

# LOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lockton Parish Council  
Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm in Lockton Village Hall, Lockton

**Present**

Interim Chair: Cllr M Bentley; Cllr J Edenbrow; Cllr R Phillips; Cllr S Oakins; Cllr P Roberts  
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<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome to all</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Open forum/Public Session:</b> No questions from MOP.
<b>3</b>	<b>To Receive and Consider any apologies:</b> No apologies.
<b>4</b>	<b>To Receive and Consider any declarations of interest:</b> Cllr Edenbrow declared an interest in works to the churchyard.
<b>5</b>	<b>To Agree and Sign previous minutes:</b> Minutes agreed by Cllrs Bentley, Edenbrow and Phillips and signed.
<b>6</b>	<b>Guest Slot: no guest slot</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>To Receive</b> information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary  PC Clerk vacancy – Cllr Phillips updated on conversation with Andrew Buxton, clerk to Leavening PC and several other East Yorkshire parishes. AB is happy to take on the RFO role based on 1hr a week work plus additional when required. Payroll handled by himself, remote access to files only. Cllr Phillips confirmed she is willing to continue in the clerk role for the time being. All agreed to go forward on this basis. Cllr Phillips to confirm with AB and make appropriate arrangements.  Councillor vacancies – successful recruitment of 2 new councillors – S Oakins and P.Roberts. PC Declaration book signed before meeting and both welcomed to the PC. Cllr Edenbrow will confirm to NYC. Cllr Roberts asked about training – Cllr Phillips will forward details of upcoming online training.
<b>8</b>	<b>Planning applications received.</b> NYM/2025/0752 Site address: Hollyhock Cottage, Hudgin Lane, Lockton No comments recorded
<b>9</b>	<b>Planning decisions received:</b> NYM/2025/0539 and 0541: The Lodge, Low Kingthorpe – approved NYM/2025/0606 Low Horcum View - approved NYMNPA Woodland Creation Scheme 202507: Cherry Tree Farm – approved All decisions noted
<b>10</b>	<b>Finance</b>
10.1	<b>To Receive and Approve</b> Bank balances (12 Jan 2026): <b>Community Acc: £2,710.48 (Ring-fenced £1080 for Community Orchard)</b> <b>Premium Acc: £5,301.98</b> Cllr Phillips provided bank statements for balances. Cllr Oakins asked about the two accounts – one is for payments, the other pays small amount of interest. <b>Received and approved</b>
10.2	<b>To Review and Approve</b> the Payments & Income since the last meeting: Payments In: +£500 Grant payment for Comm. Orchard/+£15.43: Prem Bank Account Interest/+£200 Cemetery Fees/+£20 Cricket club rent/+£180 Williams land rent Payments Out: WJP Software Microsoft Upgrade -£18.00/ De-fib Pads -£161.94 <b>Reviewed and approved</b>
10.3	<b>To Consider &amp; Approve</b> projected future Payments & Income: -£478.94 hedging plants/-£1656 K. Brown fencing (before 75% NYMNP grants) <b>Considered and approved.</b>

<b>11</b>	<b>Chairman's report/Councillor's information</b>
11.1	Cricket Club Land Licence: Former Cllr D Tomlinson updated and has now been signed by all parties.
11.3	Land Licence for the new Biodiversity/Allotment area: Former Cllr D Tomlinson updated and has now been signed by all parties.
11.4	Update on the Community Orchard, including fundraising and PC funding commitments: Fruit trees planted, hedging plants ordered, fencing to go in asap. Cllr Phillips will submit paperwork to NYMNP for their financial contribution. Sufficient ring-fenced funds to cover balance.
11.5	NYMNP footpath designation: Cllr Phillips submitted chosen footpaths. Whole of Wedlands footpath now designated as high priority for NYMNP. Cllr Phillips to confirm whether this means fallen trees will be cleared by NYMNP. Banking update: Cllr Phillips confirmed that Cllr Bentley is now on the bank mandate. Cllr Oakins agreed to also be added to the mandate.
<b>12</b>	<b>Clerks Information/Received Correspondence</b>
12.1	<b>To Receive &amp; Consider</b> all updates on village: Playground/Cemetery/Village Hall Garden/Pinfold Mole issue in the cemetery – Cllr Phillips to obtain details of local mole catcher from J. Collins.
12.2	<b>Update on the grass cutting contract for 2026:</b> AJ Griffin has confirmed he will grass cut at the same rate for another year and will remind his workman about cleaning off grass on gravestones. Will need to be a tender for next year. Discussion about areas to be cut and whether any should be added – will be left as is at present.
12.3	Highways email re payment for urban grass cutting – Cllr Phillips to confirm this does not include visibility splays at the main road and confirm agreement to NYC. <b>To Receive &amp; Consider</b> all other Clerk matters/correspondence received: Acknowledgement by NYC of Precept increase – Cllr Phillips submitted and confirmed. Update to Microsoft Business Basic package – laptop now updated and all files being backed up. Defibrillator pads and ongoing maintenance – D. Tomlinson has installed the new pads and agreed to doing the required regular checks. Cllr Phillips to email to ask for details. Wayleaves payment – new address given and replacement payment received, Tree on Overscar Lane – Cllr Edenbrow checked when reported to the PC. Cllr Phillips will obtain the telegraph pole number and report to BT who dealt with the previous tree issue. Overhanging vegetation on Hudgin Lane – various small self-seeded trees – Cllr Phillips will clear them. Additional planting by residents will be discussed with them. IT Policy - previously agreed by Councillors by email, Cllr. Bentley signed. Cllr Phillips to circulate. Emergency Planning- Cllrs Edenbrow and Phillips attended a local PC meeting about community resilience. Focus on power cuts, major incident etc. Agreed to look further at documentation and discuss at next meeting. Old website - Hosted by Google sites. Have received email saying no longer hosted but can be reinstated. Street lighting/Dark Skies – resident requests to look at street lighting again with view to lights being turned off overnight. There are still 2 old lights that have not been removed, Cllr Edenbrow has reported them via the NYC portal. Cllr Phillips will contact Mike Hawtin (NYMNP) about a meeting to promote Dark Skies lighting.
<b>13</b>	<b>Urgent business</b> Rev. Atha had emailed about a shrub by the churchyard side gate that needed cutting back/removing due to overgrowth. Cllr Phillips has dealt with this – cannot be totally removed as wall damage very likely so needs to be kept pruned. All cuttings were kindly taken away by S. Warriner.

<b>14</b>	<b>Date of next meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7pm</b>
	<b>Meeting closed 8.35pm</b>