

LONDESBOROUGH WITH EASTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Londesborough with Easthorpe Parish Council – Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the **19th of February 2026 at 18:30** in the Reading Room, Low Street, Londesborough.

Present

Cllr. Graeme Stephenson	GS	Chairman
Cllr. Julie Dunning	JD	Vice Chairman
Cllr. Robert Ducker	RD	Councillor
Cllr. Lynne Shepherd	LS	Councillor
Cllr. Heather Wood	HW	Councillor
Cllr. Jackie Taylor	JT	Councillor

Attended by

Officers

Catherine Simpson	CS	Clerk and RFO
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Others

Cllr. Paul West	PW	Ward Councillor
Cllr. Leo Hammond	LH	Ward Councillor

Action

25/26/62 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Recording Declaration.

25/26-63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Paul Sheridan and the reason approved.

25/26-64 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

25/26-65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

- a. There were no declarations of interest.
- b. There were no dispensations.

25/26-66 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

to **RESOLVED:** adopt the following minutes as a true record:

11th December 2025

25/26-67 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

25/26-68 CO-OPTION

There is possible interest in the vacancies.

25/26-69 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

- Intake Hill – this is still deteriorating despite the work done last year. The issue has been raised with engineers. It was suggested that Ashcourts may be approached for a contribution towards any repairs.
- ERYC has managed to set a balanced budget and will be utilising the full 4.99% increase in Council Tax.
- The changes to the Fair Funding scheme mean that the Council has lost £32m as this now excludes rural areas.
- The culvert on Londesborough Road has been repaired.
- Potholes on Shipton Lane have been reported, along with the verge on Intake Hill.
- Resurfacing work is to commence early March on Nunburnholme Hill.
- The lighting column on the roundabout is approaching its end of life and due to the costs involved it is expected that this will be replaced with a much lower column.
- Cats eyes on Arras Hill have been updated.
- Hayton lighting columns have been reduced in height.
- The mobile phone signal in the village is being looked into following a clergy request.
- Council is looking at utilising windfarm money to fund activities such as village shows.
- Reforms in the Police force come into effect from May 2028 which include a reduction in the number of officers.
- Cllr. Hammond will circulate details of the Vale Watch and Rural Task Force WhatsApp groups.

25/26-70 FINANCE

1. **RESOLVED:** to approve the following payments and those listed in Schedule 2:

Information Commissioner	£47.00	Subscription
ERNLLCA	£24.00	Councillor training
CMB Computers	£65.00	AV subscription

2. **RESOLVED:** to approve the accounts to the end of January and sign the bank reconciliation.
3. Cllr. Ducker has yet to visit the bank with his ID documentation and Cllr. Shepherd has still not received any login details.

Cllr. Dunning brought up the cost of the internal audit and it was agreed that an extraordinary meeting be called and alternative quotations sourced.

Cllr. Dunning also raised the issue of the Working from Home allowance of £26.00 per month which is being paid to the Clerk and would like a discussion around this at a future meeting.

25/26-71 **MAINTENANCE**

1. The light at the end of the snicket has now been fixed.

25/26-72 **HIGHWAYS**

Covered under Ward Councillor update.

25/26-73 **NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION**

The Ward Councillors offered to look into what (if anything) can be done with regards to the light pollution emanating from a property on Top Street.

The Clerk was asked to write to the landlord and letting agent of a Top Street property to ask if the fence can be repaired to stop the dogs from escaping.

25/26-74 **DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr. Dunning feels that the defibrillator should be looked after by a member of the Parish Council and requested that a book be placed inside the cabinet which can be completed each time a check is undertaken.

25/26-75 **WEBSITE & EMAIL**

The Clerk has circulated quotations in respect of a new and accessible website, however, Council did not wish to proceed with this.

The Clerk explained that Assertion 10 requires that Council must have at least one .gov.uk email address (for use by the Clerk), however, it would make sense for all members to have one.

RESOLVED: to proceed with the acquisition of a .gov.uk domain and email address for the Clerk and councillors.

25/26-76 **ADMINISTRATION**

- a. Policies and procedures: the following were reviewed and adopted:

1. Media Policy
2. General Risk Assessments
3. Code of Conduct
4. Member & Officer Protocol
5. Communications Policy

- a. Dropbox access: councillors have not been able to access the file sharing. The Clerk will look into.

25/26-77 CORRESPONDENCE

Relevant emails have been distributed.

25/26-78 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting will take place on the 28th May.

Cllr. Dunning asked that benches be included on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 19:35

Signature of Chairman:

Date:

Clerk to the Council: Miss Catherine Simpson, 19 Princess Road, Market Weighton, YO43 3BX