

EAST HALTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Friday 5th December 2025

In attendance: Cllrs Goss (Chair), J Winters, J Hampson, M Hampson, S Gorwood, E Reeve, K Yelland

Clerk Hannah Hepworth

3 members of the public

Marcus Walker Able UK

Public Participation Session

Marcus Walker, Development Director for Able UK. Able have started a process of Section 116 where they have asked NLC to close Marsh Lane to Skitter. Section 116 allows NLC to stop access on a road where it is no longer needed. This is the pre-consultation meeting to say that this is what Able UK are starting and they need the backing of the Parish Council. NLC will then consult with the affected parties and Parish Council and put a notice in the Gazette and notices up. Anyone will have 28 days to make representations and this goes to NLC; any concerns raised then NLC would look for a resolution. This would then go to the magistrates. The process is anticipated to take 9 months.

Rational: this land of 192 hectares has been owned for a long time but this can now be moved forward.

There will be an Extra Ordinary meeting on Thursday 18th December 2025 6pm with this as the sole agenda item.

Marcus confirmed traffic would access the site through Able's land and not through the village.

A parishioner mentioned that the pub and shop are at risk due to the road closure

2512/1 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Ward Cllrs Hannigan, Wells and Clark. Cllr Pankhurst's resignation with immediate effect was noted – the Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Cllr Pankhurst

2512/2 Co-option

Proposed: Cllr Goss, seconded Cllr M Hampson

Resolved: Cllr Yelland was co-opted on to the Parish Council and signed the Acceptance of Office forms – unanimous

2512/3 To receive Declarations of Interest & note dispensations.

(a) To record declarations of interest from members on items appearing on the agenda. Members should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

Cllr Reeve – personal interest in 2512/10g and h

Cllr Gorwood – personal interest 2512/7ii

(b) Dispensations – to note any dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of an agenda item listed below.

None

2512/4 To approve minutes of the last meeting

Signed Chair _____

Proposed: Cllr J Hampson, Seconded: Cllr M Hampson

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held in November 2025 were approved – unanimous

The grit on Kettlebridge Lane is owned by ONGO who are responsible for filling this.

2512/5 **East Halton Skitter**

The Litter Pick on 15th November was cancelled due to bad weather.

A large fly tipping incident; River Care have been involved with the clear-up.

Next litter pick is 17th January

2512/6 **Police Report**

There are no updates

2512/7 **Highways and Neighbourhood Services**

- i) To receive notice of any issues and receive updates on previous issues raised and agree any necessary actions
Overhanging branches – Kings Road – Cllr J Hampson will talk to the resident.
- ii) To receive an update and discuss any actions to the Road Closure at Thornton Abbey bends – the pub and shop are being very negatively affected by the road closure which has come at the same time as the wind down of LOR. The owners / managers have met with NLC and expressed their concerns. There is no guarantee that the road will be repaired in the near future due to the badgers being protected and is likely to be well over the date of the October 2026 published re-opening.
The Local Plan response has been submitted stating that the Pub, School and Shop are at risk.

2512/8 **Correspondence**

- a) To receive correspondence for Discussion/Decision - none
- b) To receive any correspondence for information – none

2512/9 **Planning**

It was noted that there are no new planning applications

2512/10 **Parish Matters**

To receive reports and agree any necessary actions.

- a) Playground working party.
The goal posts have been removed – thanks to Cllr Goss and Cllr M Hampson for actioning this immediately when this was highlighted as an immediate risk.
- b) Cemetery working party (General issues)
 - i. An update was received from the working party
An interment of ashes and full burial have taken place.
- c) Best Kept Village
The village are entering this again this year. This will go in the newsletter.
- d) Village Logo
Rolled over

Signed Chair _____

f) Christmas Events

The Mince Pies, mulled wine and chocolates will be given to the Pensioner's Lunch.

The Clerk will get these from Wendy Pankhurst.

f) Orsted

No update

g) Pipeline

No update

2512/11 Reports

No report

2512/12 Finance

a) To approve payments to be made for November in

Proposed: Cllr Goss, seconded: Cllr Reeve

Resolved: The payments to be made in December were approved - unanimous

b) The financial report for November was received

c) The bank statements were noted

d) **Proposed: Cllr Goss, seconded: Cllr M Hampson**

Resolved: The precept and proposed budget were approved - unanimous

2512/13 Biodiversity

a) To discuss and agree the Biodiversity Policy – deferred to next meeting

b) To discuss and agree the formation of a Working Party for Biodiversity and agree the membership of this – deferred to next meeting

c) To delegate to the Working Party (if formed) the following items: – deferred to next meeting

I) Objectives of the WHPC

II) Relevant local strategies

III) Action plan

IV) Funding options

Cllr Mick Hampson and son Jack were formally thanked for putting up and removing the poppies

2512/15 To confirm the date of the next meetings and to note any items for the agenda.

i) To confirm date and time of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting

Thursday 18th December at 6pm – Able-UK

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Friday 9 January 7pm PC

ii) To note any agenda items to be included

Election of chair, deferred items

2512/16 Exclusion of press and public

The public left the meeting

2512/17 Clerk's appraisal

Signed Chair _____

The chair of the personnel committee shared a summary of the appraisal which was noted

Meeting close: 20:29

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Signed Chair _____