FLIXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Wednesday 16th September 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 R Ogg, Ward Cllr H Rowson
Members of the public: 1

Public Participation
PC Dan Goodman, Community Speedwatch Coordinator.

2609/1 **Apologies**
Apologies were received by Ward Cllr Marper

2609/2 **Declarations of interests / dispensations**
a. Cllr Wilkinson – Personal – 2609/5 and 2609/6

b. None

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 15th July 2026.

2607/4 **Community Speedwatch Scheme**
Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale
Resolved: To begin a working group of volunteers willing to work with the Community Speedwatch Team to train and run the Speedwatch Scheme. Utilise Facebook Groups and website to advertise the Scheme. PC Goodman will send through more information about beginning.

2607/5 **Finance approval**
Proposed: Cllr Sanderson, Seconded: Cllr McGee
Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve the financial reconciliation paid in July and August 2026.

Proposed: Cllr Sanderson, Seconded: Cllr Wilkinson
Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve the schedule of payments proposed for September and October 2026.

Proposed: Cllr Lonsdale, Seconded: Cllr McGee
Resolved: For the Clerk to obtain the best available phone and data package to cover requirements.

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson
Resolved: The council resolved unanimously to increase the capacity of the Clerks email to 2GB at a cost of £9.28+VAT.

2607/6 **Personnel Lead**
Proposed: Cllr Lonsdale, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson
Resolved: The council unanimously resolved to nominate Cllr McGee to officially act as the Personnel Lead in all matters henceforth.

2607/7 **Report from Ward Councillors**

Cllr Ogg updated the council regarding:

- North Lincolnshire Council have kindly provided the Parish Council with a sign cleaning brush (which Cllr Ogg brought to us today).
- There is a Police push to address the issues with antisocial motorcycle/dirt bike riders wearing balaclavas. The public are encouraged to report any identifying details regarding these individuals whilst NOT approaching them.

Cllr Rowson updated the council regarding:

- The new recycling scheme being run by North Lincolnshire Council has proved to be very successful and has reduced landfill by '41 bin lorries'.
- The Parish and Town Council Liaison meeting is due to be held on 17th September regarding the Governments plans for Parish 'shake ups'.

2609/8 **Vehicle Activated Speed Signage**

Pricing advice was given to the councillors regarding pricing of VAS equipment as well as grant schemes available at the moment. Discussions around where signs should be placed occurred. Advice was given by Ward Cllr Ogg that the post installation is around £300 and permission is required from Highways.

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale

Resolved: To contact Highways for permission / advice around VAS placement.

2609/9 **Planning**

Application No	**PA/SCR/2026/752**
Proposal	Full planning permission for the construction of a data centre with associated solar farm, installation of plant equipment and structures, landscaping with BNG areas, and ancillary works including plant gantry, 2 sub stations, attenuation ponds, fencing, excavation works, guard house, hardstanding areas and new internal roads.
Decision	[13 August 2026]
	This screening opinion is provided in response to development relating to the construction of data centre buildings with associated solar farm, including installation of external plant equipment and structures, landscaping and other associated ancillary works at the location stated above.
	Given the understanding of the site environment and the development proposal at the time of writing, the local planning authority considers that the development would not comprise EIA development. As such, the authority cannot ask you to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment of the development proposed or submit an Environmental Statement with an application for planning permission.

2609/10 **Consultations**

- Conesby Data Centre – Clerk has chased regarding Environmental Reports but none have been provided yet. No further information has been provided to the council other than what Councillors have already been provided. Formal application is expected soon.

No action required at this time.

- Doncaster Sheffield Airport – Information has been provided regarding the upcoming plans at DSA

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale

Resolved: No response

2609/11 **Policy Updates**

- Community Emergency Plan 2026 – it was felt that this policy required more time to discuss so that all Councillors fully understood the collective responsibility in case of an emergency.

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale
Resolved: To defer discussion to the next meeting

- Publication Scheme 2026 – sets out public access to our information.

Proposed: Cllr Sanderson, Seconded: Cllr McGee
Resolved: To accept the Publication Scheme 2026

2609/12 **Community Assets**

- The Fire Inspection requires repeating, the Clerk will arrange this and be present during the inspection to ask questions.
- Pest control has been an issue previously at the Village Hall

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr McGee
Resolved: To arrange an immediate inspection of the roof space and consult with the Pest Controller regarding a yearly contract to perform checks.

- North Lincolnshire Council currently inspect our park at a yearly cost above £2000. The Clerk has a contact who fully accredited and willing to perform monthly safety checks and provide details of a company who will do an official yearly inspection with a thorough report, this would cost less than £1000 a year. Cllr Lonsdale requested the information of the Parks Inspection Course to be sent to him for review.

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson
Resolved: To defer conversation to the next meeting

2609/13 **Grants**

Fern Community Benefits made contact at the end of August regarding our previous grant. We have replied but they have failed to return contact. We will continue to try to make contact with them.

- **Doubly Thankful Village Project**
  The event is planned for 17th October with attendees confirmed as The Mayor, Royal British Legion members and Cllr Rob Waltham. All large items have been ordered except the new wooden bench.

Proposed: Cllr Sanderson, Seconded: Cllr McGee
Resolved: To order the new wooden bench and proceed with all plans for the event.

- **Green Spaces Project**
  The Flixborough herb planter is in place. The Skippingdale planter requires permission which the Clerk will chase. Other agreements as below:

Proposed: Cllr McGee, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson
Resolved: To approve the smaller of the 2 bulbs plans.
Proposed: Cllr McGee, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson
Resolved: To approve Horseley Landscaping to take on the park fence replacement work, his quote included a more thorough plan to replace and reinforce the work.

- **Village Hall Community Project**
  The proposal was discussed thoroughly. It was decided that the oak bookcase was a nicer fit to the existing environment.

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale
Resolved: To approve all suggested changes.

2609/14 **Community Survey**

No update. It was discussed to break down the survey to a number of shorter polls and run them both at events as well as digitally through use of Facebook and the website.

2609/15 **Projects and Events**

- Upcoming Events include:
  - MacMillan Coffee Morning 26.09.26
  - Doubly Thankful Village 17.10.26
  - Christmas Fayre 21.11.26
- Skippingdale Neighbours Facebook page is now up and running
- The Police have made a request to use Flixborough Village Hall for meetings. These meetings will start on 3rd October 2026 16:00-18:00. They will run every 3 weeks (24th October, 14th November, 5th December for the next few months dates)

Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr McGee
Resolved: The council unanimously resolved to approve use of the Village Hall.

- The Events Working Group is planning to meet at the end of October to run a schedule for 2027 events. All Councillors are invited to please make suggestions for events they would like to run or see held next year.

2609/16 **Council Training and Events**

a. **Update on training recently undertaken by member.**
The Clerk has completed the initial Introduction to Local Council Administration and an Employment Law Update.

b. **To approve any payments for training or events**
Food Hygiene Certification – Cllr McGee and the Clerk would like to complete their Food Hygiene Certification in order to support events.
Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale
Resolved: To cover the cost of the Food Hygiene Certification
FILCA (Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration) – The Clerk has proposed to complete the FILCA before starting CILCA. Goxhill Parish Council have agreed to split the costs of this as it would benefit both Councils.
Proposed: Cllr Lonsdale, Seconded: Cllr Sanderson
Resolved: To authorise £70 towards the cost of the FILCA

c. **To note forthcoming training and events**
All training has been sent to Councillors

2609/17 **Digital Recording**

The Council discussed recording meetings to aid with accuracy and accountability.
Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson, Seconded: Cllr McGee
Resolved: To investigate use of recording and minute taking apps once the new Clerks phone has been obtained.

2609/18 **Clerks Report**

The Clerks report was received.

- Village Hall Maintenance discussed as part of on-going proposals.
- Pest control discussed as part of on-going proposals.
- No update regarding PROW 169.
- No update regarding Flixborough Inn.
- No update regarding Joton, Flixborough Incident Cabinet.
- No further updates.

2609/19 **General Updates**

An update was given regarding fly tipping – it was discussed to use our Facebook pages to encourage residents to report any fly tipping they see.
The antisocial use of motorcycles was also a highlight of the NATS meeting and residents are encouraged to report addresses or identifying information of anyone they know linked to these incidents.
The next NATS meeting is on

2609/20 **General Correspondence**

- No update regarding the Information Evening for Parish and Town Councillors
- Telephone call from Mr Anthony Hodkinson regarding his missing brown bin, this was passed along to Ward Councillors and they were pleased to update us that Mr Hodkinson received his bin a few weeks ago.
- Facebook message from Mrs Johnston regarding the parked traffic outside Speedway, the Clerk made contact with the Police who reported that they have addressed concerns regarding this matter with North Lincs Council and the Parking Teams and there is no appetite to address the issue as there are no parking restrictions in the area. No action will be taken unless there is a true obstruction.
- Telephone call from Mr Spriggs regarding planning permission on 'Land to the Rear of 20 Burton Road, Flixborough'. He reports building activity on the site though there is still an open planning application. Ward Cllr Ogg will look into this matter.

2609/21 **Agenda for Next and Future Meetings**

- Policy Updates – Community Plan, Code of Conduct, Standing Orders
- Signs for Village Entrances
- Updates regarding Vehicle Activated Speed Signage
- 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

2609/22 **Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date, time and location of the next meeting:
Date: Wednesday 21st October
Time: 18:00
Location: Flixborough Village Hall

Apologies in advance: Cllr McGee