

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lockton Parish Council held on
Monday 31 March 2025 at 7.00 pm. Venue: Lockton Village Hall, Lockton, Pickering**

<u>PRESENT</u>		
Chair: Cllr M Bentley (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Edenbrow, Cllr R Phillips, Cllr Hodgson and J Collins (Clerk).		
Apologies: Cllr D Tomlinson (Chair)		
No members of public were present (MoP)		
1. Welcome to all		
Chair of the meeting Cllr Bentley welcomed all present to the meeting.		
2. Open Forum/Public Session		
No points raised for the Open Forum.		
3. To Receive any Declarations of Interest		
None raised.		
4. To Agree and Sign the Minutes of the meeting on Monday 27 January 2025: Minutes agreed, all councillors in favour and signed by the Vice-Chair Cllr Bentley.		
5. Guest Slot		
No guests present		
6.	To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary	
	<p>Village Sign replacement: update – Cllr Bentley confirmed this is now in place. A note of thanks was recorded for Cllr Bentley’s efforts in producing an excellent sign at zero cost, which has saved the council between £300-£500.</p> <p>Peacocks: latest comms update: Clerk confirmed that various conversations have taken place with the Enforcement office at NYC. Despite conversations with named individuals, no proof of ownership has been established which makes housing the birds (during the current Avian Flu outbreak) difficult to enforce. Clerk awaiting a further update from LM and will then update the member councillors.</p> <p>Satellite (village) phone: this was informally discussed at the January PCM. Cllr Bentley confirmed that a signal (when electricity/power is down in the village) can be obtained by walking up to the cricket pitch, as this will pick up the Dalby last - this is “For Information Only”. Previous discussions had concluded that the PC funding such a phone would be outside of their funding capabilities (costs approx. £3,000-£6,000)</p>	
7.	Planning applications received	
	NYM/2025/0097 – Cherry Tree Farm, Lockton NYM/2025/0095 – Cherry Tree Farm, Lockton NYM/2025/0042 – Wey Cottage, 3 Church View, Lockton	Actions: No comments
8.	Planning decisions received.	
	NYM/2024/0798 – Cherry Tree Farm, Lockton – Approved with conditions NYM/2024/0746 – Cherry Tree Farm, Lockton – LBC approved with conditions NYM/2024/0799 – Cherry Tree Farm, Lockton – LBC approved with conditions	Actions: No comments
9.	Finance	
9.1	To Review & Approve finance report/payments In, including Grants spreadsheet. Since last meeting: Payments In: Wayleaves Fees +£32.24/Bank Interest + £18.51 Payments Out: Clerks Salary -£196.48/James Brown Tree Surgeon - £1236.00 To Consider future Payments In/Out: Clerks Salary - £246.45/Annual licence MS365 - £59.99/YLCA training invoice - £17.60/Annual Village Hall Rent - £125.00 To Consider & Approve forecasted/projected Year end position Community Account: £2151.83 (£600 of this needs to be returned to Adam Colliers Funeral Directors for a duplicate payment made during the Financial Year 2024/25). This was approved by full council to return. Revised balance will be £1551.83. Premium/Reserves Account: £5251.61 Vat Reclaim for 2024/25: Clerk confirmed that this will be £347.08	All Approved
9.2		All Approved
9.3		Approved
		Approved
10.	Chairman’s report/Councillor’s information	
10.1	To Consider & Approve Clerks new contract: approved and signed by Cllr Bentley	
10.2	To Review & Sign: Clerks new contract: Clerk J. Collins signed in the presence of full council.	
10.3	To Review & Sign: Clerk agreed to complete documentation and return to Autela (payroll company)	
10.4	To Review & Agree: Autela costs: these were previously circulated and agreed	
10.5	To Consider & Agree dates for May’s AGM/AM of the P: agreed as Wednesday 14 th May 2025 at 7pm	

11.	Clerk's Information
11.1	To Review & Consider community work for the flood prevention project: due to the change of requirements (no gravel), a different contractor will complete the work due to the urgency. Work to be completed by mid-April, just waiting costs confirmation of a new-type drainage pipe.
11.2	To Receive all updates on village: Biodiversity plan/Playground/Cemetery/Village Hall Garden/Pinfold Covered. Cllr Phillips updated the members regarding the biodiversity event at the village hall, a proposal for the WI to change the use of the village bus stop into bird/bat haven (with a new door attached to the entrance) was presented. Cllr Phillips agreed to circulate the proposal to council for consideration at the May PCM.
11.3	To Review all other correspondence received: Reviewed. Clerk confirmed that the grass contractor has commenced the new season of cutting. A request was made by Cllr Phillips following a query from a MoP regarding the street lighting. Clerk agreed to circulate the previous plans provided by NYC.
12.	Urgent business: Toppled headstone in cemetery. Agreed to leave down/no respective family members left to approach. Urgent action agreed: Cllr Edenbrow & Cllr Hodgson agreed to topple-test the rest of cemetery headstones asap. Clerk has requested a copy of the latest Public Liability certificate of the grass contractor.
13.	Date of next Parish Council meeting
	AGM: Wednesday 14 May 2025
	Meeting closed at 20:15 hours