069.689.26 Approval of Payments since last meeting

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments to the members that totalled £2,151.21.

07/04/2026	N Ballard	856.38
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30/04/2026	N Ballard	777.00
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Works completed on the Plough and the Meeting Room. Further works agreed on the Plough and the Meeting Room Barn doors.

08/04/2026	EON	35.58
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Electricity Supply for the Meeting Room. The clerk informed members that other utility bills should be in existence.

30/04/2026	LALC	182.78
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Yearly subscription to both the Local association as well as a contribution to the National Association of Local Councils.

30/04/2026	HMRC	179.47
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Statutory Payroll payments to HMRC

27/04/2026	Dales Doins	120.00
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Monthly payment to Dales Doins during grass cutting season. Cllr Stonestreet reminded members that details of the work completed by Dales Doins was still required. The clerk explained that it had originally been tied in with the proposal from LCC with regard to a Parish Grass Cutting agreement which did not materialise.

It was further agreed at this point that all members should be added as signatories to the Parish Council Bank Mandate.

Proposed Cllr D Blandford, Seconded Cllr C Scott

RESOLVED: To Approve the payments, schedule as listed and to add all Councillors to the list of signatories for the Parish Council.

2070.689.26 Renewal of the Parish Council all risk Insurance Policy

The clerk informed members that the premium had decreased slightly by around 1% but the cover remained the same. This year's premium was £1,628.30 as opposed to £1,643.08 last year.

Proposed Cllr G Stonestreet, Seconded Cllr D Blandford

RESOLVED: To Approve the insurance premium for the year 2026/2027.

2071.690.26 Highways

It was noted that as discussed previously the signage coming into Horbling from Billingborough required cleaning, this has now been completed by Cllr Stonestreet. The members thanked Cllr Stonestreet for his good work.

The possibility of planters at the entrances to Horbling was also briefly discussed but was generally agreed that this may be impracticable.

Cllr Stonestreet raised the issue of the 'milestone' that was proving contentious and wished to know if a letter should be sent from the Parish Council. It was agreed that this was a good idea and that Cllr Stonestreet should ensure that all members are able to see the letter before it is sent.

Proposed C Scott, Seconded D Blandford
RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

2072.690.26 The Meeting Room and the Plough Inn.

The clerk stated that as had been discussed it was important that the Parish Council could go forward in ensuring the necessary works were put in motion.

The clerk had made contact with Sarah Kitchen of Batemans to authorise her to talk with South Kesteven District Council regarding the works necessary to resolve the damp proof issues

It was generally agreed once progress had been made Sarah Kitchen (Bateman's Premises Manager) should be invited to come and talk with the Parish Council.

Cllr Stonestreet also mentioned concern with regard to the Pub Sign and wished to talk with Bateman's about the matter and negotiate a cost split between the two organisations for remedial work or replacement.

Discussions with the contractor nominated to complete the car park works were also ongoing.

Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded C Scott
RESOLVED: To receive the above information and action the points mentioned.

2073.691.26 Planning

The clerk informed members that only one application had been received that was merely a formality as it was discharge of conditions relating to the Toller Court development:

Application No: S26/0615

Proposal: Details reserved by Statutory Condition. Conditions 3 & 4

Location: Toller Court, Horbling

Proposed D Blandford, Seconded G Stonestreet

RESOLVED: To record an observation of 'no objections'.

2074.691.26 Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr's Brown and Lunn the clerk had made contact with SKDC to advertise the fact and that due process would be followed to co-opt new members.

It was agreed that the interview process would take place on the 2nd and 3rd June.

Proposed G Stonestreet, Seconded D Blandford

RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

2075.691.26 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Councils attention.

The clerk informed members that he had been contacted by the organiser of 'Horblooming Marvellous' enquiring as to whether the Parish Council would be willing to sponsor the event again this year. The members were in agreement and agreed that this would be added to the agenda for the Parish Council's next meeting.

2076.691.26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The following date was agreed for the next meeting:

Wednesday 24th June 2026 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 19.35Hrs

Signed Chair

Date