

North Kyme Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday
11th June 2025

Venue: North Kyme Village Hall

Time: 6.30p.m.

Present: Cllr G Melbourne, Cllr G Everard, Cllr S Spry, Cllr J Dring, Cllr A Rue, Dis Cllr A Whittle, County Cllr D East

In Attendance: Mrs Carolyn Barber, Clerk & RFO

Chairman's Opening Address - The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained that this was the last meeting until August.

1. Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons given - Cllr R Rhys had been deployed with the Air Force to Cyprus, and only returned home late today, therefore could not attend. District Councillor Sarah Lawrence sent her apologies as she was at another meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest- Councillors must declare interests in planning or any items on the agenda.
None were declared.

3. Updates from District Councillors: -

09/05/2025 – Biogas at Anwick – There is a meeting on Thursday regarding the planning application for the Biogas Plant. The argument for the village of Anwick is that it is too close to the village and would like it a few fields further away from the village. The issue for North Kyme is the sheer volume of traffic going through our village; if the wind is blowing the wrong way, there is a risk of pollutants, and the roads are not of suitable structure.

002/04/2025 – Churchyard – The Clerk has emailed Helen, who will look into it and get back to the Clerk. The clerk is to email the Vicar, District Councillor Whittle will send through the details via email. The Vicar is called Phillip Johnson.

001/04/2025 – Allotments – Clerk to post something on social media to gauge demand, and also email James to see if they have a field they would like to rent to the Council. If we get enough interest, then we will continue to pursue.

4. Notes of the last meeting held on 14th May 2025 to be approved as the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Spry and Seconded by Cllr Rue, and they were resolved to be true and accurate minutes and signed by the Chairman.

5. Updates from Councillors –

02/03/2025 – Remainder of Donation from Village Hall – We have approx £1500.00 remaining. Cllr Melbourne requested that councillors provide feedback on ideas to spend the remainder of the money by the next meeting.

05/11/2024 - Dog Paddock – Can the Council draw up an agreement for the dog park for the peppercorn rent – Cllr Taylor. The village hall Chairman has written an agreement to the Parish Council Chairman and Clerk, and this will be distributed to other councillors by the Cllr Melbourne.

001/06/2025 – Garden Competition – Richard Tonge asked who won the garden competition - Cllr Everard – No one won the competition because no one entered it.

10/05/2025 ~ Pylons – County Councillor suggested to go onto the National Grid website and see if the village is affected. Clerk to place something on social media.

006/11/2024 – Play Park – Inspections, Signs and Pigeon Spikes and slide update – Cllr Melbourne – CCTV sign is now up and pigeon spikes have been replaced. Safety tape has also been placed around the wooden surround above the slide to keep children off the slide until it is replaced. Cllr Melbourne asked if everyone could contribute to the inspections, especially if they visit the play park regularly.

02/05/2025 – Summer Fete – Cllr Everard reported that there is going to be an evening event with a Band and BBQ, and the bar is going to be open on the 23rd of August. Cllr Melbourne passed on a message regarding Luke Chaisty, asking if medical assistance would be required at the Fete. As there is no play equipment e.g., bouncy castles etc, it wasn't deemed necessary. Cllr Melbourne to provide this feedback to Luke.

002/06/2025 – Billinghay Swimming Pool – Cllr Melbourne stated that the swimming pool is closed at the moment, however, once lease has been renewed and the pool is opened again to the public, the council agreed to donate to the swimming pool. However, the council will not donate until this happens. Clerk to email Billinghay swimming pool to ask how can we help. The pool itself needs to be completely rebuilt, and the front building contains asbestos and will cost thousands to put it right. Proposed by Cllr Rue and Seconded by Cllr Melbourne.

06/11/2024 – Play Park items for older children – We will get a draft of what it will look like in three weeks' – Zip Line, trampolines, and Merry go round, there will also be a multi-use path.

003/06/2025 – A Councillor asked can the council request CCTV footage to be looked at? – Can we look at training council members to view footage as required.

004/06/2025 – Notice board background Clerk – Can a new background be placed in the noticeboard? Everyone in agreement. Proposed by Cllr Melbourne and seconded by Cllr Rue.

005/06/2025 – Plastic flowers that are dangling down have been removed from flower boxes

006/06/2025 – Gates at either end of the village – Clerk will get a prices for them and add them to the heritage bid.

003/04/2025 – Christmas Lights Quotes – Cllr Rue is going to Work with Cllr Everard to see what we have and what we need.

007/06/2025 – Weeds on the path and the disrepair of the path throughout the village– Cllr Dring/Cllr Melbourne- County Councillor East will look into it for us and report back.

008/06/2025 – Green Signs at either end of the village needs attention – Cllr Spry, this needs some attention, and Ernest Doe has previously asked if they can change the board to their company name from the previous company. – Cllr Melbourne will visit Ernest Doe and will discuss it with them then the Clerk will get prices for the replacement signs.

009/06/2025 – Bus Stop shelter damaged – Cllr Spry the bus stop has been vandalised – Cllr Melbourne will speak to Mr Pout regarding the paint when he returns from holiday – Clerk is to look up when Mr Minucci left the Parish Council, to ask if he can repair the damage. Mr Minucci can only be paid if he left the council more than 12 months ago. Mr Minucci resigned from the council in October 2024, therefore cannot be paid to carry out the work.

010/06/2025 – To Supply bike Rack and new goal nets at the recreation ground by the village hall – Cllr Spry will get prices for them and report back next meeting.

003/04/2025 – The Regeneration Heritage funding – Ideas from Councillors are needed so far we have Christmas Lights, gates etc. - Cllr Taylor

011/06/2025 – Picnic Benches look scorched, they need looking at along with the fence around the play park – Cllr Melbourne suggested that the councillors get together and do the work between them. Cllr Dring said the children break up from school on the 22nd July, and they are off for six weeks. Cllr Melbourne will speak to Green Barn Timbers about oil for the fence and the picnic benches and get a quote to paint them.

– Cllr Melbourne, the SID donated from South Kyme – Clerk from South Kyme has stated he now needs to go back to the council to get it authorised. Clerk has replied to the South Kyme Clerk asking for an update as soon as possible. The council also discussed the fact that South Kyme had not contributed to repairs or batteries for the last few years, and this needs to be considered.

03/05/2025 – Neighbourhood Watch Signs - Have arrived and some have been fitted in place. The old ones have metal clips holding them in place, and they will be removed in due course.– Cllr Melbourne.

5. Report on matters outstanding –

012/06/2025 – Zebra Crossing – The Clerk has found out our request has gotten lost, therefore, we need to start again. The Clerk has contacted highways, and we will be hearing shortly, also County Councillor East will talk to the relevant people.

010/09/2024 – Donation to Air Ambulance – Clerk – it will be taken to the garden centre at the weekend.

6. Financial Matters & Clerk's Report

013/06/2025 – Bank Statement and Spreadsheet Balance – £ 15,306.93

Invoices: -

014/06/2025 – Lincolnshire County Council £400 for the two posts for the SID.

015/06/2025 – CCTV Signage and tape for the side – Cllr Melbourne £13.99

016/06/2024 - Neighbourhood watch Signs, postage for VAT Return and mileage £ 65.25 - Clerk

017/06/2025 – LALC - £12.00 balance on this years training scheme Invoice 15971

018/06/2024 – LALC - £172.04 Services from LALC

019/06/2025 – Richard Tonge - £21.98 for flowers for village flower boxes

020/06/2025 – Auditor - £30.00

021/06/2025 – HMRC - £2.36

All proposed by Cllr Spry and seconded by Cllr Rue.

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022/06/2025 – Page 3 Certificate of Exemption – Chairman signed the paperwork.

023/06/2025 – Page 4 Internal Report – Chairman signed the paperwork

024/06/2025 – Page 5 Annual Governance Statement – Chairman signed the paperwork

025/06/2025 – Page 6 Accounting Statement – Chairman signed the paperwork.

All were proposed by Cllr Melbourne and seconded by Cllr Spry.

026/06/2026 – Auditor Report - There is nothing major; there should be two signatures on cheques. The new Councillors and the Chairman need to go on the relevant courses. Having checked with LALC the Councillor's expenses only need to go in a policy if we have one if not, they are to go into standing orders.

008/04/2025 – Car parked on Main Street – Update Clerk has found out that the police will not discuss it until we have the registrations for the cars involved. When Councillors are passing please make note of the registration plates and pass them to the clerk, then the clerk will contact the police.

07/05/2025 – Insurance has been paid - The Council now has Public Liability of £12,000,000 the dog paddock cannot be covered by the council's insurance.

027/06/2025 – A Councillor mentioned that there were concerns raised about a gentleman peering in a window at the yoga class. Cllr Everard will have a word with the gentleman and parents.

7. Correspondence – None

8. Planning – None

Meeting closed at 20.02.

Next Meeting - 13th August 2025 at 7pm.