

Burton Fleming Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting No 2 – 2025/26 held Tuesday 08 July 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors: B Southwell, T Stansfield, K Mercer, S Kirven, S King,
M Wynne, S Wells, C Skelton, E Hayton

Members of the Public: Mr R Knowles, Mrs P Townsend, Mr C Blyth, Mrs A Blyth, Mr D Plews,
Mrs J Plews, Mrs A Braithwaite, Mrs J Jackson, Mr D Thompson, Mrs J Hairsine, Mr J Coulson

Wards Councillors/Police: Cllr J Bibb

Jennifer Hobson (Clerk) recorded the minutes

61/25 To Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence

62/25 Code of Conduct (01 July 2012)

- (a) To record Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests. Members declaring interest should identify the agenda item and state which interest is being declared.

Cllr S Kirven and Cllr K Mercer both declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 25/01617/VAR, having previously signed a petition that was circulated around the village.

- (b) To note Dispensations in Respect of Agenda Items Below

63/25 Public Participation

The Chair invited members of the public to speak.

Cllr J Bibb shared some latest rural crime figures with a summary to say that there had been a significant reduction in rural crime.

Mrs A Blyth wished to speak about planning application 25/01617/VAR. She reported that last year's petition was signed by 117 people who were not happy with this application going ahead. This year 158 residents had signed a similar petition against this application. Mrs Blyth wished to voice the concerns of those people. The biggest problem that residents were suffering were a significant increase in the number of flies in the area. Smells, noise, traffic and the close proximity to residential areas being further concerns raised. Mrs Blyth asked that the Parish Council consider these views and how many people are against it when they submit their response.

Several members of the public agreed that not being able to have their windows open nor enjoy their gardens in the summer months due to the increased amount of flies was particularly upsetting.

Mr D Thompson spoke about the effects on his holiday cottage business with regards to the increased number of flies being mentioned in reviews of the cottage. This was having a detrimental effect. Mr Thompson reported that he had lived in the village for over 30 years and had never known the number of flies to be this significant. Mr C Blyth agreed, also stating that he had also lived in the village for over 30 years and had not witnessed this amount of flies before.

Cllr S Kirven reminded the Parish Councillors of their responsibility to represent the views of the community.

Cllr J Bibb reminded the Parish Council that they could request that the application goes to a committee meeting.

RESOLVED: (all those present at the previous meeting in favour)

- (1) that a request is made to ask that this application goes to a committee meeting

Proposed by Cllr S Kirven and Seconded by Cllr S Wells

ACTION BY CLERK

64/25 To Approve the Minutes of Previous Meeting – 06 May 2025

RESOLVED: (all those present at the previous meeting in favour)

(2) that the minutes of the meeting on 04 March 2025 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Proposed by Cllr S Kirven and Seconded by Cllr K Mercer

65/25 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- **Cemetery Extension**

It was agreed to hold off the consecration for now until more money was available. It was agreed to pop a notice in the newsletter to say that spaces were available but that they would need a blessing where desired, and to make it clear that the spaces are not consecrated.

ACTION BY CLERK

- **Mere Pond Working Group**

Thanks were expressed to Steve and his colleague who have dredged the pond. The group is now working to acquire some grant funding to be able to smarten the area up. 3 quotes are required for the application. The Chair has 2 quotes and will seek to find another one.

ACTION BY CHAIR

- **School Pond Duck House**

This is still to be done.

- **Bus Shelter**

Cllr M Wynne still to paint the shelter. It was confirmed that the noticeboard would be put back up once the painting was done.

- **Smoke Issues**

It was reported that a meeting had taken place between several members of the Parish Council, two Ward Councillors and various officers from ERYC to discuss the smoke issues being suffered by the residents of the village. See Appendix for notes from this meeting.

It was reported that the retrospective planning application for the biomass burner was now in. Cllr M Wynne had met with Mr Lindley to attempt to instil some understanding on Mr Lindley's part about how many residents were upset with the smoke being emitted on a regular basis.

Mrs Blyth reported that most of the residents that she has chatted to regarding the pig shed application, had also expressed concerns about the smoke in the village.

RESOLVED: (all those present at the previous meeting in favour)

(1) that a request is made to ask that this application goes to a committee meeting

Proposed by Cllr S Kirven and Seconded by Cllr C Skelton

ACTION BY CLERK

66/25 To Receive Correspondence

01.05.25 – Letter received from HSBC requesting a Safeguard Review telephone appointment. Clerk booked appointment and duly attended on 08/05/25. All questions were answered and review completed. It was for the purposes of Anti-Money Laundering and HSBC's commitment to fight fraud and financial crime.

08.05.25 – Email from ERYC containing End of Grant Report for VE and VJ Day 80th Anniversary Fund Grant. Cllr Mercer handed over all receipts and documents to the Clerk who will now complete the report.

12.05.25 – Email received from Hull & East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy & Public Consultation – email forwarded to Councillors.

13.05.25 – Email newsletter received from Humberside Police – email forwarded to Councillors.

16.06.25 – Email received from Ali Blyth with details of a webinar to be hosted by 20's Plenty for Us CIC. Email forwarded to Councillors.

24.06.25 – Email received from Webnos requesting that we register the defibrillator with The Circuit (an online system operated by the British Heart Foundation). It was agreed that the Clerk would go ahead and register.

25.06.25 – Email from ERYC containing Event Notification Process for East Riding Events. Email forwarded to councillors.

28.06.25 – Email received from Rosemary Goodall regarding Register of Interests and Mere Farm Cottage sign on public highway. Clerk to reply to say that Cllr Wynne has now updated his Register of Interests and that any future planning applications would be included in the appropriate agenda.

ACTION BY CLERK

67/25 To Approve Transactions and Finance Statement for May & June 2025

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Money Man A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balance	£1637.17	£14429.40	£16066.57
Transfer of funds	£3000.00	(£3000.00)	
Interest Received		£42.82	
PWLB - Cemetery Extension Loan Repayment	(£666.40)		
Vince Sykes – 2024 Grass Cutting	(£2190.00)		
Vince Sykes – Strimming of Cemetery Extension	(£100.00)		
Vince Sykes – Mowing of Cemetery Extension	(£45.00)		
Website Fees (DD)	(£3.60)		
ERYC – Commercial Waste Collections	(£163.02)		
Bank charges	(£8.00)		
Cemetery Fees Received - Donkin	£725.00		
Clerk's Wages	(£445.47)		
Newsletter printing (Apr & May)	(£58.50)		
Website Fees (DD)	(£3.60)		
Bank Charges	(£11.50)		
Newsletter Donation from Race the Waves Event	£191.98		
Clerk's Wages	(£445.47)		
	£1413.59	£11472.22	£12885.81

It was reported that Mr & Mrs Donkin who had recently purchased a grave space had since changed their minds and required a refund. The Clerk to destroy the Exclusive Right of Burial Form and issue a refund.

Thanks were expressed to Anita Braithwaite for the donation from the Race the Waves Event which was to be used for the village newsletter.

The subject of newsletter advertising was discussed. The Clerk pointed out that the cost per sheet of printing may mean the cost of one more sheet for the sake of one advert could end up costing more than was gained. Cllr T Stansfield agreed to find out what Rudston Newsletter charged for advertising. It was noted that the newsletter was not the Parish Council's to do what they liked with, so if any advertising spaces were to be advertised, it would be better if the editor did that and not the Parish Council.

The Chair acknowledged that the village newsletter was largely used by the Parish Council, the Church and the Village Hall so it would seem appropriate if those groups made a donation towards the printing. The Clerk agreed to make a note of this for the future as the funds at present were looking healthy following the Race the Waves donation received.

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RESOLVED: (all in favour) that all accounts submitted are approved.
Proposed by Cllr C Skelton and Seconded by Cllr S King

68/25 To Receive and Consider Planning Applications and Approvals as Listed Below
(and subsequent plans received following publication of agenda)

25/01754/PLF - Installation of a biomass boiler and flue (retrospective application) at North Burton Hall, Hunmanby Road, Burton Fleming YO25 3PT

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

25/01617/VAR - Removal of Condition 2 (discontinue use of building) of planning permission 23/01869/PLF (Erection of a livestock building with associated feed bin (Retrospective Application)) to allow the permanent use of the building for housing and rearing of livestock at Land And Outbuildings West Of Holmefield Farm, West Lane, Burton Fleming YO25 3PW

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

69/25 Humberside Police – Operation Snap

The Chair reported that she had contacted the Police regarding this scheme but they didn't currently have any dash cams available. The contact she spoke to offered to come along to a PC meeting in the future to talk more about the operation. The Chair will send him the future meeting dates.

70/25**Dog Waste**

Cllr T Stansfield will go around the village painting some "Clear up after you dog" notices to try to alleviate the ongoing situation. A polite notice was also added to the newsletter.

71/25**PC Communication**

The councillors were reminded to always use the "Reply to All" button when emailing responses so that everyone can see what everyone else has said on a subject. It was noted that the biggest problem arises when the PC is forced to consider planning applications outside of official meetings due to the deadline dates. It was agreed that the Clerk would always seek to request an extension the deadline wherever possible to reduce the number of applications not discussed at official meetings. Otherwise, an extra-ordinary meeting will be held unless the application is too trivial to warrant a meeting.

ACTION BY CLERK**72/25****Any Other Business**

- The Clerk reported that she had been unable to source a suitable village map online. Cllr S King and Cllr T Stansfield agreed to label up the existing map as best they could.

ACTION BY CLLR S KING**ACTION BY CLLR T STANSFIELD**

- Cllr T Stansfield reported that there had been a few incidences of children playing around on the derelict land and buildings at the back of Bleak House which was dangerous due to the various broken materials hanging around. It was requested that the Clerk write to Mr Marley (the owner of the land) to ask if he would consider installing a barrier fence to prevent access.

ACTION BY CLERK

- Cllr S Kirven reported that the hedge at Mrs Hoult's property was in serious need of cutting back. It was requested that the Clerk write to Mrs Hoult and politely request that she ask her gardeners to attend to this.

ACTION BY CLERK

- Cllr S Wells complained about the inconsiderate parking outside Scenic View café which was causing obstructions for driveways. Cllr S Wells agreed to go and speak face to face with the manager of the café to point out the issues being caused.

ACTION BY CLLR WELLS

- Mrs Hairsine reported the potholes again on Nine Dykes road which were still present and dangerous. It was requested that the Clerk report these again.

ACTION BY CLERK

- Cllr S Kirven asked what if anything was being done regarding Fordon Crossroads which still has a broken sign and was still awkward and dangerous to pull out of. It was requested that the Clerk report this to Highways again.

ACTION BY CLERK**73/25****Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 09 September 2025 at 7pm

74/25**Close of Meeting**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting finished at 8.15pm.

Chair's Signature: Date:

Appendix

Meeting Bridlington Town Hall Monday 23rd June 2025 @ 10am re Smoke Issues In Burton Fleming from Biomass Burners.

Present; County Councillors -J Bibby and D Howard.
Parish Councillors -B Southwell, C Skelton, M Wynn and T Stansfield.
Also present was Mr Andrew Skelton.
East Riding Yorkshire Council – Alan Bravey, Mark Grimes and Dave Howelstone?

Apologies received from Councillor Owen who was in another meeting.

Introductions – DH to chair.

MW presents background to the issue with regards to the smoke from the Biomass burner at Hall Farm, owned by Mr Lindley. It has been going on for 5 years and he has met with EL a number of times with no success. EL attitude appears to be I can do what I want. He has completed daily logs, diaries, photos etc and engaged with Helen Skelton but has met with responses such as “it is difficult to prove the source “. He has resorted to purchasing a particle matter reader and has submitted atrocious reading levels. MW then quotes the latest Chris Witty report. It is a daily issue and on a recent visit HS stated she couldn't smell any smoke, but it is known there doesn't need to be smoke for particles to still be in the air. He has communicated with the manufacturers of the burner who have stated it shouldn't emit smoke after initial startup. MW also has a list of suitable items to burn. The Hall is a listed building and there is no planning for the burner which is believed to have been installed 2014.

MW asks if EL has a licence to self-fuel? When EL was visited was the moisture levels of the wood checked? Also, all hall farms windows were open in 25degree heat with the burner going. If it is for heating, why was it on in those temperatures.

MG Advises the burner also pipes into the shed s not just the house.

MW Readings have been over 750 in the church grounds at one point. He feels he has been pushed from department to department. One time he had to resort to a call to the fire brigade as his house was engulfed in smoke and he moved out.

TS shares other examples of when the smoke has caused issues such as a funeral.

DH summarises there are two linked issues. There is smoke nuisance which has to be significant and persistent and unreasonable and requires court level evidence. They need reports from the 123 system, daily logs. It would cost the council 20-30k for a calibrated meter that can be used in evidence. They have visited the site. Re particulates the WHO have set a limit, but the Government have yet to decide and set. The other is statutory nuisance which he advises to focus on.

Brief discussion by **MW** re measurements taken when lit and not lit but his device isn't acceptable evidence.

AB and DH continue that smoke and particulates travel together and that needs capturing in a way they are happy to go to court, stand up and be happy with the evidence and they are not at that point. They need to witness first hand themselves before they would stand in court.

TS queries so unless they have witnessed issue first hand regardless of number of other witnesses they wouldn't be willing to go to court. This is confirmed by those in meeting.

MG states the nuisance has to come from one premise and affect another,

TS asks if they have ever been successful in court with a smoke nuisance. **Reply from AB and MG was they didn't know.** TS asks have you ever lost a case at court and been able to learn from it to be successful or apply the learning. Unable to say.

TS asks have you tried to take a case to court – **reply was yes from AB**

MW asks if they are aware of the recent Government Grants released around air quality. They stated they weren't but would check.

DH advised there are no Air Quality Control Areas and air quality is affected by everything national and international and global. Drax can impact on our air, as can domestic burners and farms.

DH advised statutory nuisance is the angle to take forwards. Confirm they have never taken a Air Quality case to court or produced an order.

MG discusses complaints on records since 2018. Total of 32 in village, 7 were duplicates. 4 were a bonfire. 16 relate to Hall Farm. 11 of which came in after May 20th. Prior to that there were only 5 complaints re Hall Farm. However, they act the same way be it 1 complaint or 30. States his colleague Helen Skelton has visited Hall Farm numerous times approx. 9.

MW states he saw her on camera visiting for 60 sec once – **MG** states she could have sat in the car afterwards or moved further down the road etc.

MG Confirm that a statutory nuisance is a nuisance in extreme and persistent for evidence requirements. It has to impact on amenities. Legislation is around health not house prices or saleability.

JB asks if this includes Mental Health. **MG** states it is unlikely as would need a medical statement re the correlation between smoke and mental health.

TS comments we are hearing a lot about what can't be done but not what can be done. **DH** replies that is the point of today's meeting to understand how difficult it is for them to take action.

TS / CS comments so we can expect nothing then? Or is there things we can do to progress?

AB states if **MW** share his self-fuelling documents they will look into it further.

CS comments the manufacturer of Mr Wells boiler if different to Hall Farm and advice is given re weather conditions needing to be appropriate. Both though are paid to light them.

TS asks if it is possible for **EL** and **SW** could be invited in for discussions with the council and asked to be more considerate etc. Get it on record and their responses as a starting point.

DH / AB and **MG** agree this is something they can do and will arrange.

MW asks if they can speak to both manufacturers and ask if photos he has shared are to be expected and height of flues etc.

MG and **DH** agree this is something they will do. They hope to see them at the Yorkshire show.

TS – in turn we can promote their new system 123 for reporting and encourage and support its use and or assist those who are unable to do so themselves.

TS asks if they would write something for her to place in the village newsletter and FB page.

JB agrees this would be a positive thing to undertake also if we include their phone number for those not on internet etc.

DH agrees they will write an approved text for us to share, and **TS** will distribute via newsletter and FB.

MG and **AB** also point out we can take a civil route.

Summary of Actions.

MG To look into the recently advertised government grants around air quality.

AB / DH and **MG** will invite **SW** and **EL** in for a meeting and put it on record and feedback.

DH will write a text for **TS** to put in newsletter and on FB page for residents.

MW will share his photos and documents on self fuel licences with **MG** and **AB** for them to make enquiries with the manufacturers and planning re self-fuel licences.