

BEEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm, 1 June 2026, Beeford Community Centre.

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

Absent: Councillors: M. Kitchen, J. Sowersby, A. Thompson and A. Turner.

Public Forum. No matters were raised.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors A. Thompson and A. Turner apologised for being unable to attend the meeting. Councillor A. Thompson resigned as a member of the Parish Council with immediate effect.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2026 were approved.

3. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

4. Ward Councillors Update

The Parish Council was reminded of planning application NY/2025/0113/FUL Land north of Butt Lane, Foxholes, Driffield, for the construction of a temporary wellsite for gas exploration, including drilling operations, well testing, retention of equipment and subsequent site restoration. The application is currently open for public comment via the North Yorkshire online planning register: onlineplanningregister.northyorks.gov.uk/Register/Planning/Display/NY/2025/0113/FUL

The Parish Council has previously submitted comments expressing concern about the potential adverse impact the proposal may have on the watercourse.

5. Matters Arising and Correspondence

- a. **Items arising from the Public Forum.** No matters were raised.
- b. **Playground.** The Playground Working Group reported that the bolt alignment issue on the gate has now been corrected, and a temporary measure has been put in place to address the thumb-entrapment risk until a permanent solution can be implemented. Grass seed has been laid around the bench, and the gap near the whale rocker has been filled with soil. The contractors attending the site to replace the swing frame with cradle seats will also inspect the roundabout to identify the cause of the excessive noise. They will be asked to provide quotations for new surfacing beneath the zip wire and around the roundabout, as well as for replacement seats for both the swing with flat seats and the seesaw. The monthly visual inspection was completed and an updated maintenance list will be circulated before the next meeting.
- c. **Bridlington Road Speed Indicator Device.** East Riding of Yorkshire Council have not granted permission for a permanent Speed Indicator Device to be installed on Bridlington Road. They advised that such devices are less effective when positioned permanently and should instead be rotated between several approved locations approximately every four weeks in order to maintain their impact on driver behaviour.
- d. **Rectory Lane.** East Riding of Yorkshire Council have advised that repairs on the lane have been added to their work schedule.
- e. **Dogger Bank South.** Development Consent has now been granted for the offshore wind farm projects. A letter notifying stakeholders of the Secretary of State's decision is available to download from the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010125-002638>

- f. **Town Smart.** The Parish Council considered a suggestion to introduce the ‘Town Smart’ initiative in Beeford, which involves volunteers undertaking activities to improve the cleanliness of the village. It was felt that the parish is already in good condition, apart from the ongoing issue with dog fouling. As this is the responsibility of dog owners, the Council considered it inappropriate to ask volunteers to carry out this task.
- g. **Annual Town and Parish Council Planning Liaison Meeting.** Councillors were invited to attend one of the meetings which will be held remotely via Teams in June 2026.
- h. **Martyn’s Law.** There have been changes to legislation which provide increased privacy for councillors’ home addresses. Addresses are now private by default, and the public register will record only the existence of an address, rather than the full details.
- i. **Disposal of Lithium-ion Batteries.** Proposed legislation regarding Lithium-ion batteries includes provisions regarding online marketplaces and other safety issues but not battery disposal. The Parish Council responded to questions raised regarding any disposal facilities available in the parish.
- j. **Parish Council Email Addresses for Councillors.** Councillors discussed several options and agreed to remain with the current email provider, increasing email storage capacity on an as-needed basis. The cost for additional storage was approved at £23.40 plus VAT per gigabyte. A new website and a .gov.uk domain name were also discussed but were considered to be beyond requirements at this time.
- k. **Anti-social Behaviour Statistics.** The 6-month report was read and noted.

6. Planning

There were no planning matters.

7. Reports and Updates from External Bodies and Meetings

- a. **Lissett Windfarm.** The deadline for funding applications has been extended until the end of August 2026.
- b. **Community Centre.** The Centre is in desperate need of more volunteers to attend meetings. The committee is considering an offer for free wi-fi for 2 years and the provision of training sessions. The application for solar panels is still awaiting a decision.
- c. **Playing Fields Association.** There were no updates.

8. Finance

- a. **Monthly Report.** The report was approved and bank reconciliation signed.
- b. **Payments.** The following payments were approved:

Meeting room hire	£144.00
Playground levy	£200.00

The Parish Council approved payment of the Clerk’s salary and associated PAYE for the period in accordance with the contracted arrangements.
- c. **Document Shredding Services.** The Parish Council approved the cost of using a confidential document-disposal service on an as-needed basis.

9. Councillor’s Updates

A resident informed a Councillor that they intend to contact East Riding of Yorkshire Council to request that double yellow lines be installed at the junction of Baronwood Crescent and Main Street.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm and the next meeting will be Monday 6 July 2026.

Approved: _____ Date: _____