



Tickton & Routh
Parish Council
Working and Playing Together

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Tickton & Routh Parish Council held on **Monday, 14 April 2025** at 8:00pm held in Tickton Village Hall, Main Street, Tickton.

Present: Councillors: Sinkler (in the Chair); Caley; Dickson; Dodds; Oliver; Robinson & Vickers.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Mrs Michelle Middleton

Apologies: Cllrs Cross; Hall & Hallett.

Absent: None

Public: No members of the public.

053/25 **APOLOGIES** - To receive apologies for absence
Recorded above.

054/25 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct)
To record any declarations of interest by any Member in respect of items for discussion on this agenda. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.
Cllrs Caley and Sinkler declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.4.2. (Minute Ref. 059/25 4.2.) due to ownership of land within the proposed development.

055/25 **TO RECEIVE THE EAST RIDING WARD COUNCILLOR(S) REPORT**
A report was received from Ward Cllr Smith at the Annual Parish Meeting held prior to the Parish Meeting. In summary, the Cllr reported on the following matters: -

1. Cllr Smith is a representative on the Crime Panel, Planning Committee, Safer Communities and Licensing Committees.
2. Cllrs across ERYC have expressed concern regarding the potential industrialisation of landscape through large scale solar projects.
3. No progress has been made regarding the A1035 cycle path. ERYC has applied for grants with a view to purchasing a machine to cut back overgrown vegetation on pathways.
4. ERYC cannot commit to road improvements schemes, including the A1035, due to current budget constraints.

056/25 **MINUTES**
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 March 2025.
RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 March 2025 were approved as a true and correct record.

057/25 **COUNCILLOR VACANCY** - To consider any applications for co-option and sign declarations of acceptance of office - No applications received.

058/25 **COMMUNITY SAFETY & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** - To note any incidents/crimes and reports.
It was noted that canisters of nitrous oxide had been found near GL Cullington Field and handed over the Humberside Police. Three larger canisters had been seen in a layby on Meaux Lane.
RESOLVED: The PC to report to Humberside Police, ask for additional surveillance and any health advice posters to share on AAT. To inform residents to report any canisters found to Humberside Police.
Humberside Police and Neighbourhood Watch to host East Riding “Better Together Event” at Beverley Rugby Club at 9:30 am - 1.30pm on 29 May 2025.
Residents can register on the “My Community Alert” free messaging system operated by Humberside Police and Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, giving live information about incidents happening in the area - www.mycommunityalert.co.uk

1. Planning Applications – to consider the Planning Working Group recommendations and agree any additional response to the following application(s) and any that are received after publication of agenda. None received.

2. Planning Decisions – to note any decisions received from ERYC. None received.

3. Planning Appeals: to note any decisions received from the Planning Inspectorate. No decisions received.

4. Planning Inspectorate: to consider the Planning Working Group Report with recommendations to the following application(s) submitted to the Planning Inspectorate: -

1. [APP/E2001/W/25/3360978](#) - Carr Farm, Carr Lane, Tickton - Construction of 49.9MW Solar Farm comprising of ground mounted solar panels, underground cabling, a temporary construction compound, access tracks, perimeter fencing with CCTV cameras, access gates and associated ancillary grid infrastructure and work (ERYC Planning Ref - [22/03648/STPLF](#)).

RESOLVED: The Parish Council strongly object due to: -

- **Over development taking into consideration the prior approved applications (planning application [22/00824/STPLF](#) and [22/01208/STPLF](#)).** The Government Guidance is that one development in an area cannot be considered in isolation. It must be the cumulative impact that is considered, “cumulative impacts require particular attention, especially the increasing impact that wind turbines and large-scale solar farms can have on landscape and local amenity” the developer seems to suggest that the cumulative impact has been considered at the initial screening stage by East Riding. The PC strongly object to not having been party to that consultation.
- **Consultation has not been effective or thorough.**
- **No additional consultation was undertaken with Carr House Farm despite being assured.**
- **UK food security; depriving the area of versatile agricultural farmland.** 29% of the site is classed as BMV i.e., category 3a, and category 3b, the Secretary of State has recently refused planning permission for a solar farm on 3a land, this should be no different.
- **The minimal provision of jobs does not bring any local benefit.**
- **The development being too close to the village, public right of way, bridleway and Carr House Farm.** It would spoil the enjoyment of the open countryside. The PC notes that there is no consultation response from the Public Rights of Way Officer to date.
- **The change of use of land affecting the visual amenity and the quality of life and wellbeing of the communities and in particular Carr House Farm.**
- **The significant adverse effect on the whole ecology and wildlife of the area including deer, foxes, birds of prey and ground nesting birds (which Albanwise have previously taken part in schemes to encourage and protect i.e., skylarks and lapwings) together with protected species including hare and badgers.** This is particularly relevant when seen with the pre-approved solar schemes at Wawne and Tickton – it would effectively create a wildlife exclusion zone around Tickton and Weel.
- **Effects of diesel spills from HGV on the wildlife and watercourses.**
- **The UK is projected to have full wind power renewable energy by 2030.** There is arguably no need for any additional solar arrays. Solar panels on buildings would be a more than adequate ‘top-up’ to renewable supply when wind power is less reliable. Solar is the least efficient of renewables.
- **Unacceptable noise levels.**
- **Safety of gas infrastructure referred to by Northern Gas Network.**
- **Glint and glare.**

If the Planning Inspectorate is minded to go against the local communities’ vehement objections and approve the application, we strongly recommend the following conditions: -

- **that access to the Solar Farm should be along the west bank of the Holderness Drain – the applicant should be required to install a suitable roadway to carry all site traffic, rather than using the bridleway.**
- **All remedial works and any proposed hedgerow/tree planting to be undertaken is to be planted immediately rather than waiting for the scheme to be completed to reduce noise levels.**
- **To increase the height of proposed trees.**
- **To significantly extend the buffer zone around Carr House Farm, to reduce the sense of enclosure.**

- The CCTV should only focus on the internal aspect of the solar farm to protect the privacy of users of the bridleway and Carr House Farm
- If the aforementioned condition regarding a purpose-built access road to the east of the site is not stipulated, then the applicant should improve the farm track and roadway by building a purpose built and maintained road to take the site traffic to and from the solar farm to improve PROW and to retain the only access road to Carr House Farm. No site traffic should pass by the curtilage of Carr House Farm.
- The substation should not be near property; out of the entire site, why has the substation been proposed near to Carr House Farm? A condition to reposition the substation away from Carr House Farm is needed.
- The Community Benefit Fund appears to be low in comparison to other similar sized proposals in the area and request in excess of £100k solely for the benefit of the parishes of Tickton and Routh.
- The Solar Farm only covers land designated 3b i.e., land designated 3a should be retained for agriculture and excluded from the scheme.

The Parish Council agree wholeheartedly with the ERYC Planning Committee's determination that this application does not satisfy the criteria of Policies S4, EC5 and ENV1. Neither does it satisfy paragraph 160 and 165 of the NPPF. The Planning Inspectorate attention should be draw to paragraph 187 of the NPPF relating to the best and most versatile land for farming. The application is confused as it has not addressed the issues regarding adjacent public rights of way, as highlighted by ERYC PROW Officer.

2. Peartree Hill Solar Farm: Project update, register to comment and webinars

RESOLVED: To register with the Planning Inspectorate (PI) as an interested party and inform the PI that the Parish Council object due to the cumulative impact of current and proposed solar developments, leading to industrialisation of the area surrounding the parishes of Tickton and Routh. The Planning Inspectorate attention should be draw to paragraph 187 of the NPPF relating to the best and most versatile land for farming. We understand that our lead authority, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, object to large scale solar across the County.

060/25 **CONSULTATIONS** to consider a response to the following consultation(s)

1. **Local Government Boundary Commission:** Notification of draft recommendations consultation closes on 12 May 2025.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council object to the recommended changes elsewhere that could impact the current integrity of the Beverley Rural Ward. For example, the proposed relocation of Leven Parish to East Wolds.

The current Beverley Rural Ward works well and communities with shared assets and interests i.e. A1035 cycle track, River Hull, Albanwise wetland development project, Hall Farm wind farm, and the basic fact that the land is predominantly an intricate system of drainage ditches common and integral to both parishes. These all contribute to a sense of belonging and community between the parishes of Tickton and Routh and Leven Parish.

Tickton & Routh Parish Council has worked with Leven on several projects including parish cairns, VE Day 80 Anniversary beacon lighting and significant conversations regarding the threats of flooding in the local area.

To remove Leven from Beverley Rural Ward would be highly detrimental and incur extensive duplication of work for Ward councillors. To include villages like North Cave within Beverley Rural would be bizarre as the land is vastly different as it largely contains the A63/M62 catchment area.

061/25 **PARISH MATTERS** – To receive updates and agree any actions: -

1. **Highways**

1.1. **Weel Flooding & Sewerage:** To receive any updates and agree any actions.

RESOLVED: To ask the IDB who the enforcing authority is for blocked ditches that are not the responsibility of the IDB.

1.2. **Weel Surface Dressing of Roads 2025:** To receive notification of proposed dates.

ERYCs provisional commencement date for surfacing dressing is scheduled for 8th July 2025 (subject to weather conditions) in Weel on Westcroft, Carr Lane and Weel Road and Weel Road, Tickton.

ACTION: To inform residents via website and AAT.

1.3. Weel Road, Weel (Weel Bridge) Refurbishment Works: To receive notification of temporary up-coming road closure commencing Monday 3 November 2025 – noted.

ACTION: To inform residents via website and AAT.

2. VE Day 2025 – To approve Risk Assessment and any to consider/approve any final plans prior to event.

RESOLVED: The PC approved the Risk Assessment and event layout plan.

RESOLVED: Cllr Hall was nominated to give the ceremonial speech on behalf of the PC.

062/25 **CORRESPONDENCE** – To consider any response to:

1. ERNLLCA: Newsletter, ER District Committee Meeting 17 April 2025, Local Net Zero Hubs to Support GB Energy, Training; Year-end, procurement & VAT, free Councillor courses and Employment Law webinar Noted.

2. ERYC: Adoption of the East Riding Local Plan Update 2020-2039 and East Riding Design Code SPD Noted.

3. ERYC: Town and parish councillors' bulletin - Tuesday, 8 April 2025 – Noted.

4. DBS (Dogger Bank South) Offshore Wind Farms: Community Newsletter Spring 2025 – Noted.

5. Lionheart Public Affairs: Community Benefit Fund for Drove Lane Solar Farm

RESOLVED: To request that the Community Benefit Fund supports the local community by ring fencing a minimum of £2.5k per year for long term projects in village of Weel.

6. Resident: Request to display notice in Weel relating to litter and protecting verges.

RESOLVED: To advise resident that signs and notices can be displayed on own land/assets or on grass verges and other locations with the permission of the landowner.

7. Any other correspondence received after publication of agenda *(to note only)*

7.1. ERYC: Humber Forest planting in Tickton & Routh Parish

ACTION: To add to the next Agenda.

063/25 **CLERK'S REPORT** - To receive any other updates
None received.

064/25 **MOTIONS PROPOSED BY COUNCILLORS**
None received.

065/25 **PC REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

1. Safeguard Representative – Cllr Vickers to report.

Cllrs Vickers confirmed that the Safeguarding Survey had been completed and as a result recommended that a review of the PCs Safeguarding policy and procedures be undertaken.

RESOLVED: To request a Safeguarding policy and procedure from ERNLLCA.

066/25 **GOVERNANCE & POLICIES**

Sexual Harassment Policy & Procedure – To consider draft.

The Clerk presented a draft Sexual Harassment policy and procedure for consideration and in preparation for approval at the Annual Council meeting in May.

RESOLVED: Councillors to review the documentation and email any comments to the Clerk.

067/25 **FINANCE**

1. Bank Accounts: To receive update and agree any transfer of funds.

The balance in accounts were noted as follows:

Current - £4,886.57; Reserve - £973.99; 35-Day Notice - £20,217.69 and 95-Day Notice - £20,390.88.

2. 24-25 Year End Asset Register: To approve.

ASSETS DISPOSED/ACQUIRED 24-25	INITIAL NET COST OF ASSET ON REGISTER
Beacon	£495.00
STIMBA single balance beam	£500.00
DELTA Toddler Play Unit	£4,860.00
DELTA Toddler Play unit Safamat surfacing	£1,452.00
FROG Springer	£1,380.00
DONARD Junior Play Unit	£8,915.00
DONARD Junior Play Unit Safamat surfacing	£2,024.00

You to Me Swing	£1,980.00
You to Me Swing Safamat surfacing	£924.00
Oxo Play Panel	£655.00
4 In a Row Play Panel	£625.00
Sensory Play Panel	£830.00
2No. Flower Top Stepping Posts	£260.00
Sturdy Ext. Top Picnic Table	£607.00
Reston bench	£260.00
Cylindrical Metal Frame	-£663.22
Tom Thumb Multi Play (Tom Thumb)	-£6,473.21
Log Run	-£540.00
Mushrooms x 3	-£506.00
Fahr Car	-£665.00
TOTAL	£16,919.57

RESOLVED: The PC approved the 24-25 Asset Value increase of £16,919.57; total asset value £276,533.24 (subject to audit).

3. 24-25 Year End Statement of Accounts and Report: To approve.

RESOLVED: The PC approved the 24-25 Year End Statement of Accounts & Report and year end cash balance of £46,364.73 (subject to audit).

4. Budget V1 & Reserves 25-26: To approve.

RESOLVED: The PC approved Budget v1.

RESOLVED: To remove the EMR 'Development Fund'.

RESOLVED: To combine the funds held in the EMR 'Asset Replacement' and 'Asset Maintenance' that will be recorded as ERM 'Asset Maintenance & Replacement Fund' with a total value £1,750.

RESOLVED: The virement of £395 from General Reserve to EMR 'Paint Storage Container'.

RESOLVED: The virement of £2,500 from General Reserve to EMR 'Playground Equipment Replacement Fund' to show an increase from £10,020 to £12,520 and rename to 'Recreational Development Fund'.

5. Insurance: To note end of three-year term and to agree to obtain quotations.

RESOLVED: To obtain quotations to consideration at the next meeting.

6. Financial Report/Payments: To approve payments and any presented after publication of agenda.

Payments	Net (£)	VAT (£)	Gross (£)
Tickton Village Hall – Room Hire January/February	48.00	0.00	48.00
Pullan Printers Ltd – VE Day advertisement	60.00	0.00	60.00
ERNLLCA – Membership fees	759.42	0.00	759.42
Employment costs & reimbursements (plants)	1246.67	0.00	1246.67
Income			
Bank Interest Reserve			1.03
Bank Interest Liquidity 35 Day			46.60
Bank Interest Liquidity 95 Day			59.40

RESOLVED: The PC noted the financial report including income and approved payments presented.

068/25 **PRIVATE SESSION (PART II)** - To consider resolving to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) for the next item(s) on the agenda as it relates to confidential or staffing matters.

069/25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s):** The Annual Council Meeting will be held at 7:30pm, Monday 19 May 2025 in Tickton Village Hall.

The Minutes were approved and signed at the meeting held on the 19 May 2025.