



# Redbourne Parish Council

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## **MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting of Redbourne Parish Council held on: Tuesday, 5 August 2025 18:30 at St Andrews Church, Redbourne.**

**Present:** Cllr P Hottam (Chair), Cllr M Belza, Cllr J Brown, Cllr R Didlock, Cllr P Hawley,  
Cllr P Stevenson, Cllr L Wainwright

Ward Councillors - None

Parish Clerk - J Curtis

### **Public Participation**

One resident was present.

Further to recent correspondence dated 28 July received from Merlin Renewables, James Rollinson, Regional Feedstock Manager for Futurebiogas and his colleague attended to give a brief outline of a soon to be submitted planning application to North Lincs Council for an additional silage clamp at their site on Redbourne Road. The purpose-built clamp would be located to the east of the existing silage clamps (3) negating the need to store the surplus in 'ag bags' on site and in the surrounding area. This would be better for the environment by allowing silage to be stored in the safest and most efficient way, reducing losses as the clamp will capture leachate through drainage systems and leachate tanks.

Questions were raised around:

- Landscaping: when would screening the clamps happen. Cllr Wainwright referred to an email dated 15 December 2022 re the original application PA/2012/1336. The existing 3 clamps are still clearly visible as the hedging hasn't grown sufficiently to hide them because the landscaping did not happen until 10 years later.
- Irrigation system: It was fully working. Waste pumped through pipes would be tankered away through Mill Lane avoiding Redbourne.
- Skydiving centre: concerns were raised about the height of the domes and proximity to the runway and aircraft. Also, the type of crops imported and possible bird strikes.
- Traffic management plan: How far away was the feedstock coming from? The original TMP stated within a 5-mile radius. James said it was a 10-mile radius. He assured councillors the tonnage had not increased or the number of HGV deliveries to site.
- He asked councillors to report if tractors were seen speeding through the village.

James left his card and would email the clerk with answers. Councillors thanked him for coming to the meeting.

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**25/26 – 019**

### **Apologies**

Cllr T Foster, Cllr D Garritt

**25/26 – 020      Declarations of Interest**

To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

Item 25/26 – 022: Payments – Cllr Brown – reimbursement for plants purchased against “In Bloom” Community Grant = £80.46 and Gardening budget = £76.72

To note any dispensations granted to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below – **None**

**25/26 – 021      Minutes of Previous meeting**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 6 May 2025 were **approved** and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr M Belza

Seconded: Cllr J Brown

**25/26 – 022      Governance & Financial Matters**

- i.      Payments - To approve the monthly accounts for payment.  
3 invoices for G Fillingham GFC0241=£1800.00, GFC0231=£1440.00, GFC0219=£2520.00  
Payment to Cllr Brown – reimbursement for purchase of plants allocated to In Bloom Community Grant = £80.46 and £76.72 Gardening budget  
Proposed: Cllr R Didlock                      Seconded: Cllr L Wainwright  
All Approved
- ii.     To adopt a new disciplinary policy  
Proposed: Cllr P Stevenson                      Seconded: Cllr M Belza  
All Approved
- iii.    Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025/26  
Proposed: Cllr R Didlock                      Seconded: Cllr J Brown  
All Approved

**25/26 – 023      Report from Ward Councillors**

In his absence, Cllr Foster had sent his report via email.  
NLC are now in recess until the end of August. NLC continue to operate all services during this holiday period.

The pothole and minor road repair team has been doubled in size due to a backlog build up over winter.

Free swimming is available again for young people during the summer holiday period.

Free air fryers, slow cookers and one cup kettles are being offered again for people 66 and over. Applications can be made at NLC Community Hubs or online.

**25/26 – 24      Planning**

- To discuss the Notification from Merlin Renewables of a planning application for an additional silage clamp.
  - Recorded under Public Participation

### Planning applications for reference and monitoring

- PA/2025/712: Notice of intention to replace existing non-native hedgerow with a native hedgerow. Ermine Lodge, High Street, Redbourne, Gainsborough, DN21 4QY – **no objections**
- Comp/2025/0023 **Condition Compliance At: SLATE HOUSE FARM, REDBOURNE ROAD, HIBALDSTOW, BRIGG, DN20 9NN** – the clerk had written to NLC for an update on the remaining modules on the airfield as they should have been removed by the end of November 2024. The Planning Enforcement officer has investigated the complaint and will keep us informed of the progress and final outcome of the case (reference PA/2022/951,1282, 1294 - Breach of planning – for reference and update) **The clerk was asked to write again to request an update. Depending on the response, options for a way forward would be discussed.**
- Update PA/2024/791 - Planning permission to erect a detached garage/garden room at 8 The Old School Yard, Redbourne, Gainsborough, DN21 4QN. for reference and monitoring. **To remain on agenda.**
- NLC Owned Land on Hibaldstow Airfield – update study for the feasibility and installation of green energy to benefit the local communities. – for reference. **The clerk was asked to write to NLC to enquire if they have any intended use for the site.**
- Update on Redbourne Flood Mitigation Scheme – A15 Attenuation Pond – the completion of the upstream attenuation pond on the A15 at Island Pond Plantation is vital and the major prevention for further flooding in the village. Until this part of the scheme is completed the village remains at risk of further flooding. - **Formal request to be made to NLC asking for update and timescale for completion.**
- PA/2019/235 - Update on planning breaches at Slate House Quarry – for reference. Continue to monitor.

### **25/26 – 025 Community Safety Matters**

To discuss and resolve any action on matters affecting Community Safety:  
Some of the Ash trees were looking lopsided.

Cllr Wainwright asked if the clerk would write to the arboriculturist at North Lincs Council to ask when the tree inspection in Redbourne would take place.

### **25/26 – 026 Community Facilities and Open Space Management**

To discuss and resolve any action on:

#### iv. Play Area projects:

- Painting playground equipment – a lead paint testing kit had been ordered
- Cllr Stevenson had contacted ROSPA to ask about preventative measures to combat bird poo deposits on top of the swing frames. They recommended using cable ties. Cllr Stevenson would get some.
- The playground inspection by ROSPA was due sometime in August.

- ii. Updates from the Gardening Group
  - Redbourne had been highly commended in the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition. There was only 5 points difference between Redbourne and the winner.
  - NLC had offered an “In Bloom” grant of £314.
- iii. Old A15 Map and Tree planting
  - Cllr Didlock had written to the Public Footpath Officer to ask for the old A15 to be put on the definitive map but had not received a reply. Cllr Belza said there was a form to request having it put on the map. Cllr Didlock would complete the form and submit it.
- iv. Updates on funding to repair the church clock  
NLC have offered a grant of £9500 to repair the clock. The clerk would send the signed letter to NLC accepting the offer. Cllr Hotham would contact the CCT to get the sign off to commence work.
- v. Update on the Adair Death Penny – It was currently in the keeping of Cllr Belza. The Victoria Cross Trust have a solution for fixing it in the church but permission would need to be obtained from the CCT.
- vi. Village Riparian Ownership Responsibilities – The clerk would write to NLC for clarification.
- vii. To set the date and budget for the Christmas tree lights switch on – Father Christmas has been booked for Friday, 28 November. Councillors approved the purchase of a new set of lights for the tree. Cllr Hawley would order the tree. Councillors agreed a budget of £500.  
Proposed: Cllr Stevenson                      Seconded: Cllr Belza  
**Approved**
- viii. To discuss installing a post box near the Fire Engine shed - where residents can post correspondence specifically for the parish council. Cllr Belza would look for suitable post boxes
- ix. To discuss the Cultural Futures Project Grant - The Parish Council had been approached to find out if the newly formed Community Café would be eligible to receive a grant through this scheme. One of its projects was to record the history of the village through its residents. Cllr Hotham broached the idea of investigating whether the empty cottage attached to the fire engine shed could be rented from the pub as a venue for the Community Café and even a community shop. Councillors approved the idea in principle.

**25/26 – 027**

### **Clerk’s & Councillor Updates**

- Clerk to update on:
  - Correspondence received since the May meeting
  - Outstanding Highways / Footpaths / NLC issues: Email received 21 May 2025 - Update on NLC Highways Issue: FS710332168. Reported location: access road from Carr Lane to Redbourne. Signing designs sent through to the Network team for completion.
- All to update on items requiring attention since the May meeting not already discussed
  - Cllr Hawley has organised LIVES to give CPR and defibrillator training on Saturday 23 August from 10am to noon at St Andrews Church. The fee is a donation.

- Table covers: Cllr Hawley asked if new table covers could be purchased for the tables used at events. Cllr Hawley would do some research
  - Church toilet room refurbishment. Cllr Belsa has filled in a form asking for permission from the CCT, which will be presented at their 14 August meeting. In the meantime, Geoff Hawley would be put together some costings.
- To receive agenda items for the next meeting:
    - Christmas lights switch on.
    - Table covers
    - Toilet refurbishment

**25/26 – 028**

**Date and time of the next meeting**

Tuesday 2 September 2025 at 6.30pm

**The Council will consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the following items to be discussed**

**25/26 – 029**

**Staff Payments**

- To authorise payment of Clerk's salary and expenses
- Approved**