



Tickton & Routh
Parish Council
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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tickton & Routh Parish Council held on **Monday, 15 September 2025** at 7:30pm held in Tickton Village Hall, Main Street, Tickton.

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk: Michelle Middleton.
Humberside Police: PCSO Freer (Minute Ref. 138-143/25).

Apologies: Councillors: Cross & Dickson.
Ward Councillor Smith.

Absent: None.

Public: None.

Enray Power attended the public forum to present an overview of proposed solar project known as Molescroft Solar Farm. Three members of the public were in attendance and left prior to the commencement of the Parish Council meeting.

138/25 **APOLOGIES** - To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Cllrs Cross and Dickson.

139/25 **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 7.3.1., 8.1. and 10.6. (Minute Ref. 144/25 3.1., 145/25 1. and 147/25 6.) due to ownership of land within the proposed development and nonpecuniary interest in agenda item 10.8. (Minute Ref. 147/25 8.) due to association with All Saints Church Routh.

140/25 **TO RECEIVE THE EAST RIDING WARD COUNCILLOR(S) REPORT**
None received.

141/25 **MINUTES**
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 July 2025.
RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 21 July 2025 were approved as a true and correct record.

142/25 **COUNCILLOR VACANCIES** - To consider any applications & sign declaration of acceptance of office.
None received.

143/25 **COMMUNITY SAFETY & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**
Humberside Police presented an update report.
The PC requested regular patrols and informed the Officer of vandalism on the Village Play Area including the removal of play panels, disposal of a large tyre on the field and glass broken in the Weel noticeboard.
The monthly updates from Humberside Police, the public consultation for proposal to relocate Beverley Police Station and the Crime Commissioners Annual Police Survey 2025 were **noted**.
Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters and the reminder for the meeting at 6.30pm 25 September at Beverley Rugby Club were **noted**.

144/25 **PLANNING**
1. Planning Applications – to note consultee comments submitted under delegated authority in consultation with the PC to meet ERYC's timescale: -
1.1. Link: [25/01906/PAD](#) - Park Farm, Main Road, Routh - Display of non-illuminated sign to front wall (retrospective application) - consultee comments due by 12 August.

RESOLVED: The PC refuse the application based on the fact that the use of the land appears to have significantly changed since the sale of the joinery business and there is no evidence to suggest that this form of use has been approved by ERYC. So that being the case, a determination cannot be made on advertising a business that has not been granted planning permission for its current use. A sign on this historic farmhouse wall would detract from the visual amenity, please refer to conditions relating to planning application 05/06316/PLF. Noted.

1.2. Link: [25/02004/CLE](#) - Land East South West And West Of Tickton Bridge Plantations, Routh - Certificate of Lawfulness for the confirmation of commencement of works of planning permission link: [22/00824/STPLF](#) (Construction of solar photovoltaic development including solar panels, installation of sub-station, medium voltage power stations, battery energy storage containers, erection of perimeter fence and CCTV poles with associated access and erection of temporary construction compound) - consultee comments due by 12 August.

RESOLVED: No comment. Noted.

2. 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.

2.1. Link: [25/02199/VAR](#) - High Farm, Main Road, Routh - Variation of Condition 9 (approved plans) of planning permission 04/09277/STPLF and 25/40062/NONMAT (Change of use and alterations to redundant agricultural buildings to form holiday and business user letting accommodation) to allow design changes – consultee comments due by 16 September 2025 (extension granted)

RESOLVED: No comment.

2.2. Link: [25/02275/STPLF](#) - Land East Of Kenley House Farm, Ferry Road, Wawne - Installation of a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar PV panels with an installed capacity of 49.99MW AC including mounting system, transformer substations, underground cabling, fencing, CCTV, internal tracks and associated infrastructure, landscaping, biodiversity net gain and environmental enhancements for a temporary period of 40 years (comments by 16 September 2025)

RESOLVED: The Parish Council strongly object due to: -

- **Industrialisation of the countryside. Developers should look to brown field sites as a preference. This proposal is in the open countryside.**
- **The cumulative effect of this and pre-approved applications for solar (planning application [22/00824/STPLF](#) , [22/01208/STPLF](#) and [22/03648/STPLF](#)) and the proposed Molescroft Solar Farm would be over development and industrialisation of the area surrounding the villages of Weel and Wawne. 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”.**
- **This development is abutting the River Hull so would have a detrimental effect on the wildlife and enjoyment of the countryside.**
- **The proposed solar panel height seems excessive and could potentially create an increased visual detriment.**
- **UK food security; depriving the area of versatile agricultural farmland.**
- **Following construction, there is a minimal requirement for a workforce. Any benefits of employment opportunities locally are short term and cannot outweigh the negative impact of industrialisation of the landscape.**
- **The development is too close to the community of Weel and the public right of way along the River Hull. It would spoil the enjoyment of the open countryside.**
- **The change of use of land affecting the visual amenity and the quality of life and wellbeing of the communities and every resident of Weel.**
- **The Parish Council has grave concerns regarding the overall impact on birds and wildlife within the vicinity of the development having regard to the adjacent solar farms already approved.**
- **The significant adverse effect on the whole ecology and wildlife of the area including deer, foxes, birds of prey and ground nesting birds together with protected species including hare, badgers, bats and newts. This is particularly relevant when seen with the pre-approved solar schemes within Tickton and Routh parishes – it would effectively create a wildlife exclusion zone around Tickton, Routh, Weel and Wawne.**
- **Effects of potential fuel 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.
- The noise relating to the development may reduce the peaceful enjoyment of the public right of way.
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) should not be involved in the set up or allocation of any community benefit fund as ERYC may have a conflict of interest. Any potential community benefit fund should be exclusively for the area impacted by the development.
- The Parish Council objects to the use of the BMV land for solar projects.

3. Planning Decisions – to note any decisions received from ERYC.

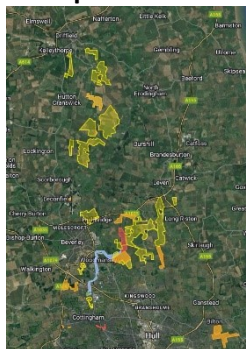
3.1. Link: [25/01627/PLF](#) – 59 St Pauls Way – Conversion of existing integral garage into additional living accommodation – **Approved. Noted.**

3.2. Link: [25/01906/PAD](#) - Park Farm, Routh - Display of non-illuminated sign to front wall (retrospective application) – **Approved. Noted.**

3. Planning Inspectorate

3.1. Proposed Peartree Hill Solar Farm – to note additional comments submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to meet the Examination Timetable Deadline 1 of 27 August 2025 (submission ref. number SB98622C5)

RESOLVED: In addition to comments previously submitted by Tickton & Routh Parish Council. The Parish Council reiterate the cumulative impact of current and proposed solar developments including the Molescroft proposal which is currently under public consultation. The detrimental impact of accumulation of industrial infrastructure will be enormous leading to a feeling of being surrounded by solar panels within the communities of Tickton, Routh and Weel as shown within the attached map.



The Parish Council feel it is essential to preserve agricultural land for food production both locally and nationally. Taking away agricultural land adversely impacts food production and biodiversity, animals and wildlife. Solar panels to this extent cannot be considered sustainable as they threaten food security. Subsidy payments to farmers for crops to solar for biodiversity are encouraging diversification from staple food production. Effectively allowing industrial scale solar may degrade the soil quality to such an extent that significant remedial action at the end the lifespan of the proposal would be required to return the land to usable condition for arable farming.

Owing to the poorly advertised/attended hearing held at Tickton Grange, the Parish Council request that a further public meeting is held locally on an evening and/or weekend and which is properly advertised to all residents and businesses impacted by the proposed development to update, inform and support discussion.

Noted.

4. Energy Projects – To consider the Planning Working Group recommendation to consider granting delegated authority to the Clerk to comment on proposed energy projects to meet timetables set by the Planning Inspectorate and/or the developer in consultation with the Parish Council. Such comments will be recorded at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To grant delegated authority to the Clerk to comment on proposed energy projects to meet timetables set by the Planning Inspectorate and/or the developer in consultation with the Parish Council. Such comments will be recorded at the next meeting. Scheme of Delegation to be updated.

RESOLVED: That all Councillors should give thought to potential recipients of funds/ideas for projects from the Molescroft Solar Farm if it goes ahead.

145/25 CONSULTATIONS

1. RWE Proposed Peartree Hill Solar Farm - To ratify comments submitted to RWE on the proposed changes to the application for development consent detailed in the 'Targeted Consultation Letter' and 'Targeted Consultation Change 9 Update – Prescribed Consultee Letter' to meet the consultation timescale of 5 September.

RESOLVED: In response to letters from RWE dated 6 and 14 August 2025 re: Proposed changes to application for development consent, T&RPC agreed to submit the following comments.

Ref	Tickton & Routh Parish Council (PC) comments
3, 4 & 9	The PC query why are permanent rights being sought and not temporary.
3	What mitigation for removal of hedgerow and will this be replaced to offset removal.

7	To detail circumstances under which the Riston Footpath No. 1 would be closed and for how long. Method of informing the community of temporary closure and an assurance that this will not be a permanent closure on completion of the proposed development.
8	Clarification of the need for 682 sqm to relocate the cable route.
9	The PC strongly oppose the proposed access via the A1035 instead of Meaux Lane due to concerns relating to: - • Increased traffic congestion • Safety hazards • No right-hand holding lane • Potential for accidents • Conflict with farm traffic (both Hall Farm and Field House Farm) and also with traffic using the lay-by • Increased noise and traffic pollution • Disruption to local residents and businesses • Transport issues relating to static caravans that regularly use the A1035 • Visual impact of the proposed entrance widening (exposure of Field House Solar Farm) • Detrimental impact on residents at Field House Farm
General	The PC request publication of readable scale maps for ease of understanding.

Noted.

146/25 **PARISH MATTERS** – To receive updates and agree any actions: -

1. Weel Bridge Works: ERYC Public Meeting 7pm 2 October 2025 Tickton Methodist Chapel – **Noted.**

RESOLVED: To hand deliver the meeting advert to residents in Weel village.

2. ERYC Notification of temporary road closure for Tickton: closures moved to 29-30 October and ERYC to issue new notice in due course - **Noted.**

3. Remembrance Wreaths: To consider purchasing **2 x 'C' and 2 x 'B' wreaths** at a cost of £89.96

RESOLVED: To purchase 2 x 'C' and 2 x 'B' wreaths at a cost of £89.96

4. Tree Survey: To note recommendations to remove 1 No. Ash tree and quotations requested - **Noted.**

5. River Hull - submerged boats and debris: To consider requesting ERYC to consult with agencies with a view to removal in response to residents' correspondence.

RESOLVED: To request ERYC to consult with agencies with a view to removal of submerged boats and debris on the River Hull.

147/25 **CORRESPONDENCE** – To consider any response to:

1. ERNLLCA: Newsletter; Good Cllr Guide to Finance 2025; Training – Finance, HR, Website/Email -

Navigating Assertion 10: Digital & Data Compliance for Councils; AGM 24 September 2025 @ 7pm. **Noted.**

2. ERYC: Notice of Adoption - Housing Needs Supplementary Planning Documents. **Noted.**

3. ERYC: Town and parish councillors' bulletin August 2025. **Noted.**

4. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Review of Electoral Arrangements - Final Recommendations. **Noted.**

The PC expressed disappointment at the outcome of the boundary commission consultation.

5. Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms: Community Newsletter Summer 2025. **Noted.**

6. EN010157 Peartree Hill Solar Farm: Examination Timetable (the 'Rule 8' letter). **Noted.**

7. North Humber to High Marnham National Grid: September Community Update. **Noted.**

8. All Saints Church, Routh: Letter of thanks. **Noted.**

9. Beverley Rural Youth: Letter of thanks. **Noted.**

10. Resident(s): Installation of Telegraph Poles. **Noted.**

Residents can report standard of works to the ERYC Street Works Department. Information is available on ERYC's website: <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/roads-streets-traffic-and-parking/roads-pavements-and-traffic/street-works/> and <https://one.network/> details all ongoing and

planned works in any area. Residents can request operators to remove any poles not in use (and without a junction box) for a duration of more than one year.

11. Resident: Molescroft Solar Farm. **Noted.**

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

148/25 **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. PROW (103/24, 202/23 1.2, 101/22 3. & 132/22 12.) – To receive update new ref. number 3310327. ERYC to add PROW 14 along Turf Gutter to the list for cutting May and July when the contract goes out to tender for the 3-year period starting May 2026.

New job ref 3310327 issued for the replacement of PROW signs/posts on Carr Lane/Butt Lane/Green Lane (Footpath No. 4) and Hull Bridge (Footpath No. 10)

2. Traffic Accidents (006/25 & 027/25 1.2.): To note accident data and replies to date.

Humberside Police provided the following accident data:

From 1 January 2021 to 31 July 2025 - 18 collisions for Tickton and 23 for Routh.

From 3 August 2023 to 20 June 2025 - 10 collisions for Meaux Lane.

Insurance related bumps are not recorded.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust and ERYC have replied to the letter relating to the A1035 road closure earlier in the year. Replies awaited from Humberside Police and Humberside Fire & Rescue.

3. High Eske Lake / Pulfin Bog: To note that the EA has re-opened the footpath. **Noted.**

4. PSPO Variation (128/25 5.): To note ERYC to consider at next review FOC. **Noted.**

5. Weel Noticeboard: To note vandalism and delegated repairs undertaken to replace the glass. **Noted.**

6. Hull Bridge Bus Shelter (131/25 4.): To note that the valet has been completed. **Noted.**

7. Routh Wind Farm Community Fund (121/25 1.): To note receipt of Minutes and confirmation that future documentation will be made available on ERYC website. **Noted.**

8. VJ Day - 15 Aug 25: To note that the Silent Soldiers were placed at War Memorial 11-22 Aug. **Noted.**

9. Wooden bollard between Green Lane/Carr Lane (Ref: 2352290): To note that ERYC to replace when the condition of the existing bollard meets intervention criteria. **Noted.**

149/25 **DEVELOPMENT 2025-26**

1. Play Area Improvements: To receive update, consider quotations, grants and virement of funds.

The PC received an update and considered three quotations, grant application and virement of funds.

RESOLVED: To appoint Streetscape Products & Services to undertake the play area improvement work at a cost of £22,611 + VAT.

RESOLVED: To accept any grant offer received from the ERYC Active Facilities fund (up to £1k).

RESOLVED: The virement of £9000 from the Routh WFCF Restricted Reserve, £4611 from the Withernwick WFCF Restricted Reserve, £4000 from the PC Project Budget, £2500 from the Recreational Development Fund EMR and £1500 from General Reserves to the 'Play Equipment Budget'.

2. Defibrillators:

It was noted that 5No. I Pad SP1 defibrillators and Defibsafe 2 (Locked) cabinets have been installed.

2.1. To note delegated decision to accept the offer from Ecowatts Energy Limited to install free of charge.

ACTION: To thank Ecowatts Energy Limited for installing the defibrillators and cabinets free of charge.

2.2. To approve the updated Asset Register.

RESOLVED: To record the disposal of 5no defibrillators/cabinets at a purchase price of £8798.40 and to add the purchase price of £7145.75 for 5no replacement defibrillators/cabinets on the Asset Register; variance of minus £1652.65.

2.3. To consider disposal/recycling of the decommissioned units and cabinets.

RESOLVED: To approve the disposal of the decommissioned defibrillators and cabinets through the [defibs4life](#) recycling service recommended by ERNLLCA.

3. Email and Website: To consider PC owned gov.uk website domain and email for Council, Councillors, Staff, to obtain quotations and draft an IT Policy to meet AGAR Assertion 10 2025/26.

RESOLVED: Deferred.

4. Humber Forest:

4.1. To approve planting design, offer of 6 additional (fruit) trees, commitment to water each tree (12no) 60l x 14 times per year and to provide photographic evidence.

The PC considered the Humber Forests requirements that the PC water the proposed 12no. trees with 60l x 14 times a year and to provide geotagged photographic evidence a commitment beyond its capacity to fulfil and therefore:

RESOLVED: To decline the Humber Forest's offer and the PC to consider purchasing trees as per approved planting design at a future meeting.

4.2. To consider the Recreation Ground Trust's (RGT) request to manage any trees planted under the proposed Humber Forest project on RGT land and any future maintenance requirements.

RESOLVED: To inform the RGT that the PC will not be proceeding with the Humber Trust Project.

5. Town/Parish Council Owned Bus Shelter Replacement Programme - To receive grant offer, consider consulting Routh residents on new shelter location and to obtain quotations.

RESOLVED: Subject to ERYC Highways Officer approving the proposed location of the new 2-bay metal enclosed shelter at the bus stop north of the A1035 at Routh, the PC to consult Routh residents on the proposed new shelter and replacement of the brick shelter. If most of the residents reply with a preference to retain the brick shelter, the PC agreed to contact ERYC with a view to a variance on the grant offer to support the installation of a shelter and hard standing at the bus stop on the western side of Main Street (corner of Weel Road).

RESOLVED: To request ERYC to clear the verge of broken glass from the Routh bus shelter window, leaving the window without glass and to remove any rubbish from inside the shelter.

150/25 MOTIONS PROPOSED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Oliver proposes that the PC considers introducing a community volunteer scheme.

RESOLVED: The PC agreed in principle to a community volunteer scheme. Cllr Oliver to present a detailed proposal with any required documentation with the support of the Clerk for consideration.

151/25 PC REPRESENTATIVES – To receive any reports.

ERYC Parish Council Network Meetings

In the absence of Cllr Oliver, the Clerk will attend the ERYC Parish Council Network Meeting on 18 September 2025 at East Riding Leisure Beverley.

ACTION: To request that ERYC Road Safety Team undertake a traffic count and observation at the head of Meaux Lane.

Safeguarding

Cllr Vickers is to attend a meeting with ERYC and the Clerk regarding safeguarding arrangements.

152/25 FINANCE

1. External Audit Report 2024-25: To receive report and approve Notice of Conclusion of Audit dates (7 August to 30 September 2025 tbc).

The PC received the External Audit Report 2024-25 and noted no matters raised.

RESOLVED: To approve the Notice of Conclusion of Audit dates of 7 August to 30 September 2025.

2. 25/26 Section 137 expenditure limit for parish and town councils- £11.10 per elector: To note. **Noted.**

3. Local Government Pay Agreement: To note 3.2% pay rise backdated to 1 April 2025. **Noted.**

4. Church in Tickton: To consider request for funding towards community events.

RESOLVED: The PC approved a donation of £500 towards community events.

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

Bank account balances on 31 August 2025 - Current: £26,319.30; Deposit: £3,984.62; Liquidity 35: £30,467.12 and Liquidity 95: £20,677.84 – **noted.**

6. Virement: To approve

6.1. The virement of £385 from Paint Container EMR and £155 from the General Reserve to Paint Container Budget Line.

RESOLVED: **Approved.**

6.2. The virement of £5595 from the Restricted Reserve 'Routh WFCF Grant - Defibrillators' to the Defibrillator Replacement Project Budget Line.

RESOLVED: **Approved.**

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

Delegated Payments - August	Net (£)	VAT (£)	Gross (£)
MS Feather T/A Westwood Tree Services - Survey/Report	265.00	-	265.00
S Rogerson T/A Bubble Publishing - Community magazine	100.00	-	100.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP - External Audit	315.00	63.00	378.00
Employment costs + reimburse plants	1,575.46	6.66	1,582.12

GRPL Cleaning Services Ltd - Hull Bridge Bus Shelter Valet	138.00	-	138.00
Payments	Net (£)	VAT (£)	Gross (£)
Tickton Village Hall – Room Hire May/June	24.00	-	24.00
MKM BS (Beverley) Ltd – 3 bulk bags Play Bark Cullington	252.87	50.57	303.44
Health & Safety Training Services Ltd – 5No. Defibrillators and Cabinets	7145.75	1429.15	8574.90
Phoenix A/C & Bus. Consult. Ltd – Payroll/Pension Processing	36.00	7.20	43.20
Employment costs (incl. HMRC + Reimbursements – wooden bus shelter oil, Weel noticeboard repairs, plants)	2268.87	24.88	2293.75
Church in Tickton – Donation - Community Events	£500.00	-	£500.00
Income – July/Aug			
Bank Interest Reserve	-	-	6.95
Bank Interest Liquidity 35 Day	-	-	114.57
Bank Interest Liquidity 95 Day	-	-	111.58

RESOLVED: The PC approved payments presented and the financial reports.

153/25 **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.

154/25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s):** The Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at 7:30pm, Monday 20 October 2025 in Tickton Village Hall.

The Minutes were approved and signed at the meeting held on the 20 October 2025.