

LOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lockton Parish Council held on Monday 28th September 2026 at 7pm in Lockton Village Hall, Lockton

Present: Cllr M Bentley (Chair), Cllr R Phillips (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Edenbrow, Cllr P Roberts
Cllr Ismail Ahmed (Pickering TC)

1	Welcome to all Cllr Bentley welcomed everyone to the meeting
2	Open forum/Public Session There were no questions
3	To Receive and Consider any apologies Cllr Bentley expressed the Parish Council's appreciation of Cllr Sandra Oakins' valued contribution to the Parish Council following her recent death.
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 6 th July 2026. The minutes were agreed by all and signed by the chair, Cllr M Bentley.
6	Guest Slot: Cllr Ahmed introduced himself as a councillor in Pickering/TLD and other PCs and is a candidate to replace Janet Sanderson at the next council elections.
7	To Receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary Village maintenance: Several sessions have taken place, working on the churchyard, well, cemetery, village hall garden and playground. Grateful thanks to all those who have given up their time to help. More sessions to keep on top of things will be scheduled. Dark skies: Cllr Phillips confirmed that all the paperwork required had been submitted to NYMNP and that Lockton has been awarded Dark Skies Friendly status. There will be a presentation/publicity in the Dark Skies week in October. Recruitment of clerk/RFO: New clerk has started at TLD and is keen to taken on Lockton – likely to be the new year giving time to settle into the role at TLD. Current arrangement with temporary RFO to continue. Tree survey: add to next meeting's agenda. Cllr Roberts and others will do a walk round in October to confirm the survey details. .gov emails: Cllr Phillips will confirm with WJPS about setting up .gov emails.
8	Planning applications received: FL/2026/00430 - Lane to east of Glebe Farm, Saltersgate – restoration of pond No comments to make.
9	Planning decisions received: FL/2026/00208 Marfit Head Farm - erection of general-purpose ag building - approved with conditions HP/2026/00225 Lyncroft - installation of replacement uPVC windows - approved with conditions

	ADV/2026/00224 Lockton Tearoom - consent for continued display of fascia sign – approved All decisions noted.
10	Finance
10.1	To Receive and Approve Bank balances (25/9/2026): Community A/c: £2159.81 (Ring-fenced £91.70 CO) Premium A/c: £5344.50 Received and approved
10.2	To Review and Approve the Payments & Income since the last meeting: Payments In: £44 J&M Carter rent/£40 LTR rent/£20 LCC rent/£13.96 interest/£171.00 domino drive donation re defib Payments Out: £24 2x Bee Happy payroll/£960.00 grass cutting x3 Payments reviewed and approved. Cllr Edenbrow will monitor the domino drive donations that are covering the de fib purchase.
10.3	To Consider & Approve projected future Payments & Income: Payments In: £ 3150 2 nd instalment precept Payments Out: £320 o/s grass cutting July/£640 grass cutting Sept x2/£24 2 months payroll fees/£49.84 RFO salary/£12.40 tax Considered and approved
11	Chairman's report/Councillor's information
11.1	New PC policies – Biodiversity; PC Reserves Policy; Complaints Policy; Vexatious Behaviour Policy; all to be signed Policies previously circulated, all agreed and were signed by Cllr M Bentley.
12	Clerks Information/Received correspondence
12.1	To Receive & Consider all village updates: Playground/Cemetery/Well/Village Hall Garden/Pinfold Playground – damaged equipment has been removed, other equipment cleaned, repaired and repainted. MUGA has been brushed, new football and basketball nets installed, ditch has been cleared at the side to help with drainage. Thanks to all those who helped with the work, particularly the younger residents in the village and village farmers. New trustees will be required for the playground charity and a fundraising initiative to purchase replacement play equipment.
12.2	To Receive & Consider all other Clerk matters/correspondence received: New clerk pay scales: Circulated to all councillors. All changes will be handled by the payroll company automatically. 2027 Internal Auditor: No decision made yet. Cllr Ahmed suggested contacting the clerk at PTC for details of their auditor. Cllr Phillips to action. Budget review and setting of precept for 2027: Budget and precept information previously circulated. Discussion about setting new precept level, requirements for potential increase in grass cutting costs/Clerk costs/fluctuating levels of other income. Cllr Phillips will forward the calculation spreadsheet when received from NYC. Village information board replacement: Cllr Phillips has liaised with resident about repair/replacement of board and reprinting (with updates) of the information. Will follow this up. Cllr Bentley has contact who may be able to help with printing.
13	Any other business/urgent business Cllr Bentley has made the replacement for the stolen village sign, is due to be painted and will then be installed.

	Councillor vacancy: As the vacancy unlikely to be filled before the 6-month cut-off date before May 2027 council elections it was agreed to publicise the vacancy with that possible start. Cricket field gates: Cllr Phillips suggested these could be padlocked to prevent unauthorised use of the field (in agreement with LCC). Cllr Phillips will consult LCC. Cllr Bentley will produce an appropriately worded sign for the gates.
14	Date of next meeting: Monday 16th November 2026 7pm

Signed

Date