

Hibaldstow Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Hibaldstow Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 26th March 2026 at the Village Hall, Station Road.

Present: Cllrs Brooks (Chairman), Stothard, Masterman, Mawdsley, Pickering.

Also present: Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs North, Riley, Talliss & Whitaker.

2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 25th March 2025.

Resolved - The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a true and correct record.

3. To receive the Chairman's report

Cllr Brooks read out his report as detailed:

This is the final year of the four-year term of office when the Parish elections in May 2027 will reduce the council to nine Councillors.

Currently there are two vacancies now due to resignations during the year from Jackie Stirling and Keith Hunt, which should not be too difficult to fill, as there are many residents on the local Facebook who regularly voice their interest!

Today is the last day for consultation on the Local Government Review to shape Greater Lincolnshire, will we remain in the North Lincolnshire Unity Authority? or will we be amalgamated with other councils?

The Council continues to be represented on (ERNLLCA) - EAST Riding & North Lincolnshire Local Council Associations - North Lincs District and Executive Committees, North Lincolnshire Town and Parish Liaison and Neighbourhood Action Teams.

The 2025/26 Precept of £29K, has been utilised for the Governance, Administration and Maintenance together with grants to the Village Hall, Village Voice and recently formed WI Hibaldstow Hurricanes. The National VE and VJ events were commemorated at the Skydive centre and the Village Hall.

Two portable Defibrillators have been ordered to supplement the fixed ones throughout the village. Apparently the defibs have been installed but the Council are unaware of their locations. Clerk to obtain the details so the asset register can be updated.

Unfortunately progress of the Village Hall Extension has not progressed as quickly as hoped due to various issues, despite the efforts of Jon North leading the working group.

However, with the support of the NLC Community Fund the revamp of the tennis court has finally been achieved and it is pleasing to note that it is being utilised.

The Council supported the planning application for additional facilities at the RAF WW2 Memorial Centre, listed building consent to carry out repairs due to Fire damage on Hibaldstow Bridge and the replacement / renewal of the existing batching plant at Techrete. Following an appeal for a Concrete Batching Plant and extension to Hibaldstow Quarry has resulted in approval for the extension.

There are currently two pending applications down Carr Lane, a ground mounted solar farm and the addition of 6 Poultry Units at the Poultry Farm

Potholes have been the main topic on Facebook as well as fly-tipping, dog fouling and littering. The Council have requested addition bins throughout the village, but NLC have refused to provide as they do not have staff to empty them.

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Thanks to David Carrick and his merry band of residents who have volunteered to carry out litter picking duties within the village and undertaking the cleaning of highway signage.

Thanks to residents who regularly report issues direct to NLC via the portal, which is the preferred option. Details are in the Village Voice and NLC News Direct paper -

self.achieveservice.com/module/home or Tel. 01724 297000.

All Parish Council agendas and minutes are on the Parish Council Website, and village Notice Boards.

Thanks to Deb our Clerk/RFO for undertaking the Finances and Governance requirements of the council, together with additional work involved with the Village Hall extension and various grant applications.

This year, a first for this council, dealing with a resident writing to the National External Auditors querying the Flowerbed Maintenance payments which has delayed the Completion and Certification of the 2024/25 AGAR, which should have been finalised by 1st October, which will have repercussions with the 2025/26 Audit and costs!

Was this a Vexatious act?

4. To receive the draft Parish Council Accounts 2024/25.

The Clerk summarised the unaudited accounts for 2025/26. Once audited by the Internal Auditor will be signed off by the Council and published at their next meeting.

5. To receive the Cemetery / closed Churchyard report.

The Clerk and Cllr Riley are working on marking out the cemeteries remaining plots.

The checks on the memorials can be undertaken in the cemetery and the Clerk to apply for a faculty for the closed churchyard.

6. To receive a report on the Village Hall Extension.

Cllr North had provided a report in his absence.

Working Group members are - Jon North, Neil Pickering, Colin Maudsley, David Stothard, Richard Riley, Brian Clegg

The following is a report on the extension:

March 2026

Status Code Legend

- On Track: Project is on schedule
- At Risk: Milestones missed but date intact
- High Risk: At risk, with a high risk of going off track
- Off Track: Date will be missed if action not taken

Identifying a need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feedback from users and Football and Cricket club ● Village voice feedback confirming village residents would want improved VH facilities ● It remains the aspiration to progress with the extension
Review sources for funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NLC – TBC, Julie to attend PC meeting to discuss funding options once next round of tendering undertaken and price for scheme established. ● Techrete funding confirmed to be set aside until all other funding obtained. ● S106 monies - £50,000 remains available for the extension.

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Establish budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Once Building regulations are approved for the extension, the plans will go out to tender to establish the overall build cost. Local builders invited to tender the works including those who returned prices previously.
Planning Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Application submitted 25-7-2024 ● Biodiversity requirements addressed with additional tree planting ● Sports England comments addressed with modified plans and confirmation on pitch location. ● Planning permission granted 31-1-2025 ● ● Just under 2 years remain under this application.
Building regulations application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Returns reviewed to consolidate budget – Martin Flynn selected to act on our behalf for BR. ● Drainage survey completed – drainage known to require a pump chamber – June 25 ● Drawings submitted July 25 – (Feedback received Jan 2026) ● Drawings updated to close out feedback and resubmitted Feb 2026 <p>Awaiting determination</p>
BR Current matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drawings first submitted July 25 ● Fee payment not requested by BC until August 25 ● Feedback on drawings Jan 26 ● Return drawings with updated Unisex & Accessible toilet. Note added on Truss design by specialist once appointed. Fire strategy of existing building confirmed to Building Control. ●
Funding Current matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Techrete are being kept up to speed on progress with the scheme and the BR application. The fund application has been applied for and written confirmation received outlining money set aside until all project funds are secured. <p>Following the tender process a budget can be established to further funding sources.</p>
Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Once the BR application is successfully completed the drawing pack may be issued to the 5 contractors who returned budget costs for fixed prices. This allows the selection of a builder and also to develop the grant from NLC. Following the next round of pricing the grants can be secured and build programme set. ● To enable the project to begin once funds are secured there are some enabling works which have been identified. These include relocate the incoming water supply, relocating the incoming mains power, relocating the storage containers and cutting back the hedge. <p>Water - Following a recent leak the water supply to the hall was verified to come through the new build area. Relocation of the water meter away from the build area was enquired about however it has since been confirmed that this will remain in its current location and as part of the new works the inclusion to install a new pipe into the hall from the meter has been proposed.</p> <p>Electricity supply to the hall runs from the old and tired feeder box near to the Childs play equipment area under the cricket pitch and to the gable end of the existing building. Costs to improve the box and meter are being sought. As a minimum the cost to excavate the electric supply near to the building, joint the cable with new and bring into an alternative position in the hall (storeroom) are to be sought. The position of the electric cable currently prevents demolition required to extend the building. This work is needed prior to appointing a builder and giving notice to proceed with works.</p> <p>Costs for removing conifer hedging and replacing with a chain link fence adjacent to the extension</p>

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	<p>area was obtained for PC review. These hedge works have begun.</p> <p>Storage containers are confirmed to be relocated to the bottom corner of the playing field. Slabs will be required to site. Warmer weather noted for forklift to transit the playing field. The condition of the containers may require further investigation.</p>
Completing the tender pack	<p>The pack will contain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning drawingsBuilding Regulation DrawingsAsbestos – demolition and refurbishment surveySite information on set up of compound and welfare facilitiesExisting schedule of use of the hall and playing field

7. **To receive the Village Hall Committee report.**

Cllr Mawdsley read out the following report:

Trustee Report 2025

Committee

The Village Hall Committee continued largely unchanged from that which took over the management of the hall in late 2021, however 2025 saw Phil King step down from the committee as he heads off for retirement in South Africa. Phil is thanked for his significant contributions over the years.

We also welcome Brian Clegg to our group and thank him for throwing himself into the role. Brian arrives with extensive experience working with the FA in Yorkshire and will be a valuable member as we seek to develop the football pitches. The committee membership stands at 10, plus our Parish Council nominee, David Stothard. As always there remains space for more, for anyone who wants to get involved.

Hall Usage

The hall and playing fields continue to grow in usage with several local agencies and businesses using the hall as a meeting venue. This includes The Redbourne Centre, Brigg Power station and the Environment Agency amongst others. In addition, we now have three male, one female and one under 9s football team making our field their home base, in addition to our other groups using the hall and facilities on a regular basis.

The panto group brought us Little Red Riding Hood in 2025, and the panto events are becoming quite a highlight of the winter months in Hibaldstow. A summer and a Christmas production are planned for 2026.

All this activity has meant that hall space is now at a premium most days and the village is maximising use of its community asset.

Events

Increasing public use of the hall in 2024 has reduced the frequency and need for the hall to put on events, it is worth repeating that our primary purpose is to provide a quality venue for people in the village to use. We are getting to the point where time in the hall is at a premium as more groups come in. Nevertheless, if people want some sort of club or society or event then the hall committee will help and assist in any way it can, but they will always need a champion from the community to

take the lead whom we can support. The upside of all this activity is that hall finances are stable, and we have been able to hold prices for 2026.

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Developments

Over the last year we have seen several improvements to the hall, some have been funded by grants, some by the 200 Club, some in partnership with hall users, some in co-operation with the

Parish Council and some from our own funds. In 2025 These included:

- New CCTV cameras are to be purchased with help from Merlin Renewables
- A grant for installation of new additional solar battery capacity to reduce our energy bills courtesy of Northern Powergrid and support from the parish council to install heating timers. Both of these are making a significant difference to heating costs
- Replacement goals for the main pitch with support from the PC and 200 club.
- The parish council has secured funding to enable the tennis court to be converted to a multi-use games area (MUGA) The committee are currently working to develop a tennis and racquet club in 2026 to maximise use of this asset.

Future Developments

We continue to work with the Parish Council and Local Authority to develop plans for improving the changing rooms and sports facilities which are currently not fit for purpose. This is a significant investment and will not happen overnight, so please be patient. The village hall committee continues to work with the parish council to make this a success.

Finances

The finance report is attached in the appendix 1 and 2

The committee agreed that the hire rates as they currently stand are covering operating costs and following last year's increase, no further increase is necessary in 2026.

Constitution

At the January 2024 AGM we passed agreement to adopt a new constitution. The current one is very old, has some restrictions that are no longer necessary, leaves trustees with some personal liability and actually discourages people to join the committee (as it states that committee members have to be charity trustees). We are looking to finalise moving to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) during the coming year. This is the recommended method for setting up charities like ours following changes in charity law a few years ago. It divorces the role of Charity Trustee from the day-to-day operation of the charity and will give us more flexibility in operation. This is now with the Charity Commission, and we await confirmation in Spring 2026

At the meeting it was unanimously resolved that existing committee members as trustees of the existing charity will lose all trustee voting rights over the trust matters once the new charity and its trustees are established.

The trustees of the new charity are submitted to the Charity Commission as:

Nigel Whitaker
Richard Riley
Alan Smith

Colin Mawdsley
David Stothard

Future Events

We are always keen to hear from anyone with ideas and enthusiasm for new activities in the hall or on the playing fields. For example, we have been asked to consider reinstating the Flower & Vegetable Show which the gardening club ran successfully in years gone by. However, this needs the support of some willing volunteers, so if this is something you can help with, or have any other exciting ideas, please be sure to come forward and let us know!

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Similarly, with the gala, we need more to get involved, so please let us know if you can help out with the planning, or on the day itself. We simply do not have enough people to put an event on as it stands. Members are welcome to join the committee permanently or for specific events, whichever you prefer.

Finally, as we progress with the improved facilities for sports, our venue has the potential to develop still further as one of the leading facilities in the area. For example, tennis, basketball, croquet, table tennis, walking football, walking netball are all on the radar as potential new activities for local groups, so don't be shy in coming forward with ideas to support these, or any other activities. If it crosses your mind, make sure it crosses ours as well and we look forward to hearing from you!

Mrs Nunn enquired as to whether a village gala was planned for 2026. The committee advised that lack of volunteers had led to the cancellation the 2025 event but if volunteers were available it can be considered again at the next regular meeting

Election of Village Hall Officials 2026

The following were elected unanimously for 2026

Chairman:	Colin Mawdsley
Secretary:	Mags Reeson
Treasurer:	Keith Hunt (April 2026 onwards)

In addition, the following individuals are appointed with specific responsibility to develop the sports facilities on site.

Project Manager Football Development	Brian Clegg
Consultant (Pitches and Grounds):	Jon Taylor (Contractor)

Both are empowered to act on behalf of the village hall when dealing with the Football Foundation, The FA or any other sport bodies related to pitch and facility development.

8. To receive a report from the Village Voice Representative.

Cllr Mawdsley read out the following report:

Circulation

The Village Voice continues to be circulated 6 times per year to all households in the parish. With the arrival of several new housing developments in the village, the decision has been made to trim back the numbers of issues sent out of area (Brigg, Scawby etc.) to keep print run numbers economically manageable. Nevertheless, circulation numbers have crept up to 1300 per issue from a previous 1200 in 2024.

Distribution

Following many years of service, Peter and Valerie Moore stepped down from distribution management this year for health reasons. We would like to go on record to thank Peter and Valerie for all their tireless work supporting the magazine over many years

Printing

The magazine is now a 40-page, full colour glossy publication printed out of area at www.cheapestprintonline.co.uk. Costs per print run are £650 which still comes in as a cheaper alternative to all local black and white printers (Nettl being £720 per issue in 2023). The service is now established and reliable and no changes are envisaged going forward.

People

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Following the retirement of Peter and Valerie, and Sylvia Wattam stepping down from advertiser management, the magazine is now down to 2 people, Alan Smith and Colin Mawdsley who are currently managing the full process. We are actively looking for a volunteer to manage our advertisers and sponsors going forward.

Finances

Finances for the magazine comprise of advertisers and local sponsorship and remain stable with funding from these sources providing the necessary finance for the year ahead

9. To receive a report from Ward Councillors.

No report received for this meeting.

10. Open Forum for Public Participation

No issues raised.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.