

Lockton Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Monday 27th April 2026 at 7pm

Lockton Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Interim Chair Mark Bentley; Councillor Jackie Edenbrow; Councillor Phil Roberts; Councillor Sandra Oakins; Councillor Ruth Phillips (Acting Clerk); Mike Hawtin North York Moors National Park and members of the public

1	Councillor Bentley welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.
2	Councillor Bentley gave an overview of the activities of the Parish Council in general and during the last year – highlighting the community orchard, leasing of land for biodiversity, installation of owl boxes and replacement of stolen street sign.
3	Mike Hawtin gave a presentation about Dark Skies friendly communities in the North York Moors, outlining the benefits for residents and wildlife. Changes can be made to street lighting based on resident feedback, but some lighting may still remain in key locations. In addition, individual properties/businesses can be given advice and help with dark skies friendly lighting. Next steps would involve an audit of the street lights to check timings as NYC may not have accurate information and an audit of household lighting to identify any locations of light issues. NYMNP can offer grants of up to 75% of costs involved with lighting replacement for residents. The PC would lead on the street light project with resident input.
4	Mike Hawtin answered several questions about lighting levels and directional street lighting. MH advised that YH owner is happy to be involved.
5	Councillor Bentley thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

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