Lockington Parish Council

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 17th November 2026

26-27/061 To receive Apologies:

Apologies: All Parish Councillors present.

Lockington Parish Council members present were John Rowson (Chair), Stewart Craig, Rob Ellet, Alistair Grant, Andrew How, Ian Jowett, Helen Miller, Jo Moxon and Stephanie Taylor.

Visitors: Five members of the public attended.
Mr Gareth Rees, the Clerk, was also present.

26-27/062 (a) To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting (OPCM) held on 20th October 2026.

Proposer: Parish Councillor Ian Jowett.
Seconder: Parish Councillor Alistair Grant.
The Council voted, and the resolution passed unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Parish Councillor Jo Moxon for preparing the minutes.

Resolved: The minutes of the OPCM held on Tuesday, 20th October 2026.

26-27/063 (a) To receive and record any Declaration of Interest (Pecuniary, Non-Pecuniary and/or Prejudicial Interest) from any Parish Council member in relation to the listed agenda items.

No DoI

26-27/063 (b) To record the nature of the Declaration of Interest referred to above.

n/a

26-27/064 To review and resolve any East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) business.

44.1 The Ward Councillor, Mr Jeremy Wilcock, attended the meeting and gave the following feedback.

(a) Following Government changes to planning rules from October 2026, no Councillors will sit on the Planning Committee. Local planning officers will make these decisions. For developments of more than 150 houses, the regional Mayor's office will make the planning decision. ERYC feel that this change is undemocratic and intend to make representations to the Government.

As an aside, the Clerk reported that since this change has taken place, the Parish Council has not received any planning applications. This could be a coincidence, or there may be issues with the process.

(b) Clean Air Solar Farm (CASF) Action Group – Work continues behind the scenes, and the group is planning a meeting with the Clean Air Solar Farm project team.

The public consultation for the CASF will now be extended due to concerns that all stakeholders were not involved in the process.

(c) The Ward Councillor reported rising dissatisfaction within the combined Hull & East Riding Authority. These concerns are at the executive and mayoral levels within the authority.

26-27/065 Parish Council ongoing Business Matters:

To review, debate, and agree on an action plan for each of the following items.

65.1 Government Infrastructure Project Updates.

(a) Clean Air Solar Farm (CASF).

Parish Councillor Alistair Grant explained that the extension to the Solar Farm footprint is approximately 300 acres and runs from the railway line west to the A164 on both sides of Station Road.

(b) Dogger Bank 'D' (DBD).

There is a drop-in meeting on the 25th November at the Ferguson Fawsitt.
No further information available.

(c) Hornsea 4 (H4).

No updates available.

65.2 DIYFEY Survey Results.

The Clerk reported that we are well on track to achieve the 40 feedback forms required by ERYC.

26-27/065 Parish Council ongoing Business Matters continued:

65.3 Thorpe Fence/Hedge – Planting Forward Plan.

The Chairman requested that this item be addressed in a closed session at the end of the meeting. There was a potential concern that one of the PC's internal procedures had been breached. The matter was discussed in detail; subsequently, the Health & Safety Plan and the Village Green Risk Assessment were updated to clarify the use of weedkillers in a public space.

65.4 Discussion of Play Area Scope/location.

After a lengthy and detailed discussion of both the play area's scope and location, Parish Councillor Stephanie Taylor proposed that the scope remain unchanged from the decision made at the August meeting and that the location be moved to the south-east corner of the village green, as there was insufficient space at the original location adjacent to the hardstanding (this was due to the restriction imposed by Yorkshire Water on the required distance between the play area and the sewer running through the green).

This motion was seconded by Parish Councillor Jo Moxon.

A vote was taken, and the motion passed by a majority of 7/2.

65.5 Playdale updated plan (October on-site meeting) – as discussed in 65.4 above, the scope remains unchanged.

The discussion then turned to the most effective way to communicate the detailed scope and location of the play area to the Parish. To reach the maximum number of residents, we plan to publish an article in the Gazette, on the website and on village notice boards. The aim is to publish the article in the February/March Gazette and then to apply for planning permission in April.

The Clerk was asked to prepare a draft article for Parish Council approval.

65.6 Play Area – available Grants

Parish Councillor Andrew How reported that grants are available (for example, from the National Lottery), but many bodies do not offer them to Parish Councils, preferring to award them to registered charities instead. It would be an advantage if the PC could offer match funding, as this would make the grant process more acceptable to those who may choose to donate. In addition, prior to applying for any grants, we would need planning approval from ERYC.

26-27/065 Parish Council ongoing Business Matters continued:

65.7 Lockington Neighbourhood Plan (NP)/Conservation Area Appraisal Document (CD)

At the last meeting, the clerk was asked to investigate the cost of developing an NP. This is not an easy cost to calculate and can range from £5k to £30k, depending on how much work the PC can do themselves. The Clerk had been in touch with Ellerker and Bishop Burton PC, and both were willing to offer advice. The PC had reviewed both the NP's and thought that the Ellerker version had more to offer.

The Clerk had contacted ERYC to enquire about the cost of revamping the Conservation Document. No response to date.

Clerk asked to arrange a visit from Ellerker PC.
Clerk asked to follow up with ERYC regarding CD.

65.8 Memorial Bench

The draft policy had been circulated to the PC, and this procedure has been adopted.

65.9 Tree/Shrub relocation at Maintenance Strip on the Village Green.

It was agreed to move all three small trees 2 metres south to re-establish the maintenance strip alongside the Beck side hedge. This will be carried out over the next couple of months, during the dormant period.

Relocating these small trees will allow a tractor with a Flail hedge cutter attached to reach all parts of the hedge along the Beck, thereby removing the need to enter the Beck to cut the hedge.

65.10 Dead shrubs/trees on Village Green

The PC had been advised by Humber Forest not to replace any failed shrubs and/or trees.

No further action.

65.11 Relocation of Notice Board

The Village Hall Committee had requested a change of location for the notice board, moving it back to its original position on Front Street. There were no cost implications for the Parish Council.

As the Front Street location could have more footfall, the PC agreed to relocate.

26-27/066 Correspondence/Clerk

To review, debate and agree on an action plan for each of the following items.

66.1 Playground Inspection Training
66.2 Parish & Town Council - Flood Information
66.3 Town and parish councillors' bulletin - October 2026
66.4 Dogger Bank D LG October draft minutes
66.5 ERNLLCA October Newsletter
66.6 Clean Air Solar Farm consultation update
66.7 Town and Parish Councillors' Bulletin - November 2026
66.8 Damaged Signpost - B 1248 Highways Reference 2359829
66.9 National Scheme of Delegation for planning applications
66.10 Quickline Pole removal
66.11 Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) Update and Information

Correspondence items 66.1 – 66.11 were all noted

Clerk to arrange for old avian flu signs and two old highway signs to be removed.

26-27/067 Planning

To review and submit observations on the following Planning Applications/Approvals.

No planning applications to review.

26-27/068 Finances

The Clerk provided a detailed breakdown of the receipts/payments itemised in the table below.

68.1 Expenditure;

Date	Description	Transaction Type	Amount
26.10.26	Remove Hedge and erect new fence (Nick Bentley)	BT	- £1584
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68.2 Plan/Budget 2027 – 2028

The clerk presented a draft plan and budget (Revision 1.4) for the financial year 27/28, based on a Consumer Price Index of 3.7% (Bank of England data, 4.11.26). There were three exceptions to this rule;

1. The Clerk's salary to be increased by 30% to ensure sufficient budget (If there were a change of Clerk, the Stipend for any new Clerk would be approximately £3K/year).

2. Parish Council assets to be increased by 25% (because the current Clerk's salary is transferred to the asset budget line; see item 1 above). If the Clerk's salary were removed from the asset budget, this would leave an asset budget line of £831, insufficient to manage assets.

3. Election cost budget line increased by 55% (ERYC advice).

   This takes the budget for the 27/28 financial year to £7583

Parish Councillor Ian Jowett proposed that item 68.1 expenditure and the plan/budget 68.2 be accepted, and Parish Councillor Andrew How seconded the proposal.

A vote was taken, and the resolution passed unanimously.

26-27/069 Public Participation Period - Items for Next Agenda

69.1 A resident asked for clarification on item 65.2 'DIYFEY'. The clerk explained that it stood for Do It Yourself for East Yorkshire. This is a grant funding process used by ERYC, and this is where we received the funding for the hardstanding.

69.2 Items for next agenda;

(a) Donation to Driffield food bank.
(b) Purchase of a mower for VG or set up a contract for the mowing of the green.
(c) PC offer of Match funding for play area.

The Chairman subsequently signed the minutes on behalf of the Parish Council.

Chairman's Name: John Rowson

Chairman's Signature/Date:

The meeting closed at 2055 hrs.

26-27/070 Date of next Meeting - Tuesday, 15th December 2026 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

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