EAST HALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday 2 October 2026

In attendance: Cllrs Hampson(Chair), Cllrs J Winter, K Yelland, D Kinsley, D North, S Gorwood, Cllr Power

Clerk Hannah Hepworth
12 members of the public
Cllr David Wells, Cllr Waltham

***Public Participation Session***

The Millennium Green path needs spraying
Variable speed limit of village – Cllr Waltham and Cllr Wells will look at a review of speed limit from Chase Hill to the Roundabout to see if it can be 40mph all along
Crook Mill – no white lines. Clerk to mention to Highways
Station Road roadworks 12th October – November – Cllr Waltham will see if there is more information available
Traffic to Skitter – speed limit is 60mph but there are lots of issues
Hedges Mill Lane - these are the responsibility of the land owner

**2610/1 To receive any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Yelland, Ward Cllrs Hannigan and Clark

**2610/2 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 - none

(b) Dispensations – to note any dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of an agenda item listed below.
None

**2610/3 To approve minutes of the last meeting**

**Proposed: Cllr K Yelland, Seconded: Cllr Winter**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held in September 2026 were approved – unanimous

**2610/4 East Halton Skitter**

The litter pick on 18th September was cancelled – next one is 21 November.
NATs meeting – to reinstate speed patrols, HGVs over weight limit and speeding vehicles through village. Also there have been a change in the signs at both ends of Skitter which Highways have confirmed that they have not done. The meeting is on 21 October at 6PM at New Holland

**2610/6 Highways and Neighbourhood Services**

i) To receive notice of any issues and receive updates on previous issues raised

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and agree any necessary actions:
none

ii) Marsh Lane – no update

iii) Resurfacing will take place on 12th October – Cllr Waltham will send out more information when available

**2610/7 Correspondence**

a) To receive correspondence for Discussion/Decision
A complaint has been received regarding the clearance of the ditch at the park. The Parish Council have had a contractor clear the park side of the ditch in March and again in October 2026. This is on the maintenance schedule to be done every 6 months.

b) To receive any correspondence for information – none

c) Communication with NLC – it was noted that the communication in the last two months has been excellent. Previously NLC had held the wrong email address for the Parish council.

**2610/8 Planning** PA/2026/1041

**Proposed: Cllr Hampson, Seconded: Cllr Gorwood**

**Resolved:** East Halton Parish Council strongly object due to safety concerns, the close proximity to dwellings with the nearest house being approximately 200m, and that the amount of storage makes this the biggest in the UK / Europe. There are further concerns to health of parishioners, access for emergency services, and concerns regarding noise and vibrations in the ground with the impact this would all have on the environment. The impact on ecology is of concern, light pollution, public safety, bats in the wood and the impact on amenities – unanimous

**Planning** PA/2026/1044

**Proposed: Cllr Power, Seconded: Cllr Kinsley**

**Resolved:** East Halton Parish Council strongly object to this as they do not know the impact this will have – unanimous

**Planning** PA/2026/1105

**Proposed: Cllr Gorwood, Seconded: Cllr Kinsley**

**Resolved:** East Halton Parish Council strongly object to this as the access is too narrow. They previously objected to this planning application for the same reasons – unanimous

**Planning** PA/SCR/2026/11

**Proposed: Cllr Kinsley, Seconded: Cllr Gorwood**

**Resolved:** East Halton Parish Council strongly object to this due to the lack of information. We do not believe that there is any planning to put this on the back of – unanimous.

There were no further items of discussion

**2610/10 Reports**

Cllr Waltham reported that there was a good uptake on the £300 oil and £100 LPG payments. These are not means tested and Cllr Hampson will put this on Facebook DN40.

With the new bin system recycling has gone up by 12% and general waste has gone

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down.
Cllr Waltham has instructed a Public Right of Way review for the parish relating to Able Land.
Cllr Wells is still challenging NLC for a weight limit and speed limit. Residents need to report Near Miss incidents on the NLC portal

**2610/9 Parish Matters**

To receive reports and agree any necessary actions.

a) Playground working party

The playground report was what was reported at the previous meeting.
Groves will be asked to make the soil area safe with topsoil and seed it – Clerk to instruct
The Clerk will get prices for a bin from NLC.

b) Cemetery working party (General issues)

An update was received.
The Cemetery Working Party felt there was no need for a bin due to there being a compost bin.
A notice will be put on the noticeboard saying the bin will be removed from March 2027 and a compost bin available. Any other waste will need to be taken home with the cemetery visitor.
Cllr Winter will get an update on the 'sunken' grave. This is one which an application is in to make into a double.
Cllr Hampson will put up a sign stating to shut the gates.
Topple Testing needs to be completed. The families of staked graves need a second letter with a month notice to correct or these will be laid flat.

c) Best Kept Village - the Parish Council will enter again next year. Cllr Hampson will put this on Facebook

d) Orsted

No update

e) Pipeline

Hydro Carbon have sent an email to landowners inviting them to a meeting now and at the beginning of 2027.

**2610/11 Finance**

a) To approve payments to be made for October 2026
**Proposed: Cllr Hampson, seconded: Cllr Winter**
**<u>Resolved</u>:** The payments to be made in October were approved including Clerk expenses including WFH and salary, hall hire small room £10, Hall Hire meeting £15, NEST £34.25, waste £33.47, Energy £17, Groves £1130 - unanimous
b) The financial report for September was received
c) The bank statements were noted

**2610/12 To confirm the date of the next meetings and to note any items for the agenda.**

Friday 6 November 7pm
Agenda item: Q2 budget reconciliation
Budget setting

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**2610/13 Exclusion of press and public.**
**Proposed: Cllr Hampson, seconded: Cllr Winter**
**Resolved:** The public left the meeting

**2610/14 Staffing and other relevant issues.**
**Proposed: Cllr Hampson, seconded: Cllr D Yelland**

i) **Resolved:** The appointment of the new clerk Alison Oxley was approved – unanimous

ii) The start date for Alison Oxley is 5/10/2026. Hannah Hepworth was asked and agreed to continue on a month-by-month basis to be reviewed at each meeting, with October Alison shadowing Hannah and in November Hannah shadowing Alison. Hannah will be on a flexi hours contract for November and December.

iii) The rate of pay for the new appointment will be SCP 10 £14.83 for 6 hours a week, increasing by 1 SCP when completed the Clerk Induction and 1 SCP for ILCA. Hannah will enrol Allison on the ERNLLCA Clerk Induction training

iv) Handover agreements will be organised between Hannah and Alison

Meeting close: 20:37

Signed Chair _____