LOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lockton Parish Council held on Monday 16th November 2026 at 7.00pm in Lockton Village Hall, Lockton

Present: Cllr M Bentley (Chair), Cllr R Phillips (Vice-Chair and acting Clerk), Cllr J Edenbrow, Cllr P Roberts

1	**Welcome to all** Cllr Bentley welcomed everyone to the meeting
2	**Open forum/Public Session** Questions from members of the public There were no MOP present
3	To **Receive and Consider** any apologies Cllr Ismail Ahmed (Pickering TC) sent apologies
4	To **Receive and Consider** any Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest
5	To **Agree and Sign** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 28th September 2026. The minutes were agreed by all and signed by chair, Cllr M Bentley
6	**Guest Slot:** no guest slot
7	To **Receive** information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary Dark skies: Cllrs Phillips and Roberts have been presented with the Dark Skies Friendly plaque which will be displayed in the village (location to be agreed). Photographs will be used for publicity by NYMNP. Tree survey: Cllrs Phillips and Roberts did a walk round of the village – some dead branches/willow may need attention; agreed to cut ivy on the diseased tree on the left heading out of the village to see if this aids any recovery. Will review trees again in spring. .gov emails: action being undertaken by WJP Software Village information board: Cllr Phillips has had agreement in principle from NYMNP for a grant from the Village Enhancement Scheme to replace the board. Cllr Phillips, Ray Halmshaw and Michael Hester are liaising over the new design. Will be circulated for approval before the application is formally made.
8	**Planning applications received:** None
9	**Planning decisions received:** FL/2026/00430 - Lane to east of Glebe Farm, Saltersgate – restoration of pond - decision pending Decision status noted
10	**Finance**
10.1	**To Receive and Approve Bank balances (10/11/2026):** Community A/c: £4532.72 (Ring-fenced £64.70 CO) Premium A/c: £5344.50

	Received and approved. Cllr Bentley initialled Barclays statements.
10.2	**To Review and Approve** the Payments & Income since the last meeting: Payments In: £114 domino drive donation re defib/£3150 2nd instalment precept/£350 cemetery fees Payments Out: £24 Bee Happy payroll/£118.80 RoSPA playground report/£124.80 .gov email set up WJPS/£30.06 RFO salary/£7.40 HMRC/£289.03 lawnmower service & repairs/£320 grass cutting/£300 WJP Software website/email annual charges/£27.00 bolts for CO gate (DS) Payments reviewed and approved. Cllr Edenbrow will continue to liaise with the domino drive re the balance of donations.
10.3	**To Consider & Approv**e projected future Payments & Income: Payments In: £180 PW land rent/£32.24 wayleaves Payments Out: £1280 o/standing grass cutting for year/£24 2 months payroll fees/£60.00 RFO salary/£24.00 tax Considered and approved.
10.4	**To Consider & Approve** the budget and precept for 2027/2028 All reviewed last agreed accounts, current budget, current accounting position and projected budget. Due to volunteer clerk there is currently a surplus this year. Projected expenditure greater than projected income with precept increase of 4.99% Higher costs mainly associated with grass cutting (to be retendered) and paid clerk. Cllr Bentley proposed 9% increase as per previous year, to avoid using reserves. All were in agreement with this and proposed budget. Clerk will update calculation and circulate before submitting to NYC.
10.5	**To Consider & Approve** the appointment of Ian Smithson as Internal Auditor for 2026/27 Cllr Phillips made contact following recommendation. Mr. Smithson happy to take on the audit for 2026/27. Considered and approved.
11	**Chairman's report/Councillor's information**
11.1	Councillor vacancy update: No interest expressed. Awaiting confirmation from NYC re any need for an election. Will follow co-option procedure.
12	**Clerks Information/Received correspondence**
12.1	**To Receive & Consider** all village updates: Playground/Cemetery/Well/Village Hall Garden/ Pinfold/Community Orchard Playground: RoSPA report much improved following work by volunteers. New trustees required, will begin process in January. Cllr Edenbrow will contact previous supplier of play equipment to arrange a site visit. Cemetery: had been a gate issue but all resolved Orchard: Cllr Phillips confirmed had been strimmed and raked, additional yellow rattle sown, 4 trees due to be replaced, David Stephenson has kindly added bolts to the gate for easier access. NYMNP have filmed for their social media output. Cllr Bentley will make a sign for the roadside gate.
12.2	**To Receive & Consider** all other Clerk matters/correspondence received: NYC streetlight survey re attachments to posts: Cllr Phillips checked posts and responded – nothing attached that was on the NYC list. Grass cutting tender: Cllr Phillips will circulate tender documentation. Discussion over reducing cuts, changing area. All agreed to ask for separate quote for playground grass cutting due to retirement of trustee who previously did this voluntarily, in case this arrangement ceases and no volunteer found.

	NYC Parish elections recharge policy: Policy circulated to all councillors and noted. Budget item for 2027/28 included.
13	**Any other business/urgent business** Cllr Oakins has been removed from the Barclays mandate. Streetlight by The Rowans has been inspected by NYC – work passed to Northern Powergrid. Roadside gate into waterworks area – to be removed. Further inside gate still in situ. Cllr Phillips attended Digital AGAR training in advance of changes in next 2 years.
14	**Date of next meeting** Monday 11th January 2027

Signed .....

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