

FLIXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD at THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, FLIXBOROUGH

On WEDNESDAY 15th July 2026 at 18.00

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

Also, in attendance: N. Wilkinson (Proper Officer/RFO), Ward Cllr Marper

Members of the public: 0

Public Participation

None present.

2607/1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received by Ward Cllr Ogg, Ward Cllr Rowson

2607/2 **Declarations of interests / dispensations**

None declared or received.

2607/3 **Minute approval**

Proposed: Cllr Sanderson, Seconded: Cllr McGee

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve as a true and correct record the minutes from the ordinary meeting of the council that took place on 24th June 2026.

2607/4 **Finance approval**

Proposed: Cllr McGee, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve the schedule of payments that were paid in June 2026.

Proposed: Cllr Sanderson, Seconded: Cllr McGee

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve the schedule of payments proposed for July, August and September 2026.

Proposed: Cllr McGee, Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve the Village Hall Insurance quote.

2607/5 **Approval and signing of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/2026**

Proposed: Cllr McGee, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson

Resolved: That the council received the internal audit report, answered the annual governance statement, gave its approval and both the Clerk and Chair signed the required documents. It was explained that the audit will go to PKF Littlejohn with a cover note to explain the reasoning for late reporting and contact had been made with PKF Littlejohn about this already.

2607/6 **Report from Ward Councillors**

Cllr Marper updated the council regarding:

- The Imagination Library has now given out its 1 millionth book and now has over 27,000 children receiving books every month which equates to around 87% of children in that age category.

- A walk around of the Skippingdale area included Speedwell Crescent and a broken street sign as well as lots of pot holes have been escalated to North Lincolnshire Council to be dealt with.
- Free swimming is available again throughout the Summer holidays for children under the age of 16.
- 8,500 people received energy saving appliances through the North Lincolnshire Council scheme.
- North Lincolnshire have extended their Crisis and Resilience Fund to continue to support houses which are solely dependent on LPG, a £100 support payment is available.
- The Connect2 Scheme is being run by a different provider and is proving to be more reliable than before – this service is a 'demand responsive' system targeting areas with little to no bus system existing, the prices are capped at £3.
- Over 60 and Disabled Bus passes have been protected again and there is funding to support reduced cost bus travel for children over the summer.

2607/7 **Planning**

Application No:	PA/SCR/2026/752 North Lincolnshire Planning
Application Type:	Screening Opinion
Proposal:	EIA screening request for the construction of data centre buildings with associated solar farm, including installation of external plant equipment and structures, landscaping and other associated ancillary works.
Site Location:	Land east of Normanby Road, SCUNTHORPE, DN15 9BE
Grid Reference:	489328, 415059
Applicant:	James Smith
Comments Required By:	15 July 2026
Consultation End Date:	22 July 2026

Proposed: Cllr Lonsdale, Seconded Cllr McGee

Resolved: The council unanimously resolved to respond that there has been insufficient evidence presented or made available to form an opinion and will highlight its concerns regarding the lack of data.

2607/8 **Grant Application Approach and Application Form**

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr McGee

Resolved: That the Council noted that several significant projects are currently underway and will require substantial expenditure. Given the absence of a Clerk for an extended period and the lack of sufficiently established process, the Council considered it inappropriate to commence a Grant Scheme at this late stage in the financial year. The Council therefore resolved to focus on delivering outstanding projects and to launch the Grant Scheme in the next financial year.

2607/9 **Flixborough Play Park Inspection (March 2026)**

Play Park Fencing

Proposed: Cllr Lonsdale, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson

Resolved: That the Council noted an acceptable quotation had been received for the repair and replacement of the fencing surrounding the park. It was agreed that at least one additional quotation should be obtained to consider to inform the Council's decision. It was agreed that members would consider the matter via email, to inform their views with the formal decision to be made at the next meeting of the council.

Play Park Signage

Proposed: Cllr Lonsdale, Seconded: Cllr McGee

Resolved: It was resolved that the Clerk will do a mock up of the information and wording for the signs required around the Play Park which will be emailed to the Councillors before obtaining quotations for this signage. It was agreed that members would consider the matter via email, to inform their views with the formal decision to be made at the next meeting of the council.

Play Park Bench and Accessible Picnic Bench

Proposed: Cllr Lonsdale, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson

Resolved: It was resolved that the council would prefer wooden benching for the play park. The requirement for a sitting bench is that it has a raised seating area to make it more accessible. The requirement for an additional picnic bench is that it is accessible and preferably, straight sided to fit with what is already existing. It was agreed that members would consider the matter via email, to inform their views with the formal decision to be made at the next meeting of the council.

Bike Racks

It was resolved that it would be reasonable to consider the installation of bike racks inside the park and outside or near to the area of the Village Hall. The Clerk will obtain prices of these to present to the Council later.

2607/10 Vehicle Activated Speed Signage

Discussion of this topic was deferred to the next meeting.

2607/11 Doubly Thankful Village Commemoration Project

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale

Resolved: It was resolved that the Council approve the purchase of a 'blue black granite' plaque as well as a wrought iron, circular 'reflection' bench and 'Unknown Tommy and Women in War' statues from the Royal British Veterans Enterprise.

2607/12 Village Hall – Terms & Conditions and Booking Form

Proposed: Cllr McGee, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson

Resolved: It was resolved that the Booking Form is now complete and ready to roll out and that the Terms and Conditions included the new deposit structure as well as new booking fees as below:

Standard Deposit	£50
Enhanced Deposit	£75
Fee for Parish Residents	£10 per hour
Fee for non-Parish Residents	£15 per hour
Fee for Parish Groups / Charities	£8 per hour

2607/13 Community Survey

The Community Survey was launched at the recent Neighbourhood Policing Event and Conesby Consultation Event with 10 responses. The initial responses showed the top 3 priorities as below:

1. Traffic and Speeding
2. Footpath Maintenance / Access and Crime Prevention Jointly
3. Community Events

2607/14 **Events Working Group**

Proposed: Cllr McGee, **Seconded:** Cllr Sanderson

Resolved: The council unanimously resolved to approve the Events Working Group. The Groups aim will be to plan and cost all future events and propose these to the Councillors for approval. The Working Group will use assessment forms and event break downs after new events to determine how successful they have been.

2607/15 **Volunteers**

Proposed: Cllr Lonsdale, **Seconded:** Cllr McGee

Resolved: The council resolves to begin a formal register of volunteers. This process would include registering details such of roles and responsibilities, and emergency contacts.

2607/16 **Projects and Events**

- Neighbourhood Police 11th July 2026 10:00 – 12:00 – feedback from this event was very positive, Parish members who attended thought it was useful to have access to both Councillors and local Policing Staff in order to voice concerns. The event was well attended and the Council resolves to run the event again in the future.
- Monthly Councillor Drop In – the Council feels running an event with both Councillor and Clerk availability would be beneficial following feedback from the Neighbourhood Policing Event. This event may best run as a ‘warm hub / chatty café’ and it is felt it would work to alternate the event between the Village Hall and a location in Skippingdale.
Resolved: Councillors resolved that this be progressed through the Events Working Group in the first instance with a view to bringing a fully costed up proposal to the Parish Council for consideration.
- Update on forthcoming planned events for 2026 – no update

Proposed: Cllr Lonsdale, **Seconded:** Cllr McGee

Resolved: The Council resolves to set up a Green Spaces Working Group. The aim of this group is to discuss, plan and establish the best route forward for outdoor projects in the Parish. The Group, will investigate options and make fully developed and costed recommendations back, to the Council for approval. The following projects will fall under the scope of Green Spaces Working Group;

- Parish Planter Project – including Herb Planters (Clerk to seek permission for placement from North Lincolnshire Council)
- Benches
- Play Park Hedging

The Chair will develop Terms of Reference for approval at the next Council meeting.

Resolved: Councillors resolved that a one-off allocation of £200 be approved for the purchase of plants for the parish planters.

2607/17 **Council Training and Events**

The Clerk recently attended the Annual Standards training where it was explained that should Councillors be unable to attend training courses, if the information from this training, by way of PowerPoint presentation or written booklet, be sent to the Councillors for their study, this will stand to be sufficient as long as they are happy to sign that they fully understand the material.

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr McGee

Resolved: Councillors resolved that confirmation will be sent via email to the Clerk that training material has been studied and this will be recorded on a Training Register.

Future Training and Events – these were emailed to Councillors, and the Clerk is available to book any training.

2607/18 **Clerks Report**

- The Fire Inspection has been completed and all fire equipment updated as recommended. Reinspection was recommended in 6 months.

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale

Resolved: The Council resolved to arrange for a reinspection as soon as possible.

- The NEST heating system was discussed, and the problem can be dealt with by the Clerk but a one off payment will ensure a warranty of a further 12 months to support with any other problems in that time.

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson

Resolved: The Council resolves to approve the payment.

- Pestcotek were contacted and have set traps in the Church Yard.
- Councillor Lonsdale has spoken with the family, and they have confirmed they are happy for the bench to be replaced and the plaque to be relocated. There is no requirement to write to the family following this. Replacement of the bench will be progressed as part of the Doubly Thankful Village Commemoration Project.
- No update regarding PROW 169.
- No update regarding Flixborough Inn.
- No update regarding Joton, Flixborough Incident Cabinet.
- No further updates.

2607/19 **General Updates**

To receive updates on the following:

- NATs – the next meeting is to be held at the Flixborough Village Hall on Wednesday 9th September. The meeting after that is due to be held on 2nd December.
- Flytipping – Cllr Lonsdale reports that the most recent area of flytipping has been reported but he will remove and dispose of these items himself.

2602/20 **General correspondence**

None received

2602/21 **Agenda for next and future meetings**

- Vehicle Activated Speed Signs for the parish.
- Play Park Quotes
- Thankful Village Memorial
- Christmas Decorations for the Village Hall
- Events calendar – ‘Best Christmas Jumper’ at the Christmas Fayre, ‘Best External Light Display’, ‘Best Christmas Tree’ as a Facebook Competition

2602/22 **Date of next meeting**

16th September 2026, The Village Hall, Flixborough @ 18:00

Meeting closed: 19:56 hrs