

North Kyme Parish Council Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Venue: North Kyme Village Hall	Time: 7.00 p.m.
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Present: Chair – Cllr S Spry, Cllr N Taylor, Cllr G Everard, Cllr J Dring, Cllr A Rue, Dist Cllr S Lawrence, Dist Cllr A Whittle, County Cllr D East.

In Attendance Mrs Carolyn Barber Clerk & RFO Debbie Holmes and Sue from the Billingham Swimming Pool Committee.

Chairman's Opening Address – The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Our previous Chairman Cllr Graham Melbourne has stepped down and resigned as Cllr and Chairman with immediate effect on Monday the 2nd March 2026.

1. Public Forum – Debbie Holmes from Billingham Swimming pool will give a talk on the pool.

We now have a new committee and we have been fund raising a lot and at the end of the month at the village hall we have a bingo evening.

We have been able to secure several grants and as the work at the pool progresses we will be obtaining further grants.

At the moment we have going between Anglian Water and Wave to see if we can get a subsidise ion to fill the pool. Also the fire service have volunteered to fill the pool but we need to obtain special permission to use the hydrant.

Major Works at the pool start on the 23rd March for a week.

2. Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons given - Cllr R Richards is standby and has to remain at the base in anticipation to be deployed.

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

4. Updates from District Councillors: -

Dist Cllr Whittle please go on L.G.R and state which one you think we should have.

Council tax – NKDC have increased the council tax by 11p per household per week for band D.

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Brown Bins – Increase to £50 for the first bin and any other bins have increased from £8.00 a month to £30 a month.

County Cllr East – The Volunteer Service is out again and we can bid on it for 26./27. From April I have a fund of which I can allocate up to £200 per parish council to do something that is need in their parishes.

Causeway Road is being discussed at highways and once a decision has been made for the best solution I will let you know.

5. 003/12/2025 – Notes of the last meeting held on 2nd December 2025 to be approved as the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Rue and Seconded by Cllr Everard, and they were resolved to be true and accurate minutes and signed by the Chairman.

6. Updates from Councillors –

Resignation of Councillor Melbourne and Leaving gift decent bottle of Port and Decanter has authorised by the councillor this will be paid for out of their personal funds not council funds.

Strimmer required – Cllr Everard. Cllr Whittle may have a strimmer that is suitable and will make contact with Cllr Everard to bring it over and for him to see if it is suitable and the cost will be £50, This was proposed Cllr Spry and Seconded by Cllr Rue.

003/04/2025 Heritage Fund – The funding subcommittee, would like to know?

Can we take down the smallish tree where the storage containers are? The Clerk is to check that the tree does not have a preservation order on it if not then the Cllr's authorised the removal of the small tree Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Everard.

Can we pay to submit planning permission on the land next to the storage containers? Parish Councils get 50% discount. Cllr Taylor to find out costs and report back at the next meeting.

To install repurposed shipping container with a gym, heritage hub/multi use fitness suite / games room? Cllr Taylor is to create a business plan which is to include, a drawing or AI picture and site plan of what the containers will look like and how they will be positioned and presented. Funding plan and projected cost of the total project, a financial forecast for the future sustainability of the gym and fitness suite including such things as, insurances (building and public liability), staffing, equipment purchase and maintenance, GDPR compliance, projection of members required and monthly user cost. Consideration of Health and Safety including risk assessments, fire safety compliance and safeguarding policies. Consideration of these things and others is to be drawn up and presented by Cllr Taylor at the next meeting.

Perspective funding streams are – Wren Postcode Trust and Sport England are all giving out grants for the sort of thing the Heritage sub committee are working towards.

Village Hall sub committee to manage site, could they have the same peppercorn rent £1.00 per year? To be discussed after the Business plan has been drawn up.

Heritage Funding needs a condition report / Rospa or similar alternative. The Clerk has received various quotes and the cheapest quote is £199 plus vat where as if we wait until August it is only £85 plus vat., Cllr Taylor agreed waiting till August is financially a better option.

Play park checks must be done weekly: - Routine visual checks (weekly or fortnightly), operational inspections (quarterly), annual independent inspection (often by a qualified play inspector).

Many councils use inspectors accredited by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) or RPII. Documenting inspections is just as important as doing them, the biggest risk isn't a fine — it's an injury claim where the insurer asks for inspection records.

We also need a condition report on the land where we are proposing the site to go on. Clerk to investigate this and get quotes.

Cllr Taylor is going to Speak to volunteer Catarina Cunnington to see if she can help with this also Cllr Spry will do the weekly checks from here on in.

Human Resources Sub committee = Cllr East stated that at North Kesteven District Council they have an Anti Social Behavioural Unit the same as do Lincoln County Council and if anything were to arise they are best dealing with it. Clerk to speak to Woodhall Spa Clerk to see if they have one.

Can Cllr Everard leave us a list of maintenance jobs he currently does for the Parish Council. So we can try and cover them. Cllr Everard reported that he has already passed on most of the tasks he carries out but he was going to carry on doing the field.

Log book for the park – needs to be inspected every week. Can we have the hard copy back please. A new book will be purchased by the clerk and passed to Cllr Spry. Proposed by Cllr Everard and seconded by Cllr Rue.

Can we have for the children have an Easter arts and crafts – decorating the small oak tree. Can we have a few quid for materials, will look at best pens and resources. – Cllr Taylor - it was authorised that £30 can be donated towards this. Proposed by Cllr Rue and Seconded by Cllr Everard.

7. Report on matters outstanding –

009/08/2025 ~ Councillor Volunteers Service – have come back to us they will do the painting but we will need to supply pots brushes etc and everything they will need. They have sent a list of everything they need we just need to work out how many tins of paint we are going to need. Cllr Whittle stated that he could get the paint and if there was any left over it could be taken back as he can get it on account we just need to let him know how much we need. Also he may be able to get hold of the other equipment we need for a small fee. Authorised by Cllr Spry and Seconded by Cllr Everard.

04/12/2025 – Chocolates and Christmas Cards rather than the funds coming from the council for volunteers, Cllr Melbourne donated the Chocolates for the volunteers himself.

8. Financial Matters & Clerk's Report

Bank Statement and Reconciliation Balance – £4305.38 + £5019 in savings

Expenses: -

Graham Melbourne - Batteries for the S.I.D's £40.30 Already **Paid**.

Geoff Panton £50.87 petrol and repair to mower

Cllr Everard – Lawn Mower £249.99

HMRC £1.41 + £2.79 – **Paid** by DD

Cloud Next - £60 for gov. domain to support emails

Cloud Next - £59.98 for email addresses

Bank Charges - for Jan, Feb & March £12.75 paid by DD

LALC – Membership – £183.64

LALC - Training Scheme - £156.00

LALC - £42.00

SLCC Membership split £58 each for each Council

All Proposed by Cllr Rue and Authorised by Cllr Spry.

Increment Increase for Clerk proposal increase. It was proposed by Cllr Spry and Seconded by Cllr Rue that the clerk would increase her salary put tie Th next increment.

Mobile Phone SIM only contract for Clerk the cost to be shared with South Kyme. Clerk to look into cost but the councillors are happy to split the cost between themselves and South Kyme Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Everard and seconded by Cllr Rue.

Norton on lap top for renewal. – to be cancelled if council in agreement. Clerk to look into other companies and report back in April to the council. Proposed by Cllr Spry and Seconded by Cllr Everard.

3 hours with Tony Shaw for web site. Council agreed to three hours proposed by Cllr Rue and seconded by Cllr Everard.

9. Correspondence –

Ethos Universitas Partner Communities. Clerk to forward email to Councillors
Lincolnshire County Bus Shelter Grant Scheme. Clerk to look into this.

10. Planning – 25/0718/FULL- has been approved

Next Meeting 8th April 2026 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.