



# Redbourne Parish Council

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## **MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting of Redbourne Parish Council held on: Tuesday, 14 April 2026 18:30 at St Andrews Church, Redbourne.**

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

Ward Councillor -  
Parish Clerk - J Curtis

### **Public Participation**

**None**

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**25/26 – 096 Apologies**  
Cllr T Foster, Cllr D Garritt

**25/26 – 097 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. -

25/26 – 099 Cllr Hotham - Brigg Office Supplies - Ink cartridge - £16.95

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

**25/26 – 098 Minutes of Previous meeting**  
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 were **approved** and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr P Hotham      Seconded: Cllr P Stevenson

**25/26 – 099 Governance & Financial Matters**  
i. Payments - To approve the monthly accounts and payments. **approved**

Current Account opening balance at 1 March 2026: £2818.09

Payments in: account transfer from savings account: £12000.00

Payments out: -£11846.00

Closing balance at 31 March 2026: £1980.76

Savings Account opening balance at 1 February £34801.60

Payments in: Bank interest: £121.67

Payments out: Account transfer to current account: -£12000.00

Closing balance at 31 March: £22923.27

ii. Clerk's Update on Governance and Financial Matters

a. Local Councils Insurance renewal

Members noted that the 2026 premium had increased from **£820.02** in 2025 to **£1,123.92**. The Clerk had queried the significant rise and was advised that last year's premium had been incorrectly calculated by Zurich, resulting in a reduced charge. Zurich confirmed they would honour the 2025 premium as it had been their error. The Clerk would obtain three quotations in 2027 when the long-term agreement concludes.

b. Assertion 10 – Strengthening Governance and Compliance

Draft IT Policy – Cllr Didlock would look through the policy and report back to the clerk.

c. Update on church clock deposit

The clerk had paid a 40% deposit to start the clock repairs, however the repairs had to be aborted due to the discovery of significant woodworm infestation rendering the area unsafe. Time Assured had returned the deposit and sent an invoice for £480 for the work already undertaken, which was approved for payment.

d. Devolution Arrangements for Grass cutting and Weed spraying Financial Offer for 2026/27

North Lincolnshire Council had offered an uplift of 3.8% to the financial contribution for the next financial year to reflect inflation, with the condition that weed clearance of roads and pathways be incorporated into the existing grass-cutting arrangement. This requirement would normally apply to areas within the 30mph speed-limit zone of the village.

After consideration, the Clerk had declined the offer, noting that the proposed uplift—an increase of £326—would not meet the cost of weed-spraying, which had been quoted at £1,600 per spray.

e. VAT reclaim to be submitted for £2887.56

**25/26 – 100 Report from Ward Councillor**

No report

**25/26 – 101 Planning**

- i. Planning Applications: PA/2026/232 and PA/2026/245: Planning permission for the replacement of three chimney stacks, insertion of a Juliet balcony, alterations to the window and the insertion of French doors. Site Location: The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Redbourne, Gainsborough, DN21 4QW – **No objections**
- ii. Planning Application: PA/2026/124 - Planning permission to erect 2,178 free standing photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays with substation – Redbourne Parish Council had submitted a comment stating that they support the comments already made by the Public Rights of Way Officer about the impact to the public right of way FP261 in that it must not be obstructed

or diverted, or its use made difficult or dangerous, or anything else be done to deter walkers.

- iii. 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.

Cllr Wainwright had noted that this planning application had been withdrawn on 8 April 2026 by the LLFA. Cllr Wainwright has written to NLC Planning to ask for an explanation.

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

Cllr Wainwright had written to the Planning Department at North Lincolnshire Council on behalf of Redbourne Parish Council to seek clarification regarding the implementation, status, and enforcement of all conditions imposed by the Planning Inspectorate following the appeal decision under reference **APP/Y2003/W/25/3370238**, relating to planning permission **PA/2024/740** at Hibaldstow (Slate House) Quarry.

Cllr Wainwright had circulated to councillors the response received from the Planning Officer, requesting their comments and suggestions with the intention of submitting a further letter. However, she had not received sufficient replies to understand members' views on the matter and asked that, in future, councillors respond either way so that correspondence can be progressed appropriately.

Following further discussion, councillors agreed that Cllr Wainwright should write again to Planning to seek additional clarification, as the responses received were not consistent with members' understanding of the conditions imposed by the Inspector.

- v. Planning Application PA/2025/1506 consultation Consent under Tree Preservation Orders at 6 The Falconers, Redbourne, Gainsborough, DN21 4AS – Update – Not yet determined
- vi. Planning Application PA/2025/1358: Planning permission for formation of a silage clamp. Update – not yet determined
- vii. Planning Applications PA/2021/1240 and PA/2022/1818: Fairview, Carr Lane, Redbourne – erection of six dwellings – Update.

Delivery Vehicles on Carr Lane. The situation had improved, with large delivery vehicles no longer obstructing the highway. It appears that the development has progressed to the next stage, with interior works now being undertaken. The situation would continue to be monitored.

viii. It was brought to councillors' attention that work was taking place on a property on School Lane, Redbourne. It was noted that the building is Grade 2 listed and must have planning consent to carry out any work. Cllr Didlock would contact Felix Mayle, conservation project officer for Heritage Lincolnshire to enquire whether consent had been obtained.

ix. Planning applications for reference and monitoring

- 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)
- NLC Land – Hibaldstow Airfield – update study for the feasibility and installation of green energy to benefit the local communities. – for reference

**25/26 – 102 Community Safety Matters  
Church – Falling Masonry**

It was noted that large pieces of stone had fallen from the church. The matter had been reported to the Churches Conservation Trust, who are responsible for managing the building.

**Highways – Damage to Beck Lane Railings and Pillars**

During the recent storms and high winds, several branches had broken off trees on the property adjacent to the beck. The fallen branches damaged the stone pillars and metal railings that separate the beck from the pavement. The property owner had removed the debris and placed hazard-warning cones to alert pedestrians to the condition of the barrier and the potential risk of further branches falling.

The Clerk would report the damaged barrier to North Lincolnshire Council as a priority.

**25/26 – 103 Community Facilities and Open Space Management**

To discuss and resolve any action on:

1) Play Area projects:

a. Grant Application – Play Area Equipment

The grant application for the new play equipment had still not been received. The Clerk would contact Community Grants again to ask when the application is scheduled to be considered.

b. Playground – Kompan Inspection and Maintenance Packages

Councillors had discussed Kompan's range of Inspection and Maintenance packages for parish play areas and agreed it would be beneficial to request quotes for consideration. The Clerk had contacted Kompan but had not yet received a response and would try again. Once the quotations had been received, councillors would decide whether to continue using ROSPA for annual inspections or to set up an agreement with Kompan.

- c. **Playground – Tree Safety Following Storm Damage**  
During the recent storms, two trees in the playground had blown over and were subsequently removed. Councillors were now concerned about the condition of some of the remaining trees and wished to minimise any potential risk to the public. It was agreed to seek quotations from a suitable company to carry out a risk assessment to evaluate the safety and stability of the remaining trees and identify any necessary remedial work.

2) Updates from the Gardening Group

- In Bloom Community Grant - The application form for the £250 In Bloom Community Grant had been sent to the Clerk. The closing date for submissions was 30 April. The Clerk would submit the application together with a list of proposed plants.
- Cllr Brown had purchased plants using the CPRE voucher. The plants were currently being kept in her greenhouse and would be planted out when the weather improves.
- Watering of Flowerbeds and Planters - Discussion took place regarding the watering of the flowerbeds and planters, which was becoming increasingly difficult, particularly during prolonged dry spells. It was suggested that a list be created and residents approached to see whether they would be willing to help water the plants closest to their properties. The matter would be discussed further at the next meeting.

3) Ownership of Old A15 land

- Nothing further to report on ownership.
- The fingerpost at entrance to the old A15 at Redbourne Mere was missing. The Clerk will submit a further report, including the What3Words location and photographs, to support the request.

**25/26 – 104**

**Clerk's & Councillor Updates**

- Clerk to update on correspondence received since the March meeting:
  - Redbourne on folk tale trail project: The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Dr Rory Waterman, an academic at Nottingham Trent University, regarding a project he is developing to create a digital map of twenty-five sites across the county. Dr Waterman expressed an interest in including Redbourne on the trail by installing a small, discreet sign featuring a QR code and approximately fifteen words about the project in a prominent location within the village. The QR code would link to a web page providing an expanded version of the existing Redbourne-related entries featured on the original folk tales' map.  
After discussion, Cllr Belza offered to contact Dr Waterman to obtain further information about the project.
  - Applications for funding: The Clerk reported that she had completed an online registration for funding on the Community Fundraising Ireland website and was awaiting an acknowledgement. Techcrete had confirmed that they do not operate a community fund, and no response had been received from Bennetts Potatoes.

- NLC reporting issues logged:
  - Reference No. 00110295 fingerpost on Carr Lane
  - Reference No. 4006262 – blocked trash screen
  - Reference No. 00110284 – Park Lane – sent to PROW
  - Reference No. 4006204 – request for rubbish bags
- All to update on items requiring attention since the March meeting not already discussed:
  - Cllr Hawley had reported the condition of the path between Redbourne and Hibaldstow at the last NATs meeting. Cllr Foster had noted the issue and agreed to follow up on the matter.

**25/26 – 105 Date and time of the next meeting**

Tuesday 19 May 2026 Annual Parish Meeting starting at 6.30pm  
followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.00pm

**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 – 106 Staff Payments**

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