

Minutes of Holland Fen & Brothertoft Parish Council Meeting.

Held on January 27th 2026 at 19:00 in Brothertoft Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Paul Anderson (Chairman), Cllr Nigel Early (Vice Chairman), Cllr Edward Cawdron, Cllr Peter Robinson, Cllr Alan Dring, Cllr Angela Cannon, Cllr Mike Johnson, Cllr David Ball and Cllr Stuart Evans (Boston Borough Councillor).

Absent:

Cllr Mark Leggate and Cllr Susan Welberry (Boston Borough Councillor).

In Attendance: Lana Maclennan-James (Clerk & RFO).

Pre-Meeting - 15 minute allocation for the Police and Public to speak:

1. Welcome by the Chairman – Agenda Item 1 (27/01/2026)

Cllr Anderson welcomed everyone and gave some information to the Councillors on the goings on in the last few weeks in regards to hiring a new clerk.

2. Apologies for absence and reasons given - Agenda Item 2 (27/01/2026)

The new clerk has not yet had a handover with the previous clerk. Cllr Dring gave apologies for Cllr Leggate and Cllr Evans gave apologies for Cllr Susan Welberry.

3. Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations - Agenda Item 3 (27/01/2026)

None.

4. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on November 25th 2025 - Agenda Item 4 (27/01/2026)

Cllr Cannon shared that item 6.1 needs to be corrected, she asked for the speed sign to be moved back to the end of Kirton Drove at the Appletree entrance (100m further up) and not for the removal of it. The minutes were agreed as a true record after this alteration.

5. Clerks Report & GDPR - Agenda Item 5 (27/01/2026)

5.1. Gov.uk emails - The council discussed the options of providers given by the previous Clerk (Parish Online and Cloud Next) – The Clerk will look in to the terms and conditions on Parish Online for the free Clerk email address to see if we can go with them and move to Cloud Next for the cheaper deal in the future if needed.

5.2. Broken Streetlight – The previous Clerk has contacted the insurance company however Cllr Ball and Cllr Early believe that there is no light out at this time and so nothing to be done. However, there is a light missing on Langrick Road on the bend, the Clerk can report this.

5.3. New Clerk Interviews – The new clerk has been appointed.

- Policies & Procedures / Website – The clerk informed the councilors that many things are not up to date on the website, once the handover is complete, she will see what needs to be agreed and bring it to the next meeting and will update the Councils website before the audit.

- Cllr Early asked for an update on the dog waste bins, we have not received one from the previous Clerk and so the current Clerk will ask for any follow up at the handover.

6. To receive reports and updates from outside bodies or local organisations - Agenda Item 6 (27/01/2026)

6.1. County & Borough reports –

Cllr Evans shared that he has been informed that Walnut Tree Farm had their biodiversity measures approved. He spoke on the Local Government Reorganisation, the plans have now been submitted, 6 were submitted by Lincolnshire and the winning proposal will be chosen later this summer. Cllr Evans briefly spoke on the details on some submitted plans and what they may hold for the future of Parish Councils, it is looking like a lot more work for the Councillors. He doubts the viability of what these means for the Parish Councils and it appears that the gap will only get bigger.

6.2. Police reports –

None.

7. Correspondence received - Agenda Item 7 (27/01/2026)

The Parish Liaison meeting is on February 5th Cllr Cannon or Cllr Anderson may attend.

A letter has been given to the Clerk at the start of the meeting regarding a donation for All Saint's Church Holland Fen and the Council agreed to donate the sum of £250.00.

Cllr Cawdron has spoken to Quick Link and apparently highspeed broadband is available now for those in Holland Fen, towards Chapel Hill it will be available in Oct/Nov and Brothertoft should expect it in 2027. He will share a map around with more information when he has it, he added that not all homes will receive it. Cllr Evans shared that some houses were missed in Kirton Drove too, this is meant to be fixed but it is not looking to be done quick or cheap.

8. Highway Matters - Agenda Item 8 (27/01/2026)

Cllr Ball shared the readings from the Speed Monitor outside of Langrick Stores. The max speed out was 111mph and there was a brief discussion on this. He continued to say that after an incident on Langrick Rd, the Chevrons have been put on one side (towards Brothertoft) and not the other (towards Langrick), he has reported this on Fix My Street and had no response. A resident has called highways regarding the speeding on the bend at Langrick Road and has been told all the accidents are not down to speeding. Cllr Paul Lock is the best contact for this kind of issue. Cllr Ball also reported that the traffic lights had a large time delay on the Friday just passed and this is yet to be fixed. The Clerk will get the speed results from outside of Langrick Stores monthly prior to the meetings and will send Cllr Lock an email regarding the Chevron Signs, the street light still down on Langrick Road and the sign on Punchbowl Lane and B1192 and include the speed report.

Cllr Early shared that there are a few potholes down Kirton Drove and Cllr Cawdron shared that those who need to be are aware of a missing Grit Bin. Cllr Dring shared about a large crack on the road from Toft Tunnel to around Hedgehog Bridge School and further, the Clerk will report this on Fix My Street.

9. Planning Applications - Agenda Item 9 (27/01/2026)

None.

10. Financial Matters - Agenda Item 10 (27/01/2026)

The precept and budget were set at the previous meeting.

The clerk has no access to finances currently; however the previous clerk has shared some payment information, these were final wages of £205.26 and a payment to HMRC of £89.00.

11. To receive items for the next agenda - Agenda Item 11 (27/01/2026)

Cllr Anderson asked Cllr Early to chair the next meeting and gave his apologies.

12. Date, time and venue of the next meeting - Agenda Item 12 (27/01/2026)

Tuesday 3rd March at 19:00pm in Holland Fen Village Hall.

Clerk to check on current hall bookings.

Meeting Ended at 20:11.