

FLIXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH HELD at THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET On WEDNESDAY 27th MAY 2026 at 18.00

Councillors: Cllr Wilkinson (Chair), Cllr Lonsdale, and Cllr Sanderson

Also, in attendance: Ward Cllr Ogg and Ward Cllr Rowson

Members of the public: 0

2605/1

Apologies

Apologies were received by Cllr McGee and Ward Cllr Marper

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Minutes

Proposed, Cllr Sanderson, Seconded, Cllr Lonsdale

Resolved: That the council noted the minutes from the Annual meeting of the Parish dated 21st May 2025

2605/3

Chair's report

That the Chair read their report which is included with the minutes

2605/4

Public Session

None Present

Meeting Close: 18.34

CHAIR'S REPORT 2025/26

Good evening, Councillors, residents and guests,

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and thank you all for attending this evening.

As Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the work of the Council over the past year, acknowledge the contribution of councillors, staff, and volunteers and look ahead to the coming year.

This year has been another busy and productive period for the Parish Council. Throughout the year, the Council has continued to work on behalf of residents to represent local views, maintain community facilities and support initiatives that help strengthen and improve our parish.

I would like to thank all Parish Councillors for the time, commitment and professionalism they have shown over the last twelve months. Parish councils rely heavily on the dedication of councillors who give their time voluntarily, often behind the scenes, and their contribution is greatly appreciated.

Thanks, must also go to the Parish Clerk, who stepped down in February, for their hard work, guidance and support in ensuring the effective administration and smooth running of the Council.

Over the past year, the Council has continued to:

- Maintain and improve parish assets and public spaces, including ongoing improvements to the Village Hall such as installation of additional plug sockets, upgraded electrics including re-wiring, smart heating controls, lighting improvements, and replacement and maintenance of bus shelters, planters and signage across Flixborough Village and Skippingdale;
- Regularly inspect and maintain community facilities, such as the play park;
- Respond to resident concerns and local issues, including ongoing work to address fly-tipping, littering, flooding on Lodge Lane, road safety concerns, and verge parking and maintenance issues such as blocked pathways
- Work with partner organisations, neighbouring councils and local agencies, including North Lincolnshire Council and our Ward Councillors, local policing teams, and participation in the Neighbourhood Action Team (NATs) meetings to specifically address community safety concerns;
- Support community events and initiatives, such as coffee mornings, remembrance events, community art classes, and fundraising activities, helping bring residents together and support local causes such as the Royal British Legion;
- Engage in planning matters and consultations, responding to a range of planning applications and representing the interests of the parish, particularly in relation to concerns such as flooding risk and infrastructure suitability;
- Strengthen governance and policies, including adoption of key policies such as communications, equality and diversity, complaints procedures, and financial regulations;
- Manage public finances responsibly and transparently, securing external funding such as wind farm grants, and ensuring audit and governance requirements are met;

The Council has also delivered a number of specific achievements over the past year, including:

- Securing the successful registration of the Congregational Church as an Asset of Community Value;
- Supporting local organisations through grant funding, including allocation of funding to community sport and activity groups;
- Progressing improvements to community infrastructure such as bus shelters, noticeboards and village signage;
- Investing in community facilities with the installation of new outdoor gym equipment in the play park funded largely through grant support from Fern Community Funds;
- Advancing work to modernise council operations, including the move towards a .gov domain for council communications;

Like many organisations, the Council has also continued to face rising costs. In addition, ongoing issues such as flooding, antisocial behaviour, and environmental concerns continue to require attention and partnership working. Despite this, we have remained committed to delivering services and supporting the community as effectively as possible.

Community engagement remains important to the Council, and we appreciate the feedback, ideas and involvement of residents throughout the year. Whether through attending meetings, contributing ideas for events, or supporting local initiatives, the involvement of residents is vital. Local volunteers continue to make a significant contribution to parish life, and we thank them for everything they do.

Going forward the Council looks forward to working with the new Clerk, to continue to build on this strong foundation, ensuring ongoing effective administration, good governance and responsive support for the community.

Looking ahead, the Council will continue to focus on:

- Supporting and improving local facilities and amenities, including ongoing Village Hall improvements and public space maintenance;
- Delivering community events and supporting initiatives that bring residents together;
- Addressing key local issues such as road safety, environmental concerns and community safety;
- Continuing to strengthen governance, financial management and transparency;
- Working constructively with residents, partner organisations and neighbouring councils;
- Representing the best interests of the community in future developments and local planning matters.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Parish Council during the past year. By continuing to work together, we can continue to make a positive difference for our community.

Sukai Wilkinson
Chair, Flixborough Parish Council