

BEEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm, 1 December 2025, Beeford Community Centre.

Present: Councillors: Chair I Sawyer, Vice-chair D Piercy, T Adams, Mrs H Adamson, J Sowersby, S Roberts, A Thompson and C Youngs. Ward Councillor J Bibb, four members of the public and Clerk M Rose.

Absent: Councillors A Turner and R Turner.

Public Forum. No matters were raised.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors A Turner and R Turner apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 3 November 2025 were approved.

3. Declaration of Interests

Councillor I Sawyer declared interests in items relating to the Community Centre.

4. Ward Councillors Update

Public Rights of Way Signposts. ERYC reported ongoing difficulties in appointing a contractor to undertake signpost installations. As a result, delays are expected in the replacement of Public Rights of Way signposts.

Footbridge – Main Street to Playing Field. The Countryside Access team advised that the repair or replacement of the broken footbridge has been placed on a waiting list. No timescale for completion can be provided. The Clerk will request that a warning sign be installed until repairs are carried out.

Fair Funding Review 2.0. ERYC expressed serious concerns regarding the government's Fair Funding Review 2.0, noting the potential for significant adverse financial impact. Senior leaders are working with the Cabinet to develop proposals to mitigate the anticipated funding reduction.

5. Matters Arising and Correspondence

- a. **Items arising from the Public Forum.** No matters were raised.
- b. **Playground.** Post-installation and annual inspections have been completed. Since the previous inspection, several items have deteriorated and now require minor repairs and/or repainting. The inspection also identified rust on the frame of the cradle swing at ground level. To address ongoing maintenance needs, a working group of councillors has been established. This group will oversee repair issues and has been allocated a monthly budget of £100 for the purchase of small items, subject to approval by at least three councillors. Additionally, the Commuted Sums team (ERYC) informed the Parish Council that £6,232.10 has been allocated for the maintenance of playground equipment.
- c. **Emergency Planning.** The draft questionnaire will be finalised and submitted to ERYC.
- d. **Driffield School.** The Parish Council received a letter of thanks for the recent grant of £50 towards the Twilight Bus Service.
- e. **Overview and Scrutiny.** The Parish Council was asked for any topics of a strategic nature that affect the East Riding as a whole, such as budgets and service delivery.
- f. **Draft Equality and Diversity Policy.** The draft policy was approved and adopted.
- g. **Safe Communities Data.** The 6-month statistics were read and noted.

- h. **Letter From Resident of Atwick.** The resident requested financial support to provide selection boxes for St Thomas' Hospice in Grimsby. While the Parish Council recognises this as a commendable cause, it is unable to award funding to individuals and also focuses its support on projects within the parish. The Parish Council extends its best wishes to the resident in their efforts.

6. Planning

- a. **Planning Appeal:** 25/00093/REFUSE 3 Skipsea Road. Construction of a 1.8m fence to front boundary to replace 2 meter plus high privet hedge (retrospective).
- b. **Planning Application:** 25/03122/PLF 87 Main Street. Erection of two storey extension to rear following demolition of existing single and two storey extension; construction of replacement hip roof; replacement doors and windows; extension and existing property to be rendered; construction of vehicular access (dropped kerb). The Parish Council has concerns regarding the parking arrangements in relation to previous applications for what is now number 87a.
- c. **Planning Granted:** Suite B, Manor House, Main Street.
- d. **Planning Application:** 25/03216/TPO St Leonards Church, Rectory Lane. Tree protection order, The Old Rectory & Glebe Gardens, Main Street, Beeford 1987 (Ref 414) A1. Fell an ash tree (T1) due to is suffering from Ash dieback, resulting in dead limbs falling and posing a safety risk, the stem is also pushing against a wall. The Parish Council had no objections to the application and would like to see the tree replaced with one of a similar species.
- e. **Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Non-Material Change Consent.** The Parish Council was notified of the decision of The Department for Energy and Net Zero to make an order making non-material changes to the project. The letter can be viewed on the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010021/documents>
- f. **Planning Application:** 25/02795/PLF Land north of Wisefield Farm, Beverley Road. Change of use of land for the siting of static caravans with associated access, parking infrastructure and landscaping. The Parish Council has concerns regarding the application for change of use and the potential this would give for future development. The proposed access and egress are on an already busy and congested road and the extra traffic would lead to further congestion. The design of the site is considered to be cramped, if there was more green space and less caravans this would also mean less traffic on the road.

7. Reports and Updates from External Bodies and Meetings

Community Centre. Quotes for the installation of solar panels have been received, and funding options are currently under review.

Transport Consultation. Councillors reported that, at a recent meeting, the need for improved bus services within the village was raised.

8. Finance

- a. **Monthly Report and Precept Demand for 2026-2027.** The report was approved and bank reconciliation signed. The Precept Demand was verified to be in agreement with the budget and signed by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO.

- b. **Payments.** The following payments were approved:

Postage	£28.90
Playground parts	£129.24
Councillor training	£48.00
Bus shelter cleaning	£75.00
Councillor travel expenses	£47.00
Staff wages and expenses	£743.61
HMRC	£69.22

- c. **Christmas Cracker Grant Application.** The Parish Council approved a grant of £100 to the Community Centre towards the cost of the event.
- d. **Insurance Renewal.** The renewal quote (which is part of a long-term agreement) is £698.33. The new spinning multi-play and whale will be added to the policy. Material damage cover for the surfaces will be investigated.

9. Councillor's Updates

- ERYC removed the bin on the corner of Manor Drive as it was deemed unsafe; a replacement bin will be installed.
- The bin on Frodingham Road has been emptied and the Refuse Department will consider the request for either a new bin or more frequent collections.
- The damaged street sign at Glebe Gardens has been replaced.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm the next meeting will be Monday 2 February 2026.

Approved: _____ Date: _____