

BEEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm, 2 March 2026, Beeford Community Centre.

Present: Councillors: Chair I Sawyer, Vice-chair D Piercy, M Kitchen, S Roberts, J Sowersby, A Thompson, A Turner, J Wilson and C Youngs. Ward Councillor J Bibb, two members of the public and Clerk M Rose.

Absent: Councillors T Adams and Mrs H Adamson

Public Forum. No matters were raised.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors T Adams and Mrs H Adamson apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 2 February 2026 were approved.

3. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

4. Ward Councillors Update

From 2026/27, East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) will face a permanent reduction in its annual funding from the Government, leading to a cumulative shortfall of almost £62 million over three years. As a direct consequence, the Council will need to apply a council tax increase of 4.99%.

It is anticipated that Ward Councillors J Bibb and J Owen will be re-located to the new North Wolds and Coastal Ward in time for the 2027 election.

5. Matters Arising and Correspondence

- a. **Items arising from the Public Forum.** No matters were raised.
- b. **Welcome New Councillors.** The Parish Council welcomes new councillors Jo Wilson and Mick Kitchen.
- c. **Playground.**
The Playground Working Group reported that the gates have been adjusted to provide the required clearance between the gate and frame, and the Commuted Sums notice has now been fixed to the back of the bench.

Multiple companies have carried out site visits to support the preparation of quotes for the new swing frame.

- d. **Parklands Salt Bin.** The Winter Services team at ERYC have replaced the damaged bin.

6. Planning

Permission Granted: 25/03488/PLF The Barn, Bridlington Road, Beeford.

Councillor Sawyer attended a webinar on Proposed Planning Reforms and other changes to the Planning System. The draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) proposals represent a significant shift in planning powers from local authorities to national direction. The proposals introduce aim to accelerate development on previously used urban land and place new limits on local discretion regarding Green Belt protections. Brownfield sites would be fast-tracked for redevelopment, while Green Belt land would be subject to reassessment for potential release, reducing the ability of councils and local communities to safeguard these areas. Further information can be found on the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policy-framework-proposed-reforms-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system/national-planning-policy-framework-proposed-reforms-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>



7. Reports and Updates from External Bodies and Meetings

The Community Centre has submitted a grant application to secure funding for the installation of solar panels and the associated costs of backup battery storage.

There were no updates from Lissett Windfarm or the Playing Fields Association.

8. Finance

a. **Monthly Report.** The report was approved and bank reconciliation signed.

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

Councillor expenses	£11.50
Beeford Buzz, advertising	£56.00
SLCC subscription	£106.00
Bus shelter cleaning	£75.00
Staff wages and expenses	£743.61
HMRC	£69.22

9. Councillor's Updates

20mph Zone Trial. The trial zone has now been implemented on the Main Street from the A165/Main Street junction to Old Forge Way and the 6-month consultation period is now open for comments, which can be emailed to traffic.consultation@eastriding.gov.uk

A new laptop was purchased, as previously approved, including antivirus protection and care plan, it will be added to the Council's insurance policy. The previous laptop will be recycled.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm the next meeting will be Tuesday 7 April 2026.

Approved: _____ Date: _____