



Redbourne Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting of Redbourne Parish Council held on: Tuesday, 7 October 2025 18:30 at St Andrews Church, Redbourne.

Present: Cllr P Hotham (Chair), Cllr M Belza, Cllr J Brown, Cllr P Hawley, Cllr L Wainwright
Parish Clerk - J Curtis

Public Participation

None

25/26 – 041 Apologies

Cllr R Didlock, Cllr T Foster, Cllr D Garrett, Cllr P Stevenson

25/26 – 042 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 – 044 i): Payments

- Cllr Belza, disbursements, £27.99 to purchase of post box.
- J Curtis, disbursements, £21.24 poppy wreath paid 30 September
- J Curtis, disbursements, £79.99 Christmas lights paid 30 September
- Cllr Hawley, disbursements, £135.10
- Cllr Wainwright, disbursements, £213.88 for plants purchased with NL In Bloom grant, paid 5 August
- Cllr Brown, disbursements, £157.18 purchased plants paid 22 August

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

25/26 – 043 Minutes of Previous meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 2 September 2025 were **approved** subject to changes under item 25/26 – 35 Planning and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr M Belza

Seconded: Cllr L Wainwright

Governance & Financial Matters

- i. Payments - To approve the monthly accounts for payment.

To reimburse Cllr Belza, £27.99 for purchase of post box.

Payments made:

- J Curtis, disbursements, £21.24 poppy wreath paid 30 September
- J Curtis, disbursements, £79.99 Christmas lights paid 30 September
- Cllr Hawley, disbursements, £135.10 for table top covers 30 September
- Cllr Wainwright, disbursements, £213.88 for plants paid 5 August
- Cllr Brown, disbursements, £157.18 purchased plants paid 22 August

Current Account opening balance at 1 September 2447.93

Payments in £3327.40 includes:

- bank transfer from savings account £3000
- NLC grant for VE day celebrations £232.40
- Amazon Prime subscription 10 Sep 25 - dispute refund £95

Payments out £3250.41 includes:

- Amazon Prime subscription £95 taken in error (refunded)
- Closing balance at 30 September 2524.92

Savings Account opening balance £38,889.00

Payments in:

Grass cutting grant £4290 from NLC

Bank interest £167.02

Payments out:

Bank transfer to current account £3000

Closing balance at 30 September £40,346.02

Approved

- ii. The clerk mentioned it was time to look at budget setting for next year and asked if there were any new projects to consider as well as the playground refurbishment and repair of church clock. It was suggested painting the church room and the fire engine shed. It was decided to wait until the clock and playground projects had been completed. The clerk would present the budget plan for 2026 - 2027 at the November meeting.

Report from Ward Councillors

Cllr Hotham read out the Ward Councillor's report:

The Environment Agency are objecting to the attenuation pond planning application. We will give an update when we know more.

A new weekly 161 bus service is in operation from Market Rasen to Scunthorpe every Thursday. A timetable is being posted out to the clerks of affected parishes this week.

NLC Fostering and adoption team are constantly seeking to recruit foster parents so please pass on the message and help us to retain our fantastic record for providing a happy life with positive outcomes for our children.

NLC is campaigning for Lindsey Oil Refinery to be shown the same level of support that has been provided for the Scunthorpe steelworks. This is not simply about retaining local jobs and the associated businesses, but it is securing a valuable national asset and lessening our reliance on energy imports.

NLCs latest Treasury Management Report was approved at a recent meeting of the Full Council. It confirmed NLC's careful financial management is keeping services stable and affordable with council tax low, even when many councils elsewhere are facing financial crises.

NLC has been recognised as one of the top 10 most productive councils in the UK. Councils were judged on key areas including housing, homelessness, waste recycling, children's social care, support for adults and health.

25/26 – 046

Planning

- Planning Application PA/2025/990 consultation - Full planning permission at Land off Ermine Street, A15 South, Redbourne: Planning permission to undertake a surface water flood attenuation scheme within existing wooded plantation to include the reprofiling of the land to create attenuation ponds, the installation of a headwall and outflow feature, creation of access track, landscaping and boundary fencing

Attention was drawn to the Environment Agency letter dated 24 September posted on the planning application portal, which objects to the planning application and recommends planning permission is refused.

There were three main reasons: consider the failure (breach) of the embankments and the associated impact on the surrounding area and third parties downstream; no assessment of the impact of climate change; and no detail of the actual maximum storage capacity of the flood storage area.

Reference was made to the Pell Frischman report regarding the pollution pond which was intended to capture surface water run-off from the A15 and the penstock gate which has never worked. A maintenance plan will need to be put in place.

Redbourne Parish Council will support the application emphasising that until this part of the scheme is completed the village remains at risk of further flooding and trust that the Lead Local Flood Authority will address the Environmental Agency's concerns in the Flood Risk Assessment report.

- Planning Appeal Notification - PA/2024/740 - 3370238 - Slate House Quarry, Redbourne Road, Hibaldstow, DN20 9NN

Cllr Wainwright asked that once the public hearing date was announced, residents should be informed and encouraged to make an appearance.

Planning applications for reference and monitoring

- Notification from Merlin Renewables of a planning application for an additional silage clamp. - Awaiting planning application
- 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. (reference PA/2022/951,1282, 1294 - Breach of planning – for reference and update)

The clerk had received a response from the Planning Enforcement officer affirming that, for the time being, they will continue to monitor the situation.

- 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 – the clerk had written to Building Control to check whether the conditions had been adhered to regarding the build over the foul sewerage system. As soon as Building Control confirm it is okay it can be removed from the agenda.
- NLC Land – Hibaldstow Airfield – update study for the feasibility and installation of green energy to benefit the local communities. – The clerk had written to the NLC Natural Environment Policy Specialist to ask about turning the site into a nature area by planting trees on the site as part of the Humber Forest scheme. In his response he asked if the old runway had been taken up and recycled, and did we know whether the skydivers would be supportive in case trees would complicate plane manoeuvres? The clerk would respond. No report.
- PA/2019/235 - Update on planning breaches at Slate House Quarry – for reference. Continue to monitor.

25/26 – 047

Community Safety Matters

To discuss and resolve any action on matters affecting Community Safety:

- The clerk asked if the Arboriculturist, NLC had inspected the trees in September. As far as members were aware the inspection had not taken place. The clerk would write again.

25/26 – 048

Community Facilities and Open Space Management

To discuss and resolve any action on:

- 1) Play Area projects:
 - a. Applying for a community grant to:
 - Replace Swings and goal post – Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Hawley would form a subcommittee and obtain 3 quotes for equipment ready to apply for a community grant

b. Maintenance of equipment:

- Cllr Hotham had chained up the swings and put a notice up to prevent children playing on them. He will contact a company called Playground Repairs and Maintenance in North Hykeham to book an examination of the swings to find out if they can be repaired.
- Free standing toot toot slide – the equipment provider will be contacted to order a replacement for the broken panel.

2) Updates from the Gardening Group

- The clerk had attended the CPRE Best Kept Village presentation held 1 October at Scawby Village Hall to receive the award and a £25 gift voucher for Brigg Garden Centre. Cllr Brown suggested getting some winter pansies with the voucher.
- Cllrs Brown and Wainwright had tidied up the planters and flower beds ready for winter.

3) Update on ownership of Old A15 land

Cllr Hotham would contact Cllr Didlock for an update and find out if he had completed the form and sent it to the Public Footpath Officer to request the old A15 be put on the definitive map.

4) Updates on funding to repair the church clock – The clerk had received the CCT Work Agreement Letter, which had been signed and returned. It had also been sent to the Grants team at NLC. Time Assured had been informed and the earliest they could start the work was Spring 2026. Cllr Wainwright asked that residents be made aware that the repairs were being partially funded out of the precept as well as the grant money. Cllr Belza said she would write an article for the next Church Newsletter to that effect. The clerk would also put an article on the website.

5) To receive an update for the Christmas tree lights switch on – The clerk had purchased a set of Christmas lights from Brigg Garden Centre and produced the Christmas leaflet ready for printing.

6) To discuss installing a post box near the Fire Engine shed - Cllr Belza had purchased a post box for £27.99 and Cllr Hotham offered to install it. A notice would be put up to let residents know they can use it to post correspondence direct to the parish council.

25/26 – 049

Clerk's & Councillor Updates

- Clerk to update on:

Correspondence received since the September meeting

- The clerk had been approached by several grass cutting companies wanting to quote for the 2026 season. Councillors agreed they were happy with the current contractor who was doing an excellent job. The PROWs which had been neglected for years were much improved.

- All to update on items requiring attention since the September meeting not already discussed:
 - Cllr Hawley informed members that the Community Café have set up their own bank account, refer to item 25/26 – 037 viii in the September minutes
 - Cllr Hawley had attended the NATS meeting. She informed members that Manton quarry is putting in an application for a batching plant.
 - Cllrs Wainwright and Stephenson, when researching for the planning appeal for Hibaldstow quarry, had come across a planning application from Weltons for a sand quarry at Caistor. It contained reference to 5/6 lorries per day delivering sand to Hibaldstow quarry. Councillors agreed that Redbourne Parish Council would send a letter supporting Caistor Parish Council with their objection to the sand quarry.
- To receive agenda items for the next meeting:
 - Christmas lights switch on.

25/26 – 050 Date and time of the next meeting
 Tuesday 4 November 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 – 051 Staff Payments

- To authorise payment of Clerk's salary and expenses

Approved