

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th July 2025 at Roughton Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors K. Dormer, L Spurrier, R Willey and T Davies.

In Attendance: K. Handley (Clerk) Cllr William Gray (ELDC) Cllr Natalie Oliver(LCC)

017: Chairman's remarks: Cllr Dormer, as Acting Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

018: Apologies: Councillor Perie sent her apologies. Councillors proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously to accept these apologies.

019 : Declarations of Interest Councillor Robert Willey in item 9 on the agenda (025 in the minutes)

020: To approve the notes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2025 as minutes:
These were proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved to be adopted as the minutes of the council. These were duly signed and dated by the Chair.

021: County Councillor Report: Cllr Natalie Oliver introduced herself and explained that she will work on behalf of residents to improve issues brought before her. The Council explained that several issues had been raised with her predecessor and Richard Fenwick from Highways and action needs to be taken on these issues. Cllr Oliver will pursue the 30 mph speed limit on Moor Lane with Highways. The Council also raised the issue of the closure of the A153 and the significant increase in HGV traffic through the village as a result. The diversion signs were misleading and confusing for drivers. Councillor Oliver will meet with Cllr Dormer on the 28th July for a walk/drive through the Parish to understand the various issues which have been raised.

District Councillor Report: Cllr Gray had circulated his report prior to the meeting which had been received by all Councillors. This information is available on the Parish Council website <https://roughton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>.

022: Finances:

a) **Bank balances and bank statement signed.** The current account balance as of 11/07/2025 is **£4,838.49**. The deposit account balance as of 11/07/2025 is **£2,562.89**. The Chair duly signed the bank statements.

b) **Retrospective and future payments to be approved.**

Organisation	Cheque no.	Voucher no.	Amount
CloudNext Web Hosting	700350	007	£59.99
LALC Website	700351	008	£108.00
Clerk's Salary	700352	009	£178.72
HMRC	700353	010	£44.80
Zurich Insurance	Bank Transfer	011	£214.00

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved to approve the payments.

023: Planning matters

Planning applications received;

None

Full Planning:

None

Planning Enforcement

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Site Location: New Bungalow, 140 Horncastle Road, Roughton Moor, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6UX

The decision made by ELDC was that no breach of planning had occurred.

024: To discuss the lack of applications for Councillor vacancies and the implications for the Parish Council

The Chair gave a brief summary of the issues with no interest from the parishioners to fill vacancies and the lack of volunteers from amongst the Councillors to become Chairperson. The Council does have a quorum so can continue to operate. The possibility of merging with another Council has been explored but it is a complex procedure and as ELDC is itself facing restructuring, it is unlikely that they would agree to any suggested change at the present time.

025: To consider further action regarding dust from Pederson's Farm Services depot and the Highway hazard this poses.

The Chair explained that a letter had been sent to Mr Pederson but no response had been received. Councillor Willey has also contacted Pedersons as a resident due to his property being affected by the clouds of dust. The Clerk had received a complaint from a parishioner in April 2024 which she had shared with Cllr P Bradwell and ELDC planning.

The Council resolved to continue to pressure LCC Highways and bring the matter to the attention of Cllr Oliver on the 28th July when she meets with Cllr Dormer.

026: To receive an update from Community Speed Watch

Due to road closures no action to report. The group will be going out week beginning 21st July. Cllr Davies was also pleased to report that another volunteer had joined the group.

027: To consider response regarding items for the newsletter

Due to a lack of response regarding items for inclusion for the newsletter it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that no newsletter would be published in July and to delay publication until later in the year.

028: To note the information regarding the proposals for Greater Lincolnshire for All and the dates for Parish Council engagement.

Noted by Councillors. The Clerk is attending the session on 28th July on Teams. Cllr Dormer indicated that he would also attend. They are open to all Councillors should they wish to join.

029: To note correspondence received by the Clerk; ELDC Media Releases, Town and Parish News, LALC Training Bulletin

Noted by Councillors.

030: To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 25th September at 7.30 p.m.

This was confirmed by all Councillors.

Meeting closed at 20.50 p.m.