

LOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lockton Parish Council
held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 7.00pm in Lockton Village Hall, Lockton

Present: Interim chair Cllr M Bentley; Cllr J Edenbrow; Cllr R Phillips; Cllr P Roberts; Cllr S Oakins

1	Welcome to all
2	Open forum/Public Session: No MOP present
3	To Receive and Consider any apologies: No apologies
4	To Receive and Consider any Declarations of Interest: No Declarations of interest
5	To Agree and Sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 12 th January 2026: Minutes agreed by all and signed by MB.
6	Guest Slot: no guest slot
7	<p>To Receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary</p> <p>Temporary RFO details and contract – All had previously read temporary contract for the RFO role. All agreed to go ahead with a starting date of 1/4/2026 at the rate of £15.56 per hour via Basic PAYE. Cllr Bentley will sign the temporary agreement on behalf of the PC. Cllr Phillips will liaise with Samantha Rounding (recommended clerk currently acting for several parishes in East Yorkshire) who has confirmed she is happy to take on the role. Cllr Phillips will continue as temporary clerk with view to readvertising the joint role again.</p> <p>Emergency planning – All agreed to creation of basic sheet of information – Cllr Phillips to draw up using NYC template and circulate.</p> <p>Dark Skies – Cllr Phillips updated re Mike Hawtin and trial of dark skies lighting in village following survey of lights. If agreed costs should be minimal to the PC with a grant from NYMNP. MH has agreed to present at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Edenbrow will investigate the current light status on NYC site. Cllr Phillips will liaise with MH.</p>
8	Planning applications received: (NYM website maintenance so no updates since 25/2/26) NYM/2026/0112: Bluebell Cottage, High Street, Lockton – No comments
9	Planning decisions received: NYM/2025/0752: Hollyhock Cottage – approved - Decision noted
10	Finance
10.1	To Receive and Approve Bank balances (3 rd March 2026): Community A/c: £2211.32 (Ring-fenced £601.06 for Community Orchard – not including NYM grant) Premium A/c: £5315.40 Cllr Phillips provided bank statements for balances.
10.2	To Review and Approve the Payments & Income since the last meeting: Payments In: £32.34 Wayleaves; £13.42 interest Payments Out: £52.46 Stationery for clerk; £478.94 CH hedging Reviewed and approved
10.3	To Consider & Approve projected future Payments & Income: -£320 payment for first grass cut of year/ -£90 village hall rent Considered and approved
	Chairman’s report/Councillor’s information
11.1	Community Orchard update: Cllr Phillips confirmed hedging had been planted and grant awaited from NYMNP.
11.2	Banking update: Cllr Bentley now has online access. Cllr Oakins in process of same access.

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11.3	Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting arrangements: APM must be held between 1 March and 1 June. Holly Ramsden/Mike Hawtin to be invited to speak. Cllr Phillips will agree a date in April/early May.
11.4	Annual Parish Council Meeting – to be held before the next meeting in May. Tree survey: All agreed to request 2 quotes for tree survey, due to potential impact of changing climate on large trees in the village near property. Cllr Bentley will provide a map so trees to be included can be identified. David Bayes, tree surgeon, has recommended an arborist.
11.5	Village maintenance: Cllr Roberts was thanked for his work clearing the churchyard wall and pavement. Some residents have mentioned some unkempt areas – well, footpaths. All agreed to flyer asking for interested residents to tackle some of the areas of concern. Cllr Edenbrow will arrange.
11.6	Asset Register/risk assessment/policies - Asset register has been updated. Churchyard risk assessment has been updated by Cllr Bentley. Cllr Edenbrow will risk assess the cemetery headstones in early May. General PC risk assessment to be circulated for comments. Policies – Cllr Phillips to check what is required for Assertion 10 and circulate any required for comment.
12	Clerks Information/Received Correspondence
12.1	To Receive & Consider all updates on village: Playground/Cemetery/Village Hall Garden/Pinfold No updates received.
12.2	To Receive & Consider all other Clerk matters/correspondence received:
12.3	Tree on Overscar Lane and overhanging vegetation on Hudgin Lane – Cllr Bentley has cleared the tree/Hudgin Lane has been cut back.
12.4	Clearance of trees on footpaths – NYMNP response - Cllr Phillips confirmed that NYMNP will assess any trees and work with landowners as necessary. All trees have now been cleared.
12.5	Mole issues – Cllr Phillips has met with a mole catcher who also works with TLD and Pickering PCs. Charge is £20 set up and £20 per mole, no charge if nothing caught. Areas worst affected are cemetery (concerns over undermining of headstones) and village hall verge – likely to be 3 or 4 moles. All agreed to go ahead.
12.6	De- fib monitoring hand over – Cllr Roberts will be the new contact. Cllr Phillips will update The Circuit (BHF).
13	Urgent business: None
14	Date of next meeting 11th May 2026 at 7pm – AGM and ordinary meeting

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