

# PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

## Introduction

This is an on-going attempt to provide a description of nearly 130 consecutive years of life in Lockington seen through the eyes of the Parish Council.

It should also be seen as a recognition of the work of many Councillors who have given their time freely in order to keep our village in good order.

I have tried to keep to the facts but should you want an accurate date or details of a decision, then you need to go to the original minutes.

I am most grateful for the assistance given by Gareth Rees, the current Clerk, and especially to Denise Cornforth who held the post for many years.

Roger Hateley.

## THE FIRST PARISH COUNCIL

The Local Government Act of 1894 required parishes to elect a council, in our case of nine members. The first meeting of the parochial electors was held in the National School on 4 December 1894 at 7.00 p.m. Robert Wardell was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting. Electors put forward their nominations which were voted upon with these results:-

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
Thomas Abram	Miller	Bryan Mills	21	
Thomas Bradley	Butcher	Rectory Farm	44	44
William Dunn	Innkeeper	Rockingham Inn	26	
Charles Dunn	Labourer	Cottage at 86-88 Front Street	59	59
Edward Farnaby	Farmer	Manor House Farm	45	45
David Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe	29	
Rev A H Griffith	Rector	Rectory	29	
W H Hutchinson	Farmer	Lockington Grange	50	50
James Holdroyd	Schoolmaster	90 and 92 Front Street	2	
Thomas Holliday	Shoemaker	115 Front Street	38	
John Ireland	Blacksmith	Chapel Street Forge	41	41
Henry Jackson	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	44	44
John Jobson	Labourer	27 Front Street	18	
George Langdale	Farmer	Carr House Farm	17	
John Myers	Farmer	Acres Farm	18	
Alfred Shaw	Busman	Front Street Garage	6	
Henry Sissons	Joiner	30 Front Street	31	
William Smith	Labourer	?	39	39
Henry Ward	Shoemaker	Loring House	24	
John Wood	Miller	?	44	44
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield Farm	39	39

[The parish council minutes give only names, occupations and votes. Out of interest I have added dwellings, where known, using Alix Warley's book and his extensive memory. The minutes, the school log and other sources are quoted word for word in *italics*. Occasionally I have omitted a Lockington name to avoid embarrassment!]

How the voting was done is not clear. It appears that names were put forward at the meeting and voting done by a show of hands, as there would not have been time to prepare a voting list on paper and then count up all the votes. A total of 664 votes was cast, so assuming each voter had 9 votes then about 70 villagers were present. All the candidates were male, so too presumably were the voters.

The school by this time had two classrooms. The large room held 9 desks each 9 feet long, and the smaller room had 6 desks. There was a head and two other teachers for a total of between 70 and 90 pupils.

The first meeting of the new Parish Council took place on 18 December in the school. The hire of the school cost the Council two shillings per night if coal was used and one shilling if not. All members being present Edwin Welborn was elected chairman, Henry Jackson vice-chairman, Thomas Bradley treasurer and Sam Burton clerk (School Farm). The latter is described in the minutes as 'the collector', presumably of rents from the poor in the parish houses that pre-dated the establishment of the council. In later minutes he becomes the Overseer of the Poor and was given a salary of £15 annually. Having sorted out the officials, the council made its first resolution.

*Resolved that the public be not admitted to meetings of the council.*

## 1895

Because the Council had to get to grips with a number of matters they inherited, meetings were held in March and April. One of the most pressing was what to do about the "Sparrow and Mole Account". This was in credit by £3 12s 0d. Eventually it was decided that all of the money should be spent on the destruction of sparrows, but the mole catching *should be done away with or paid for by those persons who employ the mole catcher*. Mr Hutchinson said he could catch his own. However at the next meeting, by a casting vote of the chairman, this decision was reversed and the £3 12s 0d was handed to the treasurer for other uses.

*Resolved that the lanes be let in the usual way and the pond on Westfield Road be made to hold water for the use of the cows which graze the lanes.*

Since the Enclosure Act of 1772 the local lanes were given wide verges. These were rented to allow animals to graze. Older residents well remember the string of cows leaving their outbuildings (along Front and Back Streets especially) and making their way towards Lund or Kilnwick, to return in the evening. A man was employed to 'tent' (attend) the cows up to the 1950s. He called them out with a horn. A number of houses had pig sties and cowsheds, including the two pairs at 69-71 and 87-89 Front Street, both built in 1895 at a cost of £320 each. Behind 21 Chapel (Back) Street there is still a ring in the wall to which a cow was tethered.

*Resolved that the field claimed by the parish of Aike be looked into and if there has been a mistake made in both claiming the wrong fields the matter be put right and entered into the Lockington Valuation List as soon as possible.*

The parish could claim one halfpenny per £1 rateable value as income from the County Council, so it was important to know which field belonged to which parish. For the year in question this amounted to £7 11s 4d.

*Resolved that two members of the Council approach the Vicar to inspect the public documents under his care and all such found exclusively to belong to the parish be passed over to the custody of the Council.*

Until the parish council was formed, important documents such as the Enclosure Award were held by prominent citizens, in this case the Reverend A H Griffith who failed to be elected to the council. (He was not alone. No clergyman has ever been a councillor).

*Resolved that a pump be put down for Lill and Malton, tenants of the parish.*

This was the first of many jobs that had to be done for those villagers living in the parish poor houses 'up Thorpe' and along Kilnwick Lane, where Mr Lill and Mr Malton resided. A Property Committee was formed to deal with such matters.

*Agreed that a kissing gate with oak posts, crooks, rails and pales be put down against the Canada going over to Beswick instead of the stile which has been a cause of annoyance for some time.*

A committee was also appointed to deal with footpaths and bridges (and later, becks). These matters were extremely important as the local paths were in daily use. From now on there will be regular reports on the state of gates, paths, bridges, becks and roads.

Why the area where Rectory View now sits was called Parson's Canada is obscure. Perhaps it was a local joke, because at this time Canada was being opened up for settlement and these gardening allotments became villagers' own little pieces of Canada. The land definitely belonged to the church at one time.

*Agreed that the lowest tender be accepted for the gates, posts, rails and pales with ironwork and to include painting, setting and hanging.*

The council was always careful with public money. The footpath committee was allowed to spend no more than £1 without reference to the council and the property committee likewise only 10 shillings.

*Agreed that Mr Abram the member of the District Council lay before the Council the dangerous state of Dead Lane.*

Mr Abram had done so and reported that Beverley Rural District Council *cannot take over the said Dead Lane until they have proof that it is an Awarded Road.*

This led to renewed efforts to discover the whereabouts of the Award as the latest clue leading to a solicitor in Ryde, IOW, had petered out.

The disputed field referred to earlier was shown to be Aike's by reference to *the new ordnance map.*

*Agreed that the parish pump be taken over by the parish council and attended to when repairs were needed.*

This was the pump still to be seen alongside High Bridge. At a time when there was no water supply other than wells and pumps, this was a vitally important matter. It was used by farmers to get water for stock as well as by parishioners for drinking and washing.

## 1896

The annual election of parish councillors took place on 9 March in the school.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
William Agar	Farmer	Rectory Farm	20	
Thomas Bradley	Butcher	Westfield Farm	38	38
John Baker	Labourer	106 Front Street	25	
Charles Dunn	Labourer	Cottage at 86-88 Front Street	42	42
David Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe	22	
Edward Farnaby	Farmer	Manor House Farm	29	29
Rev Arthur H Griffith	Rector	Rectory	5	
W H Hutchinson	Farmer	Lockington Grange	30	30
Thomas Holliday	Shoemaker	115 Front Street	34	34
Henry Jackson	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	30	30

Francis Potts	Tailor	32 Front Street	13	
George Richardson	Cart man	Lund Hill	24	
William Smith	Labourer	?	24	
Alfred Shaw	Busman	Garage	14	
Thomas Storr	Tailor	?	13	
William Shaw	Labourer	113 Front Street	28	28
J Jordan Wood	Miller	?	43	43
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield Farm	39	39
James Lambert	Labourer	72 Thorpe	20	

The chairman for the purposes of the election (R Wardell) then read out the names of the nine candidates who had the highest number of votes and were duly elected *unless a poll was demanded.*

An interval of ten minutes was allowed for any elector to demand a poll. On this occasion Alfred Shaw demanded a poll *and the demand was not withdrawn.*

The statement suggests that on this occasion the voting was done by secret ballot and not by a show of hands, otherwise everyone would know the result without a poll.

*Agreed that the repairs to Dead Lane be attended to and the open pond in the lane should be railed off or potted up.*

At this time Dead Lane was a through road from Thorpe to Front Street.

*Agreed to put to the District Council the need for a guard on the other side of High Bridge for the better security of the public and all the bridges belonging to them should be painted and kept in good repair.*

High Bridge at that time was just the footbridge adjacent to the ford. A road bridge did not appear until the 1950s. The ownership of the various bridges was split between the parish, the District Council and Lord Hotham. No one wanted to paint or maintain someone else's bridge!

*Agreed that the beck be properly cleansed out.*

This was an ongoing problem. The beck was either due to be cleansed, or had just been badly done, or no one could be found to do it. At that time it seems to have been the responsibility of the parish, but more recently the ownership has been disputed. Now (2018) it is scoured by the Environment Agency.

At the annual parish council meeting in April, the officers were elected. Chairman Edwin Welborn, Vice chairman Henry Jackson, Treasurer Thomas Bradley, Overseer William Agar. Footpath Committee Agar, Farnaby, Jackson. Property Committee Bradley, Hutchinson.

*Agreed that the Rector who holds the Award should be wrote to in the name of the council to ask him to hand over the same to them.*

Presumably the Rector referred to is Rev A H Griffith who seemed reluctant to hand over a public document, as the next resolution shows:-

*Agreed that a requisition be signed by the members present asking the County Council to decide who should hold the Award, the Rector who has it at present or the parish council.*

It is difficult for us to appreciate just how influential were Rectors, and other major figures such as landowners, in Victorian times. Alix Warley's father was Rev Griffith's coachman. He used to tell Alix of demands made by the Rector which today's population would not tolerate. One such was a trick Griffith used to get money from villagers by saying that "Mrs So and So had donated 5/- and you could well afford to give at least as much". It took a brave soul to deny him!

The Rector also caused offence in another matter.

*Agreed the clerk write to the Rector and ask him to detach the wire fence he has put down from the parish council's post seeing that the wires were attached without consent of the council.*

That was in July. At the October meeting:-

*Agreed that the clerk write again to the Rector and ask him to detach the wires from the council's post or give a written guarantee that he will share the expense of resettling the post when necessary.*

Back in July:-

*Agreed the beck through the Town Street be thoroughly scoured and Wood and Dunn be appointed as committee to carry out the work at once.*

Town Street was the name of the road from High Bridge to the top of Dead Lane, now known (incorrectly) as Thorpe. No road or place should be called just Thorpe, as it designated an adjunct to a larger settlement. If a name is needed for that part of the village near the church it should be Lockington Thorpe. Whatever the name, Messrs Wood and Dunn reported at the next meeting that the scouring was *very satisfactory*.

On the other hand, the council was not pleased with work done on the pump in Kilnwick Lane. *Agreed that J Ireland be asked to withdraw his bill of 2/- for the old grate and let that amount go toward repair of the well belonging the pump in Kilnwick Lane which he put down, the council considering the work to have been done in a most unsatisfactory manner.*

## 1897

At the May election the chairman read out the names of those nominated and put them before the meeting.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
William Agar	Farmer	Rectory Farm	23	
Thomas Bradley	Butcher	Westfield Farm	31	31
Charles Dunn	Roadman	Cottage at 86-88 Front Street	29	29
Edward Farnaby	Farmer	Manor House Farm	23	
David Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe	24	24
W H Hutchinson	Farmer	Lockington Grange	24	24
Thomas Holliday	Shoemaker	115 Front Street	32	32
Henry Jackson	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	26	26
William Smith	Labourer	?	12	
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield Farm	34	34
Robert Wardell	Shopkeeper	70 Front Street	34	34
John Wood	Corn miller	?	28	28

No poll being demanded, the above were elected.

Officers were:- Chairman E Welborn, Vice chairman T Bradley. Footpath and Bridges Committee Jackson, Fenton, Holliday. Property Committee Bradley, Wardell.

*Agreed the District Council be asked to put in repair Belah Lane.*

We know it as Bealey's Lane but elsewhere it is Beeley, Beulah or even Bealough.

*Agreed that R Fisher be requested not to plough over the bridle path which runs through his field being a direct road from Lockington to Beverley but that it should be left the same width as it was before.*

The council had already requested this of Mr Fisher as he had previously ploughed up the path

*to the great inconvenience of the public.*

*Agreed that a footbridge be put over the drain out of the Crake Marsh into H Clark's field, also a rail be put into the gate going out of Grasby Lane into Mr Farnaby's field.*

Here are two names that have been almost lost. Crake or Crakie borders Dead Lane (which was again in the minutes as *in a very unsatisfactory state*) opposite Crake House. The name comes from the corncrake, a bird more common then. Grasby Lane ran alongside 37 Front Street to the Marsh.

The council's efforts to discover the whereabouts of the Enclosure Award were successful at last.

*Rector be requested to loan the council the parish Award and a copy of the Enclosure Act to be returned in due course.*

Despite being a public document, the whole council had to sign for the safe custody of the Award and then return it in nine weeks.

*Agreed the foot bridge adjoining Dead Lane and Hemp Yard be put in order.*

This path has now been lost as it ran through what is now Thorpe Leys but the name was partly retained in the house named Hemp Garth on Thorpe, now demolished.

## 1898

*Mr Griffith be asked to pull down the notice boards at the ends of the carriage drive which do hinder foot passengers from walking down the drive, it being a public footpath as specified in the Award.*

The Carriage Drive was a very fine entrance to the Rectory, lined with well kept trees and leading to a bridge (still there) across the beck and thence to the house. Whether or not it was a public footpath remained to be seen.

There was no need for an election of councillors in March as there were only nine candidates.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
William Agar	Farmer	Rectory Farm
Thomas Bradley	Butcher	Westfield Farm
Charles Dunn	Roadman	Cottage at 86-88 Front Street
David Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe
Thomas Holliday	Shoemaker	115 Front Street
Henry Jackson	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield farm
Robert Wardell	Shopkeeper	70 Front Street
John Wood	Miller	?

Officers elected were:- Chairman Welborn, Vice chairman Jackson, Treasurer Bradley. Property Wardell, Holliday. Footpaths Dunn, Fenton, Agar.

The expenditure limit for both committees was raised to £1.

*Proposed that the half acre of land belonging the parish in Westfield be identified and Lord Hotham pay 10/- per year for right of road as formerly.*

The land is the site of the cattle sheds along Westfield Road. This is the first mention in the minutes of Lord Hotham, the main landowner. The council thought better of this proposal and declined it, but passed one which asked that

*Town Street Beck be cleaned out and Lord Hotham's agent be asked to clean out their portion at the same time.*

The council also wanted

*the cesspool grates in Town Street to be made secure by screws to prevent any accident.*

This is a reminder that there was no running water or piped sewage disposal in the village until well after the end of the Second World War.

## 1899

The work of the Property Committee never stopped. One of the parish houses needed to be put into *tenantable repair* and required a shed.

*Agreed that a good wood coal house be erected with a zinc roof and the placing of it be left to the Property Committee.*

This time at the March meeting there was an election of councillors.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
William Agar	Farmer	Rectory Farm	23	23
Thomas Bradley	Butcher	Westfield Farm	23	23
Charles Dunn	Roadman	Cottage at 86-88 Front Street	12	
David Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe	21	21
Thomas Holliday	Shoemaker	115 Front Street	26	26
Henry Jackson	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	23	23
Matthew Raper	Labourer	25 Front Street	17	17
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield Farm	22	22
John Wood	Grocer	Cottage at 31 Front Street	25	25
Robert Wardell	Grocer	70 Front Street	20	20
Robert Ward	Shepherd	?	4	

The chairman read out the names of those with the highest number of votes and no poll being demanded they were declared duly elected.

Officers elected:- Chairman Welborn, Vice chairman Jackson, Treasurer Bradley. Footpaths Agar, Fenton, Raper. Property Wardell, Holliday.

The sparrows made a comeback!

*Agreed that sparrows being such pests should be destroyed and paid for as in former years.*

The school log for July reported :-

*Haymaking has commenced in the parish and school attendance has fallen off very much.*

There were regular complaints at this time of year about the absences of older pupils for such activities as singling turnips, gathering fruit, leading the drill horse and bird 'tenting' (scaring). It was understandable as money was very short in most families and any chance to earn was taken.

*Agreed the Property Committee have power to put the pump in Thorpe belonging the council in thorough repair.*

This was sited near the parish houses that are now 1810 Cottage.

## 1900

In January William Dunn (Inn keeper at the Rockingham Inn) was elected to fill the vacancy on the Council despite not standing for election in 1899. Who had left the Council is not recorded, and it is surprising that Charles Dunn, who got 12 votes, was not appointed.

As the Council now had its full complement of nine there was no need for an election. Officers were:- Chairman Welborn, Vice chairman Jackson, Treasurer Bradley. Footpaths Agar, Fenton. Property Raper, Dunn.

At the April meeting:-

*Sparrows be bought 3 months longer.*

On 21 May the children had an unexpected day away from school.  
*Holiday in honour of the relief of Mafeking.*

In July it was reported:-

*A Parish meeting be called to take into consideration the sparrow question seeing that the District Auditor had disallowed the amount paid (viz £5) for sparrows during the year ending 31 March 1900, the said amount being taken out of the Parish Council's books.*

Two weeks later:-

*Resolved that a halfpenny per £1 voluntary rate be laid and collected from the ratepayers to refund the £5 surcharged by the District Auditor, which amount was expended for the destruction of sparrows, and that no more sparrows be paid for after this meeting.*

The going rate for a sparrow was a halfpenny, which amount you could also claim for a rat's tail. Thus ended the sparrow saga, for the time being...

## 1901

Another era ended with the death of Queen Victoria. The Chairman moved a resolution that a letter of condolence be sent to the members of the Royal Family and a copy be placed in the minutes.

*Copy as per letter sent on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1901.*

*To His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the VII.*

*We the members of the Parish Council of Lockington, East Yorkshire, representing the parishioners in meeting assembled on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> inst beg most respectfully to offer to your Majesty the King and the other members of the Royal Family their deepest sympathy in the much lamented death of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria of blessed memory.*

*Signed Edwin Welborn, Chairman.*

The annual parish meeting was held in the school in March. Voting was thus:-

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
William Agar	Farmer	Rectory Farm	20	20
Charles Bradley	Gentleman	Site of 98-100 Front Street	11	
Thomas Bradley	Butcher	Westfield Farm	20	20
Henry Clark	Farmer	Holly Farm	2	
William Dunn	Innkeeper	Rockingham Inn	15	15
William Fenton	Labourer	?	12	12
David Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe	16	16
Henry Jackson	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	21	21
John Sandimore	Labourer	?	4	
George Richardson	Cart man	Lund Hill Cottage	0	
Matthew Raper	Labourer	25 Front Street	18	18
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield Farm	18	18
John Jordan Wood	Miller	?	17	17
Alexander Walker	Farmer	Village Farm	7	

No poll being demanded, those with the highest number of votes were declared elected.

Officers:- Chairman Welborn, Vice chairman Jackson, Treasurer Bradley. Footpaths Agar, Fenton. Property Dunn, Raper.

Another break from lessons:-

*Holiday as a result of the Lockington Feast Day.*

The Ancient Order of Foresters (Court Wellington) met at the Rockingham Inn for an annual gathering and feast on the last Friday in May. A parade passed through the village on



decorated wagons. There were games and roundabouts on the Marsh. Similar school holidays occurred to celebrate the Methodist Anniversary Tea and some Anglican festivals. Possibly as a result of the festivities the Council was asked to add an extra plank to the footbridge over the Marsh to make it wider.

Usually bills were paid without any queries but in August the minutes read:-

*Bills be paid excepting Mr Adkinson's as it looks an exorbitant charge for the old bricks used upon the Parish Council's property.*

## 1902

There was no election as the Council was now on a three-year cycle. There was a change of officers as Edwin Welborn did not wish to continue as Chairman, so he and Henry Jackson exchanged offices.

New technology appeared on the distant horizon.

*Thomas Bradley brought forth a resolution that the need of having Telegraph Communication would be a great benefit to the parish.*

However the Council could not face the challenge, so at the next meeting:-

*Proposition that the Council approach the postal authorities to establish Telegraph Communication was not seconded.*

This was the year of the Coronation of Edward VII. A committee of residents was formed under the chairmanship of the Reverend A H Griffith (who else!) to arrange a suitable celebration.

*Agreed that there be taken £12 from the funds of the Council, £10 to be used for tea etc., and £2 to be laid out in something permanent in remembrance. Also the whole village should be canvassed for subscriptions to provide a tea for every inhabitant, also sports and fireworks be provided.*

A photograph shows the tea party in the school so we can assume the other festivities took place. Whether any permanent remembrance was made is not clear.

In August the school log reported:-

*Attendance low because of the whooping cough.*

Similar entries occurred regularly as infectious disease such as measles and diphtheria struck the children.

## 1903

*23 January. H Jackson and T Bradley being the only members present no meeting for business could be held.*

This is the first time a quorum was lacking.

The annual parish meeting took place in April when these officers were elected:- Chairman Jackson, Vice chairman Welborn, Treasurer Bradley. Property Dunn, Raper. Footpaths D Fenton, W Fenton.

The school log read:-

*The sanitary inspector says that closets must be emptied more often.*

A more significant entry was made on 6 November:-

*The school is now a Free School.*

Up to now the fees were one penny per week for farmer's children and a halfpenny for those of labourers. School lessons were very formal with great emphasis on religious education. The Rector would regularly call to question pupils on their knowledge of the Catechism (usually disappointingly poor). A favourite teaching technique was the "object lesson" where a particular item such as a flower or book would form the centrepiece of a whole lesson. Practical work was limited to gardening for the boys (the school garden was opposite the Wesleyan chapel) and knitting for girls.

## 1904

Triennial election for members of the Parish Council. Nominations and votes cast were:-

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
W James Algar	Schoolmaster	90-92 Front Street	6	
Charles Bradley	Gentleman	Site of 98-100 Front Street	11	11
Thomas Bradley	Farmer	Rectory Farm	17	17
William Burgess	Bricklayer	117 Front Street	4	
Henry Clark	Farmer	Holly Farm	15	15
Charles Dunn	Cottager	Cottage at 86-88 Front Street	16	16
William Fenton	Carrier	69 Front Street	9	9
David Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe	6	
John Jobson	Labourer	27 Front Street	13	13
Henry Jackson	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	19	19
Alexander Walker	Farmer	Village Farm	6	6
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield Farm	18	18

Officers:- Chairman Jackson, Vice chairman Welborn, Treasurer T Bradley. Footpaths T Bradley, Jobson. Property Dunn, Fenton.

The limit of expenditure for both committees was raised to £2 before reference need be made to the Council.

*Clerk to see the two members who were elected but had not come to the meeting to ask if they intended taking office and become members of the Council.*

It appears that they did not become Councillors, because at the next meeting there was a show of hands regarding applicants who were not among the original candidates. By this means at least one person, C W Ireland, became a member of the Council.

On 1 June the school log reported:-

*Aike school has closed and the children are ordered to attend this school. They are carried to and from school in a covered waggonette.*

Ryedale Museum has on show such a horse drawn vehicle rather like a small version of those used on the Oregon Trail during the westward expansion in America.

## 1905

In April, at the annual parish meeting, these were elected as officers:- Chairman Jackson, Vice chairman Welborn, Treasurer T Bradley. Footpaths Clark, Jobson. Property Fenton, Ireland.

The Council was having trouble obtaining rents from some tenants of the parish houses. Two were called to a special meeting to explain why they had not paid. From the minutes it is clear that the Councillors were sympathetic to their plight and agreed to allow extra time.

*Chairman to see Mr Ingham (Steward to Lord Hotham) about the ownership of Palace Beck and to ask him about cutting the fences and cleaning it out.*

Only old-time villagers will know that Palace Beck runs from the Village Hall to High Bridge.

*Removal by death of Sam Burton who had been Assistant Overseer for about 30 years and clerk to the Council since its origination.*

There followed a long and sincere appreciation of his work for the village. J J Bradley was chosen as the new clerk at a salary of £12 per year.

## 1906

Officers elected at the annual meeting were:- Chairman Jackson, Vice chairman Dunn, others as before.

*Clerk to write to tenants stating that in future they would have to pay their rent at our Council meetings.*

A typical rent was between £2 and £1 per year depending on the size of the house. Prompt payers got sixpence off!

On 29 October it was reported that the parish houses had been insured against fire for £300, raised later to £312. This was providential as the minute for December reads:-

*Council regretted that a fire had taken place on parish property on 13 November and the house up Kilnwick Lane in the occupation of David Weatherill had been partly destroyed.*

How the fire originated will remain a mystery. The tenant was found dead in the house at the time of the fire and an inquest held at which the verdict given was accidentally suffocated. David Weatherill was a joiner who built Loring House in his spare time. The parish property was quickly repaired by accepting the lowest tender of £9 0s 0d (the other was 15 shillings more). The Council also claimed and received £5 in back rent from Mr Weatherill's executors.

## 1907

At the election meeting in March 15 nomination papers were handed in. Three were invalid, one was withdrawn and two were submitted twice. That left nine eligible candidates, all of whom were declared elected.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
W James Algar	Schoolmaster	90-92 Front Street
Thomas Bradley	Farmer	Rectory Farm
Henry Clark	Farmer	Holly Farm
William Fenton	Carrier	69 Front Street
Charles William Ireland	Rural Postman	10 Thorpe
John Ireland	Miller	Bryan Mills
Francis Potts	Tailor	32 Front Street
George Robinson	Cow keeper	Thorpe House
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield Farm

Officers:- Chairman Bradley, Vice chairman Algar, Treasurer J Ireland. Property Fenton, C W Ireland. Footpaths Algar, Robinson. The clerk's salary was raised to £16 per year.

Among the usual bridges to be painted and ditches to be cleaned there is this entry:-

*Resolved that the Council acknowledge no more stiles in the parish.*

Presumably these were easily damaged and the Council has had enough of them.

## 1908

The same officers were re-elected from 1907. Assorted bridges, banks and ditches were dealt with, but the most important entry in the minutes was that of 13 August:-

*Resolved that Parish Council meetings be thrown open to the public.*

A new pump was bought for High Bridge as the old one could not be repaired. The cost must have worried some councillors as this minute shows:-

*Proposed that the people who use the parish pump on threshing days pay half a crown a day till the debt of the new pump was paid off.*

This probably referred to the use of the pump to fill the traction engine boilers that powered the threshing machines, as 2/6 was a lot of money. The resolution was not seconded.

## 1909

Water was still causing problems for the Council.

*Clerk to write to the people who used the pump in Hance's garden and tell them not to fetch any more water without the permission of Mr T Taylor.*

*Mr Gee the blacksmith has offered to keep the three pumps in order for 15/- per year.*

Officers elected at the annual parish meeting:- Chairman Bradley, Treasurer J Ireland. Property C Ireland, Fenton. Footpaths Algar, Robinson.

The school closed its year with a report that there were 96 pupils on the register.

## 1910

Triennial meeting for election of Parish Councillors.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
William J Algar	Schoolmaster	90-92 Front Street	13	13
Thomas Bradley	Farmer	Rectory Farm	22	22
Henry Clark	Farmer	Holly Farm	16	16
J Charles Dunn	Publican	Rockingham Inn	10	
William Fenton	Farmer	Lund Wold Farm	19	19
William Grant	Carrier	19 Chapel Street	12	
C William Ireland	Rural postman	10 Thorpe	11	
Henry Jackson	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	26	26
John Jobson	Labourer	27 Front Street	13	13
George Robinson	Cow keeper	Thorpe House	25	25
Tom Taylor	Carrier	Parish House, Thorpe	21	21
Fletcher Taylor	Labourer	94 Front Street	5	
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield Farm	21	21

No poll being demanded the above were elected. Officers:- Chairman Bradley, Vice chairman Algar, Treasurer Robinson. Property Fenton, Clark. Footpaths Jobson, Taylor.

By now all the parish houses were rented out. Three cost 19s 6d each for a half year, one at £1 4s 6d and the fifth at £1 19s 6d. (Remember the 6d reduction for prompt payers!). Three houses constituted what is now 1810 Cottage and the other two were on the site of Primrose Cottage in Kilnwick Lane. It is now impossible to say which house cost which rent, but presumably they differed in size and/or facilities such as outbuildings.

In August the school broke up. Usually it was for 5 weeks but this year the pupils did not return until 28 November, a break of 13 weeks. This extended holiday was the result of remodelling and enlarging the building.

## 1911

Officers as last year except that Robinson replaced Jobson on the Footpath Committee.

Trouble with drains:-

*Meeting called owing to the Sanitary Inspector objecting to the Council going on with the drain from Mrs Taylor's yard. He would not pass the drain until it was laid with sanitary pots with cemented joints.*

The Council complained that they lacked the funds for this. Eventually it was resolved by a compromise.

*The Sanitary Inspector has given us the privilege of doing half this year and half another.*

There was disagreement between the Council and school managers over the cost of renting the school for meetings. The managers wanted 1/- per meeting plus an honorarium for the cleaner. By appealing to the County Council the Parish Council got the school free of charge.

*Agreed the clerk write to the District Council stating that anything the Nuisance Inspector condemned in future he should acquaint our representative with the same, giving him a chance to defend the same before the Council.*

Disappointingly we do not know what nuisance the inspector condemned.

## 1912

Officers:- Chairman Bradley, Treasurer Robinson. Property Clark, Jobson. Footpaths Robinson, Taylor.

School log entry for 12 April:-

*No coal left because of the coal strike. Children gathered wood to burn in the stove.*

A further entry dated 14 June reads:-

*A very severe storm followed by a great flood occurred. At 1-30 p.m. the school was unapproachable, the beck having risen and surrounded it.*

In September the Council recorded with great regret the death of Thomas Bradley.

Despite an agreement with the County Council to use the school free of charge, the Parish Council decided to pay 1/- per meeting to the managers.

Beverley Rural District Council kept a close eye on financial matters.

*District Auditor has written to criticise the Council regarding the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor of the parish in which there irregularities in the entries. The clerk reported that he was sorry the books were not right but it was the first time that a special rate had been laid and people objected to pay. Council discussed the report and after hearing the clerk's explanation they were satisfied with it especially as he promised to try to do all right in the future.*

## 1913

Triennial election of Parish Councillors.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ORDER
W Algar	Schoolmaster	90-92 Front Street	20	8
J J Bradley	Butcher	Westfield Farm	25	3

John Burton	Farmer	115 Front Street	17	
Henry Clark	Farmer	Holly Farm	15	
William Gray	Farmer	Acre Farm	7	
William Grant	Carrier	19 Chapel Street	23	4
John Ireland	Miller and farmer	Bryan Mills	Withdrew	
Ernest Ireland	Miller and farmer	Bryan Mills	27	1
C W Ireland	Postman	10 Thorpe	25	5
Henry Jackson	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	25	6
John Jobson	Labourer	27 Front Street	17	
Harry Marshall	Gardener	30 Front Street	5	
Tom Taylor	Carrier	Parish house, Thorpe	25	2
Joseph Taylor	Labourer	58 Front Street	10	
Edwin Welborn	Farmer	Moorfield Farm	25	7
Harry Ward	Carrier	7 Chapel Street	18	9

No poll being requested, the above were elected.

The new clerk and assistant Overseer of the Poor, chosen from nine candidates, was George Robinson (smallholder) at a salary "*not to exceed £15 per annum*". (The Council had previously decided that Overseers did not need to be Councillors). His duties were *to assess, levy and collect the poor rate, to make any valuation lists of the parish and act as clerk to the Council.*

Officers:- Chairman Jackson, Vice chairman C W Ireland, Treasurer Ward. Property Ward, C W Ireland. Footpaths Grant, Bradley.

The subsequent meetings dealt with the usual round of beck clearing, gate replacing, pump repairing and hedge slashing.

## 1914

Officers:- Chairman Jackson, Vice chairman C W Ireland, Treasurer Ward. Property C W Ireland, Ward. Footpaths Bradley, Taylor, Algar. Footpaths expenditure was raised to £4 without need to refer to the Council.

27 November:-

*The Chairman made some touching remarks about the present war and appealed to the members for their opinions as to raising some assistance in which it was unanimously decided to do something. This was agreed to be a house to house collection and concert, the collections to be divided between the Belgian Relief Fund and the East Riding Motor Ambulance Fund.*

4 December:-

Results of the collections were as follows:-

COLLECTORS	AMOUNT RAISED
School children selling flags	£0 9s 0d
Algar and Taylor	£2 14s 6d
C W and E Ireland	£9 7s 6d
Bradley and Ward	£5 15s 6d
Jackson and Grant	£12 6s 3d

Received later	£0 11s 6d
Total	£31 4s 0d

*The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for the kind way they had responded and hoped a blessing would rest with them.*

*Agreed to hold a concert and whist drive when convenient.*

It was reported later that the Belgian Fund was sent £15 2s 0d and the Motor Ambulance Fund £16 2s 0d. The concert raised £6 10s 0d.

The school log commented:-

*6 pairs of socks and 4 mufflers have been knit by the girls and sent to the soldiers at the front.*

## 1915

Officers:- Chairman Jackson, Vice chairman C W Ireland, Treasurer Ward. Footpaths Taylor, Bradley, Algar. Property Ward, C W Ireland.

The dance and whist drive raised £8 8s 10d and this was sent to the Belgian Consul.

Tenants were obviously having difficulty in paying their rents.

*Property Committee to remind him of his arrears.*

This was followed by:-

*Chairman stated that seeing he had paid no heed when reminded then he be written to and informed that it must be paid before the end of February to save further trouble.*

## 1916

Officers:- Chairman C W Ireland, Vice chairman Jackson, Treasurer Ward. Property Grant, C W Ireland, Ward. Footpaths Algar, Taylor, Bradley.

Some back rent had been paid, but not by everyone.

*They promised to pay as soon as they could.*

Meanwhile the usual round of repairs continued.

*Mr Harrison had looked at the pump up Kilnwick Lane and found it was an expensive job to put it in thorough order, so he repaired the top bucket so they could get water for the present time.*

## 1917

Officers:- Chairman C W Ireland, Vice chairman Jackson, Treasurer Ward. Property C W Ireland, Ward. Footpaths Welborn, Algar, Bradley.

*Chairman reported that David Malton had been removed to the workhouse hospital by the Overseers and that his bit of furniture had been sold at his consent to help pay his rent.*

A circular had come from the East Riding War Agricultural Committee regarding a scheme for the supplying of seed potatoes for smallholders, occupiers of allotments and private gardens in 1 cwt bags, not more than 5 cwt being supplied to each grower.

A further circular dealt with the destruction of rats and sparrows.

*Councillors felt that the price suggested for sparrows was not enough to encourage people to kill them. Council proposed that the price should be 6d per dozen fully fledged, 3d per dozen for eggs and 4d per dozen for young ones. Agreed the clerk undertake to buy sparrows and*

*arrange the hours of sale to suit himself. Also that some of the £20 in the Treasurer's hands be used for the destroying of sparrows.*

The Footpaths Committee (which also dealt with the becks) reported that they were having difficulty in getting a man to clean them out, presumably because so many able bodied men were in the armed forces.

The Property committee had received an unusual request:-

*There was a pair of steps needed for Mrs Harrison to get up into her bedroom.*

The Council generously agreed to order steps and a handrail!

## 1918

Officers remained as last year.

The lanes had been let for the sum of £12 to those who kept cows in the parish. It was suggested that

*if let by auction, people that had to plough grass out could come and take lanes from other parishes as there was a shortage of grass.*

The school log reported that Mr Algar would form a War Savings Committee with the children. Despite its sympathetic attitude to those who were having difficulty in paying, Council lost its patience with one tenant.

*Clerk to write to him and inform him that if the back rent of 8s 6d is not paid at once the Council would have to take proceedings against him.*

## 1919

Election of Councillors.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
William Algar	Schoolmaster	90-92 Front Street	12	12
John Bradley	Labourer	Westfield Farm	13	13
Herbert Ellerby	Labourer	29 Front Street	2	
William Ellerker	Threshing machine owner	92 Thorpe	1	
Bethel Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe	12	12
William Grant	Fruit grower	19 Chapel Street	13	13
John Jobson	Labourer	27 Front Street	11	11
Charles W Ireland	Rural postman	Stamford House	12	12
Ernest Ireland	Farmer	Bryan Mills	4	
George Lascelles	Farmer	Lockington Grange	9	9
George Robinson	Farmer	Holly Farm	14	14
Tom Taylor	Farmer	Acre Farm	10	10
James Wood	Small holder	?	2	

No poll being demanded, the election was declared complete.

Officers:- Chairman Algar, Vice chairman Grant, Treasurer Robinson. Property Ireland, Fenton. Footpaths Bradley, Lascelles, Jobson.

A new clerk was needed. Regret was expressed at Mr Robinson's resignation, as he had always been *most obliging*. Applications were received from H A Burgess and A J Wood.

*Mr Burgess stated that through a gunshot wound in his thigh, he would not be able to take it of three months. He stated that his father would take it three months. After a vote, Mr*



*Burgess was elected and his father also appointed to assist for three months. His duties are to assess and collect the poor rates and to have remuneration when making a new valuation list and act as clerk to the parish council at a yearly salary of £15 to be paid out of the money raised for the relief of the poor.*

A gunshot wound is a weak description for a very serious injury, caused by a piece of shrapnel during the war that gave him a permanent limp. The family still has the offending missile. Harry Burgess served as clerk for nearly 50 years. His father William owned the first cycle seen in the village, and was a Methodist local preacher for 40 years. Mark, Harry's brother, founded the family ice cream business in Beverley soon after the war ended.

The final entry regarding the war in the minutes reads:-

*Agreed to give the sum of £5 from Parish council funds towards the expenses incurred in the peace celebrations.*

#### **“THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE”**

NAME	RANK	KILLED	AGE	SERVICE
N Algar	Private	1916	24	East Yorks Reg
W D Bradley	Private	1917	32	East Yorks Reg
J Boswell	Boy servant	1919	17	HMS Victory
A Fenton	Driver	1915	20	Service Corps
C S Ireland	Gunner	1916	24	Artillery
T Johnson	Private	1917	31	Fusiliers
C Landamore	Private	1916	25	East Yorks Reg
T Lawson	Private	1916	44	Canada Rifles
C Pickering	Private	1917	19	Machine Gun Cps
J Sanderson	Private	1918	40	RFC (Mechanic)
A S Seaman	Private	1916	23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yorks Reg
A E Nalton	Private	1917	19	Machine Gun Cps

James Boswell survived the fighting only to succumb to influenza in the 1918 epidemic.

Charles Pickering lived at 89 Front Street. According to a letter from a relative, he falsified his age in order to join up in 1914. He was in the 87<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Machine Gun Corps, and was wounded on 3 December 1917 near Masnieres. Captured by the Germans, he later died of his wounds.

#### **1920**

Officers were appointed as for last year.

Lanes were let in the following lengths:-

- (1) From Mr Lascelles's cross roads to Mr Ness's gate
- (2) From village end to Holme chalk pit
- (3) From Mr Lascelles's cross roads to Lund bottoms
- (4) Lund Lane
- (5) Kilnwick Lane
- (6) Station Road and Beverley High Road

*Clerk to write to the Fuel Overseer in Beverley stating that several people were without coal and ask him if he could release some of the coal already in stock at Lockington Station.*

As a result of the war, unemployment rose to reach one million by 1920. This led to a series of strikes between 1919 and 1921 at the docks, on the railways and in the mines.

The train service was considered to be inadequate.

*Clerk to write to the Railway Company, York, asking for an improved train service to include one to stop at about 11 a.m. in the direction of Hull and one at about 10 p.m. from Hull.*

## 1921

Officers:- Chairman Algar, Vice chairman Grant, Treasurer Robinson. Property Ireland, Fenton. Footpaths Bradley, Lascelles, Jobson.

*By 4 votes to 3 agreed that the £2 houses have their rents raised by 10s and the others in proportion.*

This was the first rise in rents since 1906. Inflation must have been low!

The Award had disappeared again.

*Clerk to do his utmost to find the Parish Award last known to be in the keeping of the late Rev A H Griffith. To write to his brother.*

Arthur Hammond Griffith had recently died in a nursing home at Bournemouth.

A circular from the County Council proposing an increase in Lockington rates from £3666 to £3841 prompted this heartfelt response:-

*At a Parish Council meeting on 9 December it was unanimously decided to oppose the increase in rateable value on the grounds that Lockington is a purely agricultural parish and agriculture is at the present time in a depressed condition.*

## 1922

Election of Councillors.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ORDER
William Algar	Schoolmaster	90-92 Front Street	10	4
John J Bradley	Farm labourer	Westfield Farm	11	1
Bethel Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe	11	2
William Grant	Labourer	19 Chapel Street	7	8
Charles W Ireland	Retired	Stamford House	9	6
John Jobson	Gardener	27 Front Street	8	7
George Lascelles	Farmer	Lockington Grange	7	9
George Robinson	Farmer	Holly Farm	11	3
Jonathan Saunderson	Butcher	Ivy House	5	
Tom Taylor	Farmer	Acre Farm	10	5

No poll being demanded the above were declared elected.

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Robinson. Property Ireland, Fenton. Footpaths Bradley, Lascelles, Algar.

The Property Committee reported that some tenants had arranged exchanges without informing the Council. They were also displeased with the condition of one house.

*His house was so dirty the Committee had decided to allow Mr Dale, the new tenant, a little for disinfectant and lime.*

The route along Bealey's Lane was the shortest way to Leconfield and Beverley, so when the farmer at Gomary Hall transgressed, the Council was quick to act.

*Mr Osgerby has ploughed and sown across the bridal [sic] path at the end of Bealey's Lane. Clerk to write and request that after harvest he shall leave about 5 ft. unploughed.*

## 1923

The officers remained as before.

Business was routine except for a request to the County Council to erect road signs regarding the school.

*Danger signals have been erected near the school. Clerk to write to ERCC and thank them for promptly attending to the matter.*

These would be the signs, visible on one old photograph, showing what looks rather like a full Mr Whippy ice cream cornet. It was actually supposed to represent the "torch of learning".

## 1924

The same officers were elected as last year except that Lascelles seem to have gone from the Footpath Committee.

Council was annoyed with the District Council to which the clerk was asked to write.

*This council considers a needless expense has been incurred in repairing the culvert in Dead Lane. A new cut is needed to make a satisfactory job of it. At present a pot drain meets the water in the open drain and is forced back and choked up when there is an extra flow of water on. The council thinks they should have been consulted in the matter before work commenced.*

*Sparrow money has run out. Agreed that sparrow rate be discontinued.*

*Mrs Hudson sent a requisition to have her bridge widened so as to get over it with her pram. Mr Robinson said that if the council would buy three planks he would widen all three bridges free of charge.*

A later bill showed that the planks cost £1 5s 4d from Mr Beal.

## 1925

Election of Councillors. As there were nine nominations, all were elected without further ado.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
William Algar	Retired schoolmaster	104 Front Street
Charles Henry Bradley	Labourer	69 Front Street
John Jackson Bradley	Butcher	Westfield Farm
Bethel Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe
William Grant	Labourer	19 Chapel Street
Charles William Ireland	Retired postman	Stamford House
John Jobson	Labourer	27 Front Street
George Tom Robinson	Farmer	Holly Farm
Tom Taylor	Farmer	Acre Farm

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Robinson. Property Ireland, Fenton. Footpaths J J Bradley, C H Bradley, Algar, Jobson.

*Lanes to be let by public auction as in previous years but owing to the heavy expenses incurred they be let at 5/- per gait. Application from Mrs Richardson for a gait on the lanes for her horse.*

A gait is a measure of grassland required to keep a cow or horse, three sheep, two and a half goats etc. The area it occupies depends upon the quality of the herbage. The term is still in use on Beverley Westwood. To let them by public auction required the employment of an auctioneer. On several occasions the name of Mr Ulliot of Driffeld is mentioned. Presumably his fees made the process financially hardly worthwhile.

## 1926

Officers were as last year except that Robinson replaced Ireland on the Property Committee.

*What appears to be a well which has never been bricked out has given way at the sides and has let the top in. It is against the pump up Kilnwick Lane. Mr Burgess estimates that it will cost 7 to 8 guineas.*

William Burgess was the father of Harry, the clerk. He worked as a bricklayer on the Hotham estate and lived in 117 Front Street.

*This council offers no objection to the postmaster having a weekly half-holiday but suggests that it be on the Saturday, and change the post office half-holiday to Saturday.*

For many years the Post Master's house and Post Office were in Stamford House, next to the Rockingham Inn. The location of the post box can still be detected in the wall of the house.

*Lanes to be let as last year. Horses to be included and gaits to be 5/- per cow or horse. Highest tenders to be accepted.*

*List of cow keepers to go to Beverley RDC as a result of the Milk and Dairies Order of 1926.*

## 1927

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Robinson. Property Ireland, Fenton. Footpaths Bradley, Bradley, Algar, Jobson.

At the annual parish meeting this suggestion was made by a villager:-

*Mr Ounsworth said he thought this was an opportunity to move in the matter of having a public telephone call office and telegraph installed. There were already two sets of poles leading into the village. One set might shortly become unused and the council had an offer from the Postmaster to rent one for £20 10s 0d per year guaranteed for 7 years. Agreed to form a committee to investigate consisting of Grant, Ounsworth and Saunderson.*

However at a later meeting:-

*Agreed to let the matter fall to the wall as there were no funds forthcoming for the guarantee and the committee had failed to get the guarantee reduced.*

According to Alix Warley's book (page 59) the telephone arrived in 1927-8, along with the red kiosk which most villagers treated with suspicion. They preferred to use the instrument in the post office where there was some human assistance!

*Gaits let on the lanes. Cows... W Jackson 1, J Baker 1, T Taylor 2, H Bradley 1, W Burgess 2, E Hall 1, J Robinson 2, A Wood 2, T Took 2, W Ellerker 1.*

*Horses... R Taylor 1, W Richardson 1.*

*Several requests from parishioners to get Thorpe End tarred.*

Up to now all the roads were surfaced with crushed chalk. Harry Marshall had recently acquired the first motor lorry in the village, equipped with solid rubber tyres. Unfortunately the District Council had spent all the money available for tarring in the present year.

*Clerk to enquire about a Free Library being installed in the village.*

At the next meeting:-

*County Librarian regrets he cannot proceed with a Free Library this winter but will attend to the matter as soon as possible.*

*New plank to be put up Queen's Lane leading to Hemp Garth as it had perished.*

Queen's Lane was a rather nicer alternative name for Dead Lane.

## 1928

Election of Councillors. No voting was needed.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
William Algar	Retired schoolmaster	104 Front Street
Charles Henry Bradley	Small holder	69 Front Street
John Jackson Bradley	Labourer	Westfield Farm
Bethel Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe
William Grant	Small holder	19 Chapel Street
Charles William Ireland	Retired postman	Stamford House
John Jobson	Labourer	27 Front Street
George Tom Robinson	Farmer	Holly Farm
Tom Taylor	Farmer	Acre Farm

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Robinson. Property Ireland, Fenton. Footpaths Bradley, Bradley, Algar, Jobson.

At the annual parish meeting there were complaints from the public about the wretched state of Cascade Bridge and Dead Lane.

*Rev. Walker will repair Cascade Bridge on this occasion but not in future.*

*Gaits let for cows.. Took 2, Jackson 1, Bradley 1, T Taylor 2, Bailey 1, Norris 1, Marshall 1, R Taylor 1, Robinson 3, Ellerker 1, Wood 1, Burgess 2, Witty 1, Richardson 1 horse.*

*Ministry of Transport replied to say that there were no funds available at present to widen the road at Thorpe. However, tenants, expecting the scheme to go ahead, had left their hedges unslashed which made it more dangerous to traffic.*

The Recreation Club held a gala to raise funds for a Recreation Hall. A cricket match, sports and tennis on the lawn (by kind permission of Rev Walker) all took place, followed by fireworks and a dance in the school.

## **1929**

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Robinson. Property Fenton, Walker. Footpaths Bradley, Bradley, Jobson.

*Chairman reported the absence through death of Mr C W Ireland, who was a good friend and valued Councillor.*

*J Walker took his place.*

*Surveyor reports that Thorpe can be tarred if part of Station Road is left untarred.*

*Clerk with Grant and Algar to meet with County Librarian.*

*This meeting obviously bore fruit.*

*Agreed that local librarian enquire for the cost of a cupboard to keep library books in and request a small amount from each borrower to pay for it.*

*Dead Lane was giving cause for concern again, as was Mr Clark's chimney.*

*Mr Clark was nearly smoked out and the Committee should have something done.*

*Clerk to write to Postmaster in Beverley to get a pillar box erected near the centre of the village.*

*The Award was still eluding the Council.*

*Parish Award was not in Mr Godsall's office (Steward to Lord Hotham) but the map belonging to it was.*

*Payments from the letting of the gaits at 5/- per cow brought in £3 15s 0d.*

## **1930**

*All last year's officers were re-elected.*

*At the annual parish meeting it was suggested that High Bridge be widened for motor traffic. Until this year the Royal Mail had come to the railway station from whence it was collected by the postmaster in his pony and trap and brought to what is now Stamford House. Now the main post office had acquired a motor vehicle. At the same time the postal address became Driffeld not Beverley.*

*Auditor has pointed out that rents charged for cottages were not in accordance with the agreements and must be revised.*

*This was soon done and the annual rents became for No. 1, £5; Nos. 2,3,5, £2 10s 0d; No. 4, £3 2s 0d. At the same time the agreements were altered to calendar instead of lunar months.*

*Gaits allocated...*

*J Landamore 1 horse, H Marshall 2 cows, F Took 1 cow, R Taylor 1 horse, J Robinson 1 cow,*

*F Bayley 1 goat, J A Wood 1 cow, C Jackson 1 cow, R Taylor 2 cows, H Bradley 1 cow, G Lascelles 2 cows.*

## 1931

Election of Councillors. The names of those nominated were read out after 15 minutes had elapsed since the chairman took the chair. (Why there had to be a quarter of an hour's interval is not clear).

The numbers being exact, they were all declared elected.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
William Algar	Retired teacher	104 Front Street
Charles Henry Bradley	Labourer	69 Front street
Bethel Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe
William Grant	Small holder	19 Chapel Street
John Jobson	Labourer	27 Front Street
George Tom Robinson	Farmer	Holly Farm
John Jackson Bradley	Butcher	Westfield Farm
Tom Taylor	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm
John Walker	Carrier	94 Front Street

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor. Property Walker, Fenton. Footpaths Algar, Bradley, Bradley.

*Gaits applied for:- F Took 2 cows, W Richardson 1 horse, W Jackson 1 cow, R Taylor 2 cows and 1 horse, J Robinson 1 cow, J Wood 1 cow, H Marshall 2 cows, G Lascelles 1 cow.*

*Clerk to write to traffic commissioners in Leeds to see if a bus can be got to call periodically at the village.*

Bulmer's directory of 1892 lists Dunn's bus to Beverley on Saturdays and to Drifffield on Thursdays. William Dunn is recorded as a farmer, victualler and bus proprietor of the Rockingham Inn. Presumably his horse drawn service had been withdrawn, as at about this time Harry Ward used to carry passengers on wooden seats aboard his Ford lorry.

The Property Committee reported with evident pride that *all outstanding jobs on houses and pumps done.*

## 1932

Officers were re-elected from last year. At the annual parish meeting a villager suggested that

*this parish do not supply Lord Hotham's tenants with water without some little payment.*

At the next meeting we read:-

*Clerk to inform Lord Hotham that 10/- per year is a reasonable amount to charge for water supplied by the parish to his tenants H Wilson and G Norris.*

Later the Parish Council members obviously had second thoughts about charging their landlord.

*Payment for Lord Hotham's tenants' water supply to be dropped.*

*Clerk to chase traffic commissioners about a bus service as the one we had was very much missed.*

## 1933

Officers were re-elected from last year. An old gravel pit (the location is not clear) had been filled in and grassed over. There remained the matter of the £6 6s 0d back rent. After several meetings on the site and with Major Godsall (steward to Lord Hotham), a letter came from Mr Hobson (solicitor), which persuaded the Council  
*to give up on collecting the £6 6s 0d even though they feel they have a right to it.*

East Yorkshire Motor Services announced that the fare for the special bus service to Beverley would be about 9d.

## 1934

Election of Councillors.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
William Algar	Retired schoolmaster	104 Front Street	11	
Charles Henry Bradley	Labourer	69 Front Street	17	17
John Jackson Bradley	Labourer	74 Front Street	17	17
Bethel Fenton	Farmer	9 Thorpe	17	17
William Grant	Fruit grower	19 Chapel Street	17	17
John Jobson	Labourer	27 Front Street	16	16
Harry Marshall	Carrier	44 Front Street	12	12
George Tom Robinson	Farmer	Holly Farm	13	13
Tom Taylor	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	13	13
John Walker	Carrier	94 Front Street	17	17

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Robinson. Property Walker, Fenton. Footpaths Bradley, Bradley, Jobson, Marshall.

During this year the new Ordnance Survey maps arrived and were checked for rights of way which were

*all marked to the best of our knowledge.*

The Footpath Committee had to admonish two villagers for failing to keep rights of way open.  
*Clerk to write to Mr Jackson, Hemp Garth, stating that the path over Hemp Garth is public and requesting him to make it possible to use it as such. Also Mr Osgerby has again ploughed up the bridle path across his field.*

The EYMS representative came to a special meeting to discuss alterations to the bus timetables.

*He expressed his pleasure in attending and hoped to run the buses as long as possible.*

A circular arrived concerning military manoeuvres...

## 1935

The parish was now joined to Aike. Election of Councillors took place as usual.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING	VOTES	ELECTED
Charles Henry Bradley	Labourer	69 Front Street	Withdrew	
John J Bradley	Retired butcher	74 Front Street	14	14
Bethel Fenton	Retired farmer	89 Front Street	12	12
William Grant	Labourer	19 Chapel Street	14	14
John Jobson	Retired labourer	27 Front Street	13	13
Harry Marshall	Carrier	44 Front Street	11	11
William Norris	Carrier	Aike	12	12

George Tom Robinson	Farmer	Holly Farm	12	12
Albert Rose	Farmer	Aike	6	
Tom Taylor	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm	9	9
John Walker	Dairy farmer	94 Front Street	12	12

No poll was demanded so the above nine were declared elected.

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Robinson. Property Walker, Fenton. Footpaths Bradley, Marshall, Jobson, Norris.

*£5 be allowed towards the Silver Jubilee celebrations.*

This referred to King George V and Queen Mary. The amount was later reduced to £3.

The Property committee had some difficult cases to deal with at times.

*Mrs Shaw has died but her daughter in law says she is not responsible for the rent of £1 15s 0d. Clerk to tell her she is.*

*An applicant for the late Mrs Shaw's cottage to be told it is not suitable as he has three children and the cottage comprises one living room and one bedroom. Also the cottage reported as filthy and the Committee is advised to try to get it cleaned and made sanitary.*

Council was consulted about footpaths on the Dalton Estate. The path from Bealey's Lane to Moorfield Farm appears to have been a short cut but

*there is no information to show whether it is a right of way.*

*The path from the railway station to Decoy Farm is out of the parish after crossing one field.*

A photograph in a local paper shows villagers unsuccessfully trying to put rings dangling from strings over the necks of bottles at a fete organised by the Recreation Club to raise funds for the proposed Recreation Hall. They didn't seem to be enjoying the experience!

## 1936

Officers were as for last year except that the Treasurer is now Walker.

Council wrote off the late Mrs Shaw's arrears as irrecoverable (her daughter in law won!), but had trouble with another tenant.

*Mr Wilson has left his cottage without paying rent or leaving an address. Clerk to attempt to trace.*

[Someone has written in the margin of the minutes *Moonlight flit.*]

Eventually Mr Wilson was traced to Skerne and, after some persuasion, paid his rent arrears.

A parishioner had queried the number and siting of parish notice boards.

*Parish notice boards. There are one each at both chapels and the church so we are all right.*

## 1937

The same Councillors were elected as last year. No vote was needed.

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Walker. Property Robinson, Fenton. Footpaths Bradley, Marshall, Norris.

As well as the usual round of beck clearing and rubbish disposal, the Property Committee was advised to increase parish house insurance and include cover against motor vehicles and (rather ominously) aircraft.

Although not mentioned in the minutes, electricity arrived!

The Recreation Hall was bought in 1937 from the Yorkshire Show Committee, which held its show on Beverley Westwood in the summer of 1936. The hall was located in a field at the side of 42 Thorpe. The driving force behind the project was Mrs ("Grannie") Hudson who kept a shop at Thorpe House. The hall was used for a variety of village events including cooking meals for the school children, wedding receptions and billeting soldiers after Dunkirk. Dances were popular, often led by Gordon Miller's band. The last recorded use was in 1961 but it probably remained available until the old school was converted to the Youth and Community



Centre in 1972. It finished its life as the "Social Hut" at Beverley Westwood Hospital in the 1980s.

## 1938

Two vacancies caused by the death of J Jobson and the resignation of J Walker were filled by Thomas W Burgess and James L Farnaby.

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Norris. Property Robinson, Fenton. Footpaths Bradley, Marshall, Farnaby, Burgess.

In January a circular arrived from the Chief Constable regarding the Village Protection Scheme and Air Raid Precautions. February saw a visit of PC Booth who outlined the scheme for Village Protection. The main points were the formation of an emergency party to include runners and car and cycle owners. A subsequent meeting provided these volunteers:- W Norris, J Blakeston, J Wilson, J Sanderson, H Burgess, J Burgess, G Brayshaw, Mrs T Taylor, Mrs E Cole, Mrs Illingworth, Miss J Griffin, Miss B Nicholson. Car owners (to use their vehicles as ambulances) were Rev W Illingworth, E Cole. Runners were J Smith, H Chittock. Mrs Nicholson offered a storage room if needed.

This was the first time that any ladies had been officially involved in parish matters.

*Clearance Order from BRDC for Thorpe cottages.*

Beverley Rural District Council. This meant that they were condemned for living in. A letter from the Ministry of Health confirmed this. The Parish Council was most concerned:-

*This will halve our income.*

Housing problems continued.

*Took requires a new fireside and Jenkinson needs attention to EC.*

This reminds us that there was no sewerage system other than cesspits and earth closets (EC) which had to be cleared out by the "night soil men".

## 1939

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Taylor, Treasurer Norris. Property Fenton, Robinson. Footpaths Bradley, Marshall, Farnaby, Burgess.

The Council obviously felt safe from being bombed despite the fears expressed in Hull.

*Bombproof shelter suggested and rejected.*

School log for 11 September reads:-

*38 evacuees received with 1 teacher.*

There is no record of where they stayed or for how long. Presumably they were billeted with local families.

A Home Guard was formed (originally called the Local Defence Volunteers) with headquarters in a cottage opposite the Rockingham Arms. The ARP post was in the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS) came from Etton but had a base here in one of the parish houses.

## 1940

Regular meetings continued to be held. The officers were the same as last year. Later in the year Mr Illingworth resigned and Frederick Robinson took his place.

The beck continued to give problems.

*Committee could not decide what to do about Cascade Bridge, which was dangerous. Mr Taylor offered two old water pipes if the Council would buy three oak posts. Agreed.*

*Letter from BRDC about allotments and waste paper salvage.*

*Circulars arrived on Forming a Pig Club, Motor Cycle Messengers, Expenditure for Civil Defence.*

*Clerk to see Mr Laverack concerning collection of scrap iron. He to arrange a site and act as organiser.*

Cyril Laverack lived at Village Farm. By accident or design the Wesleyan Chapel lost its railings but those of the Primitive Chapel are still there. The person responsible in the East Riding for decisions regarding the removal or otherwise of railings was the Lockington architect Anthony Steel.

## **1941**

Officers continued from the previous year.

The Property Committee was peeved to discover that *one cottage was occupied by the AFS who pay no rent whatever.*

A special meeting was called to discuss establishing a Parish Food Production Club. Council decided that

*no useful purpose was served by this as everyone was doing their best to crop all available land with extra produce such as carrots and onions and as many pigs and poultry are kept as food is available for.*

Another problem cropped up for the hard worked Property Committee.

*Mr Fenton reported that Mr Alf Warley took possession of a cottage on 13 October. He also reported that Mrs Hodgson had been using the earth closet of Warley's cottage, as her own had no seat and this she used as a coalhouse. Council agreed that Mrs Hodgson be requested to move her coals and Property Committee see to having a new seat fixed.*

## **1942**

Election of officers. All officers remained as last year.

*Committee has supplied Mr Warley with a little fencing to keep out stock, which he will fix himself. Also owing to wartime difficulties in getting work done Mr Norris had got materials for repairing his copper and had employed a local journeyman and bricklayer to do the work. Committee will reimburse for materials only.*

*Lanes to be let by auction. Field to be let to Mr Norris.*

*ERCC to be told that ditch down Laurel Walk was dangerous as well as being blocked, that the drain up Thorpe smells with soap suds and Dead Lane was in a bad state of repairs.*

*Clerk granted an increase in salary of 30/- provided he takes over the duties of the Treasurer.*

14 May. A special meeting was held to consider the inefficient service at the village telephone kiosk.

*Clerk to write and inform Post Office of the numerous complaints that after spending much time in ringing up, all the service you can receive is either wait 20 or 30 minutes or nothing but a wireless or gramophone to hear. Several of the councillors themselves have had the annoyance of wasting valuable time in ringing up on urgent business and have been compelled to spend further time in making the journey either to the place of business or to another telephone which strangely enough always appears to be reliable.*

*Clerk also to write to Weights and Measures Department about the waste of time in taking weights to Dalton to be tested and request a day be allotted to Lockington as in previous years.*

*Mr Norris wants his shed made waterproof but as the cottage is condemned it would be unwise to expend in repairs, so suggest to tenant he repair it as best he can.*

On 17 October 1942 the Parish Council met at 1 p.m. owing to blackout difficulties (instead of the usual evening meeting.)

*Two vacancies caused by deaths of H Marshall and G Robinson were filled by Victor Clark Farnaby, (Farmer), and Ernest W Cole, (Carrier), these being the only nominations.*

## 1943

All officers as last year.

A special meeting was called to discuss 'Wings for Victory' week.

It was becoming increasingly difficult to get repairs done because of the shortage of materials and manpower.

*Beck not cleaned out owing to shortage of labour.*

*Gate at south end of Grasby Lane to be repaired.*

*Lanes and pit to be let and field let to Mr Norris.*

*ERCC to be requested to fill pot holes in Bealey's Lane.*

*Beck still not cleaned out.*

*CC to be asked to mow thistles.*

*Parish pump out of order and water shortage for stock becoming serious. To get Mr Miller, blacksmith, to give an estimate if possible and see if a grant is available from BRDC.*

On 16 October, Council met at 1.15 p.m. owing to the blackout.

*No estimate yet for pump. To ask Col Godsal if the Estate will bore for water or whether he considers it advisable to wait and see if water is laid on in the near future.*

This is the first hint that there might eventually be a piped water supply.

*ERCC to be told of complaints about the barricades at the approaches to the village and ask if the parts built on the footpaths could be removed as they have been in other villages in the surrounding district.*

These were the anti-tank defences, which caused more inconvenience to the villagers than they would have to any invaders!

## 1944

Officers:- Chairman Grant, Vice chairman Norris. Committees as before but add Taylor to Property.

*Clerk to ask War Agricultural Executive Committee, St. Mary's Manor, Beverley, if they can send some Hostel men to clean out the beck.*

*Bridge over to Scroboro to be repaired with local labour likewise Took's front to his EC and Weldon's fireback.*

*The Lord Hotham's clerk of works asked the council to clean the drain up Thorpe as it holds all His Lordship's basins full.*

23 February 1944. School log:-

*A portion of the playground wall was knocked down by an Army tank.*

The Footpath, Bridge and Beck Committee was disappointed to report:-

*Beck has been cleaned but dead flowers from the school were daily thrown over the wall into it.*

*Parish pump needs repair and blacksmith has done nothing to it yet. ERCC to be requested to clear culvert up Lund Road as it holds the water back and floods at least 2 acres of new seeds.*

## 1945

All officers were as at the last election.

*A movement is on foot with a view to having the Recreation Hall run as a parish concern. It was commenced on public funds but no balance sheet was ever shown and the parishioners were desirous to know how things stood. Mr Neville Hobson (Clerk to BRDC) to be asked to assist.*

No further information has come to light regarding the running of the Recreation Hall. It was obviously well used as we have plenty of photographs showing fancy dress events, dances, dinners and a wedding reception.

15 November 1945.

A special meeting was called regarding changes to the bus service.

*Proposed that in order to catch the outlying farms and cottages and at the same time remove the annoyance of Leconfield passengers crowding the bus and leaving Lockington passengers in Beverley the route be circular, coming to Lockington via Cherry Burton Station and Lockington Grange and returning to Beverley via Scorbrough and Leconfield. Times suggested are 4 buses on Saturdays and a new service on Wednesdays of 4 buses.*

It is not clear whether these are the only buses to run or just alterations to a more frequent service.

*Mr Wilson has offered the gates erected by him instead of paying the back rent amounting to 6s 8d. Agreed.*

## 1946

Election of Councillors. Nominations were received as follows:-

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
John Jackson Bradley	Retired butcher	74 Front Street
Thomas William Burgess	Builder	West View Farm (117 Front Street)
Ernest William Cole	Carrier	Loring House
Charles Harold Donkin	Labourer	15 Chapel Street
James Leslie Farnaby	Farmer	9 Thorpe
Bethel Fenton	Retired farmer	89 Front Street
William Norris	Small holder	94 Front Street
Tom Taylor	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm
John Wood	Farmer	Grange Farm

All were declared elected. However, at the next meeting:-

*T Taylor and B Fenton have declined to accept office. Two nominations were presented from Cyril Laverack, Village Farm, and William Edward Jackson, Hemp Garth. Both were declared elected.*

The officers now were:- Chairman Burgess, Vice chairman Jackson, Treasurer the clerk. Property Farnaby, Wood, Cole. Footpaths Laverack, Donkin, Bradley, Norris.

*Beck not cleaned out. Weeds have taken such a hold that a mechanical digger may be needed. Committee to get an estimate.*

They did.

*Quotation for use of mechanical ditch cleaner for the beck was £50 plus £20 transport there and back. Committee to try to get local labour to clean it out.*

*Complaint that Mr Wilkinson of Glebe Farm, Kilnwick, was allowing 20 cows and a bull to roam the lanes in our parish at will.*

*7 applicants for Warley's cottage. By a ballot vote Mrs Farnaby was chosen. BRDC to be asked to try to get some houses under way because of the number of applicants for the cottage.*

*Also to consider a bridge for traffic against High Bridge.*

*BRDC to be told that the water supply problem was most urgent, and also that the roads were in a wretched state.*

The houses referred to eventually became Rectory View. The parish houses were all condemned by now.

18 October 1946. School log:-

*A much lower attendance due to Hull Fair.*

This was a regular cry each October!

*Food gifts from the Dominions were offered to those on the old age and blind pensioner's list for the parish obtained from the post office. Gifts were evenly distributed to all on the list in paper bags kindly supplied by Mr Wood.*

Finally:-

*Victory Celebrations. Council to donate £3.*

Only one bomb fell in the vicinity of the village. It blew in some of the panes of the Wesleyan Chapel. Identical glass could no longer be obtained, which is why the front windows differ in appearance.

Unlike the First World War when the dead were remembered by name on a plaque in the church, the village was fortunate that no resident died as a result of the hostilities. The parents of Corporal Robert Pears, RAF, lived in the village when he was killed aged 24 while serving aboard the aircraft carrier HMS Glorious in 1940. She was sunk by shellfire from the pocket battleship Scharnhorst. Although there were over 1000 men aboard, most were drowned because the Royal Navy was unable to find them. The 41 survivors were picked up accidentally by a Norwegian trawler after three days and nights in the Arctic Sea.

## **1947**

All officers remained as last year.

*Mr Took says he needs some repairs to his lavatory. After some discussion it was decided that he should be able to do the repairs himself.*

*Pump at Aike needs repair. To have done what is necessary.*

*ERCC says they cannot construct a bridge (for cars) but will repair the ford as necessary. Council to get support of the police for a bridge as the water renders car brakes useless.*

*A contract to lay water has been let and a commencement has been made on houses.*

In a survey by BRDC of water supply in the district carried out 1947-8, these statistics were given for Lockington:- Houses supplied from mains 5, own well or bore 71, common well or bore 44, public well in street 1, springs 5, no supply 4.

12 March. School log:-

*A road has now been cut through the snowdrifts and the Aike children attended school today:- the first time for 5 weeks.*

*ERCC to be told that roads to the west were bad and adjoining parishes have had theirs done.*

*Inconvenience reported caused by villagers walking to the cross roads and being left by one bus after another. BRDC to be asked that a bus be run through to Lockington daily at 10 am and 6 pm.*

At the next meeting:-

*EYMS reported a bus will run at 7.47 am and 6.09 pm.*

*ERCC to be told that numerous complaints have been received from pedestrians that now dark nights are here and as there is no lighting at High Bridge the stump posts recently erected are a real source of danger. Council suggests they be moved to the end of the brickwork with the bridge.*

*Committee can get no one to clean out the beck...*

## **1948**

Officers remained as last year.

*Mrs Hudson's parlour ceiling has fallen in. Committee to visit and arrange repairs.*

*ERCC to be told of bad state of roads.*

*Committee has failed to find someone to clean out the beck.*

At a later meeting it was reported:-  
*Beck has been cleaned out.*

*One accident reported caused by dangerous culvert near Church Lane Corner, and lorries transporting chalk from Bracken to Hull are using Westfield Road which is unsuitable.*

*Mrs Hudson in arrears by 5 months but repairs have not been done.  
Clerk to visit and sort it out.*

*Stile between Marsh and Little Marsh needs repairs. It was understood from Lord Hotham's steward of some years ago that it was the responsibility of the tenant Mr Ward as is the fence.*

*If BRDC will lay a service pipe to the boundary of both blocks of parish property the Council will supply 1 tap for each block.*

*Committee says that Mrs Hudson's parlour needs completely replastering. To be done by local tradesmen if possible. She has paid her arrears.*

A survey by BRDC of toilet facilities in the village gave these results for 1948:- Houses with water closets 4, with pail closets 93, with ash pits 33.

## **1949**

Election of Councillors. The following were elected:-

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
Thomas William Burgess	Builder	West View Farm
Ernest William Cole	Carrier	Loring House
Charles Harold Donkin	Labourer	15 Chapel Street
James Leslie Farnaby	Farmer	9 Thorpe
William Edward Jackson	Coal merchant	Hemp Garth
Cyril Laverack	Farmer	Village Farm
William Norris	Retired	94 Front Street
John Wood	Farmer	Grange Farm
Kenneth Wright	Station master	Station House

Officers were as before except that Wright was on Footpaths instead of J J Bradley.

Despite being condemned, all the parish houses were occupied.  
*Mrs Blowman says her chimney is very dangerous. Committee to inspect and deal with.*

In the school log the headmaster reported:-  
*A pupil swallowed a button at playtime. I took her to the emergency hospital at Beverley to be X-rayed.*

Readers will be glad to learn that the button safely appeared later during the normal course of events!

## **1950**

All officers were as last year.

*Mrs Hudson has asked for a new post and gate repairs but committee says enough has been spent on her for the present. Mrs Blowman can have a new earth closet.*

*ERCC to be told that Queen's Lane and Laurel Walk have been nearly impassable since the water main was laid.*

*Letter from BRDC asking if we would suggest a suitable name for the houses recently erected in the parish. Mr Wright suggested Rectory View, Mr Wood suggested East End, Mr Jackson suggested Garden Village and Mr Burgess suggested Canada Crescent. As no decision could be reached it was decided to put the names into a hat and draw, the result being Rectory View.*

*Queen's Lane practically closed with overgrown hedges. Clerk to write to secretary of Recreation Hall to have them cut back.*

*ERCC to be told of bad state of Bealey's Lane.*

*Street names to remain as they are.*

No names are given in the minutes but older villagers recall these:- Town Street which is now called Thorpe, Grasby Lane which runs to the Marsh from Front Street opposite Rockingham Arms, Queen's Lane which is now Dead Lane, Hemp Garth path which ran from Thorpe to Dead Lane where 32 Thorpe now stands, Pit Lane which is now Kilnwick Lane and Back Street which was gentrified to Chapel Street. There are also two names of fields now forgotten:- Crobb's Field opposite Whitehouse Farm and Hought's Close at the top of Dead Lane, to the right of Thorpe Lodge.

## **1951**

All councillors and officers were as last year.

*Mrs Prince has asked for a ladder to get into her loft.*

*New one to be supplied providing it can be done for half a year's rent.*

*ERCC to be told that after cars have crossed the beck at High Bridge the brakes are useless. On average it is estimated that nearly 100 cars etc cross daily including a bus carrying school children. Letter from ERCC saying a bridge would be considered in the estimates for 1952/3.*

*Lanes to be let as usual.*

*Sinks to Culvert opposite Mr Jackson's house were giving way. Clerk to write to ERCC surveyor.*

*Mrs Hudson's pump to be repaired by Mr Miller.*

*Public notice board costing a total of £4 to be left for the time being.*

*Potholes at High Bridge and Bealey's Lane to be repaired also bridge across Bealey's beck.*

*ERCC to be asked to add Lockington Station to the signpost at the Beverley High Road crossroads as people come into the village looking for the station.*

## **1952**

The Old Rectory was sold to Anthony and Sylvia Steel. Until the start of the war it was Lockington's Rectory. It was then requisitioned by the RAF for the use of Canadian officer pilots based at Leconfield. To avoid the attentions of the Luftwaffe, the outside was painted in a green camouflage pattern, still visible in 1951. The Rector was moved to Lund from where he served both communities. In 1946 it was rented to the Hollingsworth family (for £85 per year) until it was sold. The present owner had Canadian war veterans still calling as recently as 1990 to say they were billeted there. The Carriage Drive was part of the property and had the distinction of being the only road bridge across the beck at this end of the village. When cars were few (one villager remembers only four car owners just after the war) and the beck at a high level, at least one car driver regularly came along Carriage Drive from Front Street, crossed the bridge, drove through the Rectory grounds and up Laurel Walk (Church Lane) to Thorpe.

The Property Committee was rather peeved to discover that *the new ladder provided for Mrs Prince and Mrs Hudson was being kept outdoors.* To avoid a repetition, Council stipulated

*that a condition to keep it under cover be inserted into the new rental agreements*

## **1953**

Officers were as last year.

The Property Committee continued to be busy.

*Mrs Hodgson asked for repairs to her oven to enable her to bake.*

*Mr Billings to be asked to decide whether he is going to return to the cottage he has left unoccupied so long. If so request him to come and put a fire occasionally and keep it habitable.*

## **1954**

Officers were as last year.

*Mrs Hodgson asked if the Council would relieve her of her garden.*

The Property Committee pondered this and replied:-

*Council has no objection to Mrs Hodgson herself letting someone else cultivate it but could not let it separately.*

An enforcement order was read from ERCC for the removal of a bus body used as a temporary dwelling on land owned by the Council. However:-

*It was found that the bus had been removed.*

No further action was required!

## **1955**

Councillors elected:-

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
T W Burgess	Builder	West View Farm
E W Cole	Carrier	Loring House
C H Donkin	Retired	15 Chapel Street
C Laverack	Farmer	Village Farm
W Norris	Retired	94 Front Street
J Wood	Farmer	Grange Farm
J Farnaby	Farmer	9 Thorpe
A Taylor	Farmer	Acre Farm
J Ward	Farmer	Manor Farm

*Miss Ireland, secretary to the Recreation Hall in Queen's Lane, complained about flooding and the bad state of the lane. Suggestions were made about a bus shelter at the cross roads and a car park on the triangle of land up Thorpe where it meets Queen's Lane.*

*Council supported the bus shelter idea and thought that it could be built using surplus funds from the Coronation Celebrations.*

*Carriage Drive was queried as a right of way as it had been closed for 24 hours by Mr Steel, owner of the old Rectory.*

On 18 July, Councillors signed a claim for it to be a right of way based on 30 years of undisputed public use. It was still closed by a locked gate when the year ended.

*BRDC Sanitary Inspector asked that the ash pit privies in two of the cottages be converted to pail closets.*



## 1956

Officers were as last year.

*BRDC says that the parish houses up Thorpe were to be demolished as they become vacant. House up Kilnwick Lane is going to ruin. Tenant to be asked if she intends to continue, or to vacate and let someone else in need have it.*

In May, Carriage Drive gate was still locked.

## 1957

There seem to be buses to Beverley only on Wednesdays and Saturdays.  
*A request was made to alter the bus times.*

A deputation from the Recreation Hall Management Committee raised the matter of a bus shelter at the cross roads and a car park for the Recreation Hall.  
*The bus shelter is in hand but the car park requires ownership of the land to be established.*

*BRDC Public Health Inspector has looked at the parish houses up Kilnwick Lane and declared them to be beyond repair at reasonable cost. The houses are not to be let once vacant.*

This article in a local paper dated 9 February gives an insight into village life in 1957.  
*Frank Potts has been the postman for 33 years. He covers the round on his bike which includes Scarborough and Aike. Charlie Donkin is secretary of the Cricket Club and the Football Club. Charlotte Boswell is a keen worker for the Tennis Club. The Women's Institute has 50 members led by the President Beatrice Hornsey. The bus service had been reduced because of the fuel restrictions but after the W.I. contacted Patrick Wall MP it was restored. The church is being renovated, the churchwardens being Ernest Cole and Harold Wilson. The head master of the school is Geoffrey Fisher who also runs a country dance class with 40 members. He is also an amateur archaeologist. The Mother's Union do much quiet work. The Rector is Rev L W Foster who lives at Lund, the parish being a joint one. George Brayshaw is a Methodist local preacher at the Wesleyan Chapel.*

## 1958

At the election of Councillors, J Woodall replaced W Norris who did not stand.

The meeting was asked  
*to consider the cause of the beck being held up to near flood level and what steps to take to clear a passage.*

One suggestion was to purchase a pair of thigh boots but the minutes are quiet on a decision regarding this or any other remedy.

BRDC issued a Closing Order on the parish cottages up Kilnwick Lane.

## 1959

The Youth Club was allowed to use one cottage temporarily as a changing room.  
Council wanted the bus shelter to be made of corrugated steel rather than wood but ERCC rejected this. They also objected to the proposed closure of the railway station by British Rail, so for the time being it remained open.

*Garden of parish houses up Kilnwick Lane let to Mr Mills for the purpose of keeping a number of hives of bees. 5/- per month.*

## 1960

All but one of the parish houses were now used as stores. Lockington railway station will close on 13 June.

Lord Hotham offered a gift of land for sports use, but unfortunately the record does not say where it was. The estimated cost to lay out would be £200.

Approval of the name South Glebe was given by Council for the new housing area.

*Caretaker's fee for school room raised to 4/-. Council to offer 2/6 and if not accepted then try to get a better deal at the Recreation Hall.*

## 1961

Election of Councillors in the Recreation Hall. These were elected:-

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
Sylvia Steel		Old Rectory
Albert Grant	Farmer	Rectory Farm
William Ellerker	Threshing machine owner	94 Thorpe
Jack Farnaby	Farmer	9 Thorpe
Anthony Steel	Architect	Old Rectory
Thomas Taylor	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm
Ernest Cole	Carrier	Loring House
Arthur Taylor	Farmer	Acre Farm
Jack Ward	Farmer	Manor Farm

Mrs Sylvia Steel was the first lady to become a councillor.

A new school is to be erected.

*Council objects to a new school which is unnecessary as the present school could be re-modelled.*

BRDC announced that it is considering a main drainage scheme for the village.

## 1962

In answer to a query, ERCC replied that the Church of England owns the present school building, and ERCC pays rent to Lord Hotham for the playgrounds.

Surplus money from the Coronation fund amounting to £34 13s 4d is to be used to provide a notice board and seat,  
*with £5 going to Aike for them to decide for themselves.*

A new bus service via South Dalton and Lund is expected to start soon but main sewerage will not appear for two years.

The annual parish meeting declared itself in favour of a new school so Council dropped its objection. Mr Arthur Taylor was unable to continue as a Councillor so Miss Griffin (a teacher at the school) was invited to fill the vacancy.

A village poll about street lighting gave this result:- For 34, Against 48.

## 1963

At some point in the year Council exchanged its parish pit at Windmill Whin with the one owned by the Hotham Family Trust at the corner of Malton Road and Lockington Road, a site of two acres. It became a parish rubbish dump until closed when Kelleythorpe Recycling Centre was established.

*A speed limit through the village to be requested of BRDC because of dangerous driving by motor cycles on newly tarred roads.*

The Chief Constable later reported that

*the offenders are mainly youths and he would give as much supervision as he could spare to deal with the problem.*

A plan of the proposed sewerage scheme for the area was unveiled. It included Lund, Beswick and Kilnwick as well as Lockington and would cost £150,000.

## **1964**

At the triennial election of Councillors, only nine nominations were received so all were declared elected.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
E Cole	Carrier	Loring House
W Ellerker	Threshing machine owner	94 Thorpe
J Farnaby	Farmer	9 Thorpe
J Griffin	School teacher	Stamford House
J Johnson	Farmer	Holly Farm
Anthony Steel	Architect	Old Rectory
Sylvia Steel	(Wife of Anthony Steel)	Old Rectory
T Taylor	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm
J Ward	Farmer	Manor Farm

The siting of the proposed sewerage works was discussed several times with a request that *it be put further east.*

The school log for 24 July reads:-  
*65 children on roll. This is the last occasion on which the old National School will be used.*  
*G H Fisher, Head Teacher.*

## **1965**

BRDC decided to move the sewerage works to the south east. However after strong objections it recommended the old site to the Ministry of Housing. All of this might make sense if a map was available, but this is not so. We are left to wonder just where the works might have ended up if they had not chosen the old site (which is presumably the present one!).

*BRDC has made a request to re-name Back Street as Chapel Street.*

Why this happened is unclear. Wetwang's Back Street was also re-named at some time, but Langtoft still possesses one.

A sale of a dozen or more properties belonging to Lord Hotham took place. The lots realised what seem to us now as ridiculously small sums. Numbers 15, 17, 19 and 21 Chapel Street with all the land associated with them (where the three bungalows in Dead Lane now sit) went for £925.

## **1966**

*The beck was high at Holly Farm.*

*BRDC to be asked to provide a bridge.*

BRDC responded to say that this was the responsibility of the landlord, the Hotham Trust. Eventually Peter Johnson (the farmer) constructed one himself.

*Several applications have been received for the purchase of the two cottages up Kilnwick Lane. They are to be let for storage and not sold yet.*

## 1967

Election of Councillors (back in the old school room!). Duly elected were the only nine candidates.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
W Ellerker	Threshing machine owner	94 Thorpe
J Farnaby	Farmer	9 Thorpe
Jessie Griffin	School teacher	Stamford House
J Johnson	Farmer	Holly Farm
A Steel	Architect	Old Rectory
Sylvia Steel		Old Rectory
Thomas Taylor	Farmer	Hall Garth
J Ward	Farmer	Manor Farm
R L Wilson	Auditor	61 Thorpe

Harry Burgess, the clerk and treasurer, wished to resign because of ill health. He had been appointed in 1919, thus completing an unbeatable 48 years. At a later meeting he was presented with a "wristlet watch" and thanked for his many years of willing and courteous service. Mrs M Robinson became clerk for 12 months. The new clerk is to have a salary of £6 10s 0d per year plus £1 for attending an audit.

*Motorists were using Dead Lane as a through road. BRDC to be asked to provide a 'no through road' sign and also to say whether it should be more correctly named Queen's Lane.*

*Carriage Drive still disputed as a right of way. Council supports it as such.*

*Teenagers were causing a nuisance by gathering at the telephone box to listen to record programmes from Hull.*

At a later date

*the telephone manager at York apologised for this.*

This year saw the end of the Property Committee. The last tenant of the parish houses up Thorpe, Mrs Hodgson, had died. During its life the Committee had to deal with many practical and social problems at a time when the welfare state did not exist. Here is a random selection of examples the hard working members tackled.

*Mrs Taylor to have a new oven range and boiler.*

*Hull's house has been spouted.*

*Request that H Jackson be given the liberty of cutting through the garden hedge for the taking in and getting out of his cart be denied.*

*Shed bought for Fox, 30/-.*

*Plaster is down in Boynton's bedroom.*

*Mr Marshall's boiler has been fixed and the scullery floor concreted.*

*To attend to a stoppage in the drain from Mrs Taylor's building.*

*Hance and Ashton to have material for fencing their gardens.*

The Committee had to balance requests from tenants against available public funds, which were always inadequate. If occasionally they appeared somewhat hard-hearted, this must be seen in the context of the times when money was difficult to find. The Committee's final report reads:-

*Clerk to see Mr Hodgson, brother, about back rent owing.*

## 1968

It was agreed to sell the now derelict parish houses.

BRDC spoke at last:-

*The name Dead Lane is to be retained.*

They agreed to accept 'Thorpe Leys' as a suitable name for the new development and that the stretch of Church Lane from *the bungalow to the corner by the church* be known as Laurel Walk.

A village green was suggested on the land between Chapel Street and High Bridge.

Irritation was expressed because houses in Lund had been connected up to the new sewer before any were in Lockington.

A Youth and Community Centre management committee, chaired by Rev A Lawes, was set up to convert the old school.

## 1969

Kilnwick Lane cottages were sold to Mr Hardaker for £120. The sale of the Thorpe cottages was held up because of a dispute with BRDC over ownership of land between the building and the road but eventually Mrs Hardaker bought the three dwellings for £600, including the pump.

Laurel Walk was re-named Church Lane after residents objected. [The name remains, but as that of a house in Church Lane].

The old school was converted by demolishing the outside toilets and the wall dividing the playgrounds, using volunteers mostly, the bricks being used to build inside toilets. The Youth Club used the new facility weekly. There were 28 members aged 14-21 led by Malcolm Grice. Activities included table tennis, snooker and playing records.

## 1970

Triennial election of Councillors. As only nine names were forthcoming, all were elected:-

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
W Ellerker	Threshing machine owner	94 Thorpe
W Fussey	Garage owner	Front Street Garage
J G Hunter	Farmer	School Farm
A Steel	Architect	Old Rectory
Sylvia Steel		Old Rectory
T Taylor	Farmer	Hall Garth Farm
J Ward	Farmer	Manor Farm
D White	Farmer	Aike
R L Wilson	Auditor	Front Street

BRDC announced that although Lockington was not about to be developed, there was provision for 60 extra houses in the next year or so.

ERCC included in its estimates for this year a bus-waiting bay.

Strong objections were raised about the proposed reduction in bus services by withdrawing the Beverley-Dalton-Lockington-Drifffield route.

## 1971

Rights of way cropped up, including the status of Carriage Drive.

Difficulties arose over the transport of adults on school buses if there was room, one problem being who got the adult fares!

The Youth Club now had 38 members with an average age of 14.

## 1972

Carriage Drive was now agreed not to be a public right of way. Villagers who used it to go to church

*did so by consent of the owner providing that at all times there was no nuisance.*

The tender for the construction of the bus shelter at the cross roads for £112 from Messrs Sissons was accepted. It was finished by December.

A poll of villagers regarding the introduction of street lighting gave this result:- For 186, Against 128.

## 1973

Triennial election of Councillors. There being only nine nominations, all were appointed.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
G Eastwood	Lecturer	60 Front Street
W Ellerker	Threshing machine owner	94 Thorpe
W Fussey	Garage owner	Front Street Garage
J Henderson	Teacher	98 Front Street
J G Hunter	Farmer	School Farm
P Johnson	Farmer	Holly Farm
Sylvia Steel		Old Rectory
A Whalley	Teacher	112 Front Street
R L Wilson	Auditor	Front Street

No Councillor was from Aike so Mr Whalley represented them.

From now onwards planning applications became part of Council business. There were regular complaints about lack of plans, incomplete information and especially of the failure of BRDC to take notice of Councillors' comments.

Mary Munro-Hill was appointed as the clerk.

The new bus shelter was damaged by four youths at a cost of £5, but the Police acted promptly to deal with the problem and to such effect that the miscreants paid for the damage in full. However all was still not well, as people catching buses were leaving their cycles inside the shelter.

The village Conservation Area was designated as Front Street excluding Rectory View, Chapel Street and part of Thorpe.

## 1974

The bus shelter was now being used as a public convenience. To solve the earlier problem regarding cycle storage there, it was suggested that a lean-to shed be built for them.

The pump at Aike had been sold as scrap for £1 without permission of Council.

The Maypole and village bath chair had been discovered at Loring House. The pole was given to the school as a flagpole and the bath chair donated to Castle Museum, York. The chair was described by a resident as having three wheels, the front one steerable, and being made of wicker. When contacted in 2001, the museum was unable to trace it.

The Police presence in the village had declined recently and the Chief of Police was asked to provide a beat man, especially in the summer.

The fund set up for the Flixborough Disaster (an explosion at a chemical plant on the south bank of the Humber) raised £3.

## 1975

Concerns were expressed about Dutch elm disease. Little could be done to combat it. Most of our elms stood on estate land and were therefore the responsibility of the Hotham Family Trust.

People were parking cars on grass verges and leaving rubbish about.

Hull postmaster was asked to provide a third post box, but the GPO said there is no reason to, and anyway the postman will always accept stamped letters given to him.

## 1976

Triennial election of Councillors. As was usual by now, the exact number of candidates came forward.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
W Ellerker	Threshing machine owner	94 Thorpe
W Fussey	Garage owner	Front Street Garage
G Gowthorpe	Farmer	Aike
J G Hunter	Farmer	School Farm

P Johnson	Farmer	Holly farm
G Miller	Blacksmith	Chapel Street Forge
Sylvia Steel		Old Rectory
A Warley	Council technical services	23 Front street
R L Wilson	Auditor	Front street

RAF Leconfield is to be used as an Army Driver Training School.  
The telephone box had been damaged by youths assembling there and causing a nuisance.  
The village Policeman will keep an eye open.

Village seats have been provided with funds from the sale of the parish houses.  
*Messrs Cooper, Hara and Brook to be approached with a can of teak oil and a small fee to paint the village seats.*  
The success of this ploy was not revealed!

Changes in local government meant that the County Council was now Humberside, and BRDC became Beverley Borough Council. The latter allocated £25,000 for a playing field in the village but no suitable land could be found.

*The bus shelter has been defaced but the culprits are known to the Policeman.*

The village pit at the corner of Lockington Road and Malton Road became available for rubbish disposal if villagers collected a key from a Councillor.

A village development plan was outlined consisting of three possibilities:-

- (a) Infill only.
  - (b) Moderate growth over 10-15 years with an increase in population of 30%, which might then justify provision of a library and health centre.
  - (c) Eventual doubling of the population with many new amenities.
- Council supported plan (a).

## 1977

A cycle shed at the bus shelter had been built, mostly by John Mieville.

*It was reported that rough people from Beverley had caused trouble at a disco in the village. There is apparently no solution to the problem of ruffians coming in from the outside.*

Car rallies were also resented, as were rogue Army lorries.  
*Their numbers have been taken down.*

An estate tree plan was being prepared. Ash and beech trees were ordered for villagers to plant on their properties.

A special meeting called on 16 November led to the formation of the emergency fire fighting team of volunteers. This was in response to the announced national strike of fire brigades.  
*In the event of fire, helpers are requested to congregate at the telephone kiosk unless the location of the fire is obvious.*

There followed a list of villagers prepared to help, together with their telephone numbers. Residents with ladders were also listed. Helpers were asked to bring clothing, torches, wet cloths, buckets, ropes etc. The alarm would be Mr Miller's siren, a hand operated machine from the Second World War, and car horns sounded continuously.

As far as can be ascertained no rehearsal ever took place and the "fire brigade" was never called out.

## 1978

*Chairman and Council wish to express their deep regret on the passing of Jessie Griffin, remembering with gratitude all the dedicated work and service she had performed for the Parish Council.*

Miss Griffin was a teacher at the school for many years and became involved in practically every village activity. Later in the year similar regrets were voiced when Anthony Steel died. He had been chairman for 12 years.

Planning matters were becoming an irritation.

*It was understood that the Holdsworth's application had been passed by BBC despite the PC's objections. Strong feeling was expressed concerning the way in which the BBC appeared never to take heed of the PC's opinions.*

Council also regretted that young local couples could not afford the cost of houses here.

## 1979

Election of Councillors.

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
G Eastwood	Lecturer	60 Front Street
W Ellerker	Threshing machine owner	94 Thorpe
G Gowthorpe	Farmer	Aike
J G Hunter	Farmer	School Farm
P Johnson	Farmer	Holly Farm
G Miller	Blacksmith	Chapel Street Forge
Sylvia Steel		Old Rectory
A Warley	Council technical services	23 Front Street
R L Wilson	Retired	Front Street

It was proposed that the whole village should be designated as a Conservation Area.

The Estate was asked who should look after for the four footbridges now in use along Front Street.

The reply was that the Hotham Family Trust retained responsibility.

## 1980

Council houses were now for sale.

Funding was available for a youth leader but at the moment there were not enough youths to support a club.

The Clerk's salary was now at a suitable level to compensate for all the hard work required.

HCC suggested a village emergency plan but no members of the public attended the open meeting arranged to discuss it, so the idea was dropped.

A villager was fined £280 for felling a cedar tree without permission. This led to a review of tree preservation orders applying to the village.

## 1981

Officers were as last year.

*Grips will be put along the rest of the road to Aike.*

These are the channels from the road sides to the ditch, allowing surface water to drain away.

*The Bracken/Lockington sign post would be re-positioned correctly by the Highways Department who had placed it the wrong way round.*

*The PC has no enthusiasm for the Parish Emergency Plan and it is felt that the residents of Lockington would not be particularly anxious to volunteer for the jobs enumerated in the literature which the clerk had circulated.*

What emergency the plan was designed to deal with is not revealed in the minutes.



## 1982

Councillor Gowthorpe resigned as he no longer resided in the parish and Mrs Jill Banks took his place.

The village seat saga seemed to be at an end now that the three village seats were sited at High Bridge, Lund Bridge and opposite 1810 Cottage. Regular doses of teak oil were applied by volunteers, who were paid a very modest fee. There were also 3 seats outside the village at Westfield Road, Kilnwick Lane and near Rectory Farm.

## 1983

Election of councillors:-

NAME	OCCUPATION	DWELLING
J Banks	Farmer	Aike
G Eastwood	Lecturer	60 Front Street
W Ellerker	Threshing machine owner	94 Thorpe
G Chapman	Local government officer	56 Front Street
J G Hunter	Farmer	School Farm
P Johnson	Farmer	Holly Farm
G Miller	Blacksmith	Chapel Street Forge
A Warley	Council technical services	23 Front Street
R L Wilson	Retired	Front Street

The Footpath and Beck Committee continued to exist but there was now little for it to do. 'Trouble at the pit,' with unauthorised tipping and a mess left about, was recorded. The solution was to fit a lock and have a key available for villagers to borrow from a Councillor. Mrs Wilson resigned as postmistress and her role was taken by Mrs Hollingsworth in the shop adjacent to the Rockingham Arms. The lamp letterbox would have to go as it was within half a mile of the main box at the shop, thus infringing Post Office rules.

BBC insisted on naming Kilnwick Lane as Pit Lane. It was pointed out that the last person to call it Pit Lane was a man who died in 1959 aged 90!

## 1984

In the Humberside County Council Structure Plan, Lockington was designated a non-selected settlement, meaning that there would be no major development for the foreseeable future.

Councillor Wilson resigned and was replaced by John Mieville.

The Victorian letterbox at the railway station had been bought by the Council as a historic feature and taken out of commission.

The Youth Club was meeting again.

*The beck was flowing freely and the drains appear to be clear.*

*No-one wished to go on a visit to the Humberside Airport.*

## 1985

A petition was presented asking for a 30 mph speed limit and street lights. An HCC representative said that the policy now was to de-regulate rural roads, and the provision of street lights was a separate issue. Anyway, HCC had no funds available for lighting.

HCC carried out a week long 24-hour traffic count. This showed that the flow was light at 550 vehicles per day each way, which ruled out a speed limit. In any case the layout of the village led motorists to behave as if there was a limit. This point was vigorously disputed! A footpath-only lighting scheme was prepared by HCC but Council decided to drop the idea.

## 1986

The clerk reported on the state of the pit on the Malton Road.

*Someone had dumped dead piglets, another miscreant had put several loads of wood shavings and manure over them, and hundreds of rats had taken up residence.*

A combination of poison and shooting removed the rats, but it was this kind of anti-social behaviour, probably by people other than villagers, which eventually persuaded the County Council to close all the parish pits and open the re-cycling centre at Kelleythorpe.

The remainder of the year was dominated by the dreadful crash at the level crossing on 26 July.

An emergency parish meeting was held on 29 July. It opened with one minute's silence and prayers for the dead and injured. 60 residents and many councillors from adjacent parishes attended, as did the media. Six resolutions were passed, one of which drew attention to the reservations expressed in 1985 about the "warning lights only" crossings. There followed many meetings during the rest of the year, with the various bodies involved, to try to get a policy change at British Railways. In this effort Lockington Parish Council played a leading role. The outcome was that the whole line should have barrier crossings by the end of 1988.

At a mundane level the youth club gave trouble to residents by behaving badly, the culprits being mainly older youths from another village.

More positively, a small group of public-spirited villagers began publishing 'Lockington News' (soon renamed 'Lockington and Aike Gazette'). This was done on a worn out Roneo duplicator and with very little funding (£5 donated by the chairman of the Parish Council). In its first issue regular meetings were announced for Wednesday Club, Keep Fit class, Yorkshire Countrywomen and the Youth Club.

## 1987

Len Robinson proposed that PC should consider the purchase of a set of carpet bowls at the bargain price of £195. Seconded by Councillor Mieville.

Clerk suggested that the sum of £10 given to the people who maintained the teak seats be raised to £12.

Letter of complaint received regarding bad behaviour of young people in the village before, during and after the Thursday evening Youth Club meetings. It was considered that the trouble makers were from Cherry Burton who were not members of the Youth Club.

Council resolved that the Youth Club should in future be restricted to those aged 12 to 21 from the immediate area, despite resistance to this from the leaders.

Messrs Miller and Ellerker retired from the council to be replaced by Messrs K Marshall and B Shaw.

A "Mums and Toddlers" group began in the Village Hall.

Some elderly people were finding the two stiles along the Minster Way very difficult. Optimism was expressed that they would be replaced with kissing gates.

*The two new kissing gates were now in place.*

*The carpet bowls had arrived. Councillors would be able to sample them after the meeting.*

## 1988

Street lighting reared its head again. In response to a cogent request from a villager, a questionnaire was produced to go to all residents on the electoral roll asking for their opinions. A successful public meeting attended by 75 residents supported this idea. Results of the street lighting questionnaire showed 214 in favour and 182 against, but Rectory View was overwhelmingly in favour. A scheme for that estate alone would be pursued.

A seat in memory of Miss Fawley, sited opposite the Rockingham Arms, was added to the list of village seats for the teak oil treatment.

An increase in the number of low flying aircraft was noted and reported to MOD.

High Bridge seat was damaged in a current wave of vandalism.

Councillor Shaw resigned.

The Carpet Bowls Club bowled its first woods in the Village Hall.

## **1989**

Robert Richardson was co-opted as a Councillor.

MOD assured us that

*the low flying aircraft always did so with caution and consideration.*

Voting in the Rectory View special poll gave 35 in favour and 27 against street lighting. By a casting vote Council decided to apply for such lighting.

The rustic seat was stolen from Kilnwick Lane.

HCC intended to close the village pit (and did so eventually).

The first Produce and Handicraft Show took place, organised by another enthusiastic group of volunteers. There were 43 entrants who provided 340 exhibits of a very high standard. Several individuals won cups or trophies given by fellow villagers or organisations.

## **1990**

Lord Hotham, in a letter, said he could no longer continue subsidising village amenities so he was selling the Rockingham Arms. The Post Office based there would have to close, but an offer from Mrs M Hunter to open an office at School Farm was welcomed. It began business in June.

The bus shelter was damaged again but the Police intended to prosecute the culprits.

The new parish notice board was erected but had to be moved slightly as it impeded the view of Front Street for a villager.

A quotation for cleaning out the beck was £4500. A gang of volunteers did it for the cost of the petrol for a strimmer (£5).

## **1991**

Parking problems at the Rockingham Arms, now it was a restaurant, were aired but were later resolved when the car park behind the building opened.

A Youth Club committee was formed and a leader appointed.

Mrs D Cornforth became Clerk as Mrs Munro-Hill had resigned after over 20 years of service, for which she was warmly thanked.

Deep regret was expressed at the death of Councillor John Mievile who had done so much for the village. Mr Graham Chapman and Mr Colvin Williams were both co-opted as councillors.

For some reason an enquirer wanted to know the sites of the old tennis courts. The answer was South Glebe and the Marsh.

Rectory View lighting scheme was scheduled for 1996-7.

The village hall was re-roofed.

Restoration began on the church. This was an extensive set of works including repairing the stonework, restoring the bells, treating timber, repairing glass and restoring chandeliers. The total cost was about £78,000 of which half was raised in the village by a variety of events and donations. Work would be completed in 1993.

The 1991 national census gave these details for Lockington:- Population 588, being 286 males and 302 females. Non-white population 0.2%. Unemployed 2.5%. Houses without central heating 47. Houses lacking or sharing a bath, shower or WC, 5. Households with more 3 or more cars, 11%.

## **1992**

Councillor Marshall resigned. Mrs Mary Munro-Hill was welcomed as the new councillor.

Speeding through the village was raised again but HCC said nothing could be done without street lighting.

Two mink were spotted and killed at Bryan Mills.

Another seat was stolen at Westfield Road.

The present owner of Carriage Drive said that now and in future the Drive would always be available for use by villagers even if it was not a right of way.

The door of the telephone kiosk was stolen. BT wished to replace the red kiosk with a modern one but Council will fight this.

### **1993**

Displeasure was expressed at the delay at getting the streetlights for Rectory View and envy at the fact that Kilnwick had got theirs first. Beverley Borough Council says the scheme is scheduled for 1997-8. At a meeting, the Borough Street Lighting Engineer explained the various options for styles of lights and standards which could be used. Council voted against using modern standards.

A road bridge to replace the present one, which is apparently unsuitable for heavy vehicles, is to be built starting in 1994.

### **1994**

Yet more discussion on the street lights took place after letters had been received from villagers following a notice in the village Gazette, but opinion was almost evenly divided for and against. Finally Council decided to defer consideration for the time being of streetlights anywhere.

The famous green cone composting devices arrived as part of an experiment to reduce waste collected by the Borough. These were followed by fly repellent packs to be fitted inside. Later models had an anti-raccoon device!

Recycling of waste paper and tins was encouraged by the provision of green sacks collected separately from the normal black ones. Eventually the whole experiment was stopped and replaced by a recycling centre at Kelleythorpe, at which point all the village rubbish dumps were closed.

The new non-resident Policeman was welcomed when he came to introduce himself.

### **1995**

Various complaints received about the composting green cones including the problem of rats.

A footbridge has been erected over the ditch on the public footpath across the marsh.

A silver cup for the Lockington Show has been purchased for £50 (for Photography).

The High Bridge road at will be closed from 27 November so the bridge can be rebuilt. Traffic will be diverted along Chapel Street.

The road bridge next to High Bridge was rebuilt. According to one of the workmen over 16,000 bricks were used.

### **1996**

Telephone wires in Chapel Street were brought down by a vehicle using the street as a diversion while the new bridge is being constructed.

The height of the brickwork on the new bridge was considered to be excessive.

There was a fiasco during Easter when black refuse bags were strewn about the village for a week.

There were complaints about the smell from the sewage works.

A resident is parking his car on the green Minster Way footpath. To be asked to desist.

There were complains about the dirty roads. ERYC code of practice is that if a road is not dirty then it does not get swept.

Hull Daily Mail reports that the 142 bus route is under threat of closure.

### **1997**

Grit bins to be requested at High Bridge which is dangerous when icy.

The 142 bus will cease its tea-time run due to the subsidy being cut on rural routes.

Concern was expressed that the list of Parishes to be issued with grit bins did not include Lockington. County Hall to be sent a letter.

There was extensive discussion on whether or not it was acceptable to spray Carriage Drive with weed reducing chemicals. It was eventually decided that this was a reasonable action to take.

The bus shelter is still being used as a toilet.

The Youth Club was re-started by a small group of dedicated volunteers.

## **1998**

Construction work at 7 Church Lane was causing concern. On being permission to speak Mrs Jenkins stated that the builder had effectively stolen 5 feet of public highway. A site visit with the planning officers would be arranged.

The Half Marathon arrived. This is an annual event organised by East Hull Harriers and until now had been run along Hull's roads. The runners prefer our quieter lanes and superior food supplied by the ladies of the village!

## **1999**

Police Constable Froggatt suggested that possible action under the Harassment Act could be brought against the builder in Church Lane where violence had been threatened. He also reported an increase in burglaries in the area. This led to a suggestion that a Neighbourhood watch scheme be introduced.

The siting of the High Bridge grit bin was causing difficulties.

Beck cleaning was a continuing problem.

A Neighbourhood Watch scheme was launched with great interest. Local co-ordinators were appointed with an enthusiastic Parish Councillor (Colvin Williams) in overall charge.

The legal position regarding ownership of the beck needs sorting out.

Concern was expressed regarding noise from bird scaring guns.

The grass verges were being cut too frequently.

The occupant of 1 Rectory view needs planning permission for his satellite dish unless he moves it to a side wall.

There was more unhappiness regarding bird scaring guns going off at 4.30am.

The PC minute books had been referred to and it was still unclear who is responsible for clearing out the beck.

John Jenkins (Chairman of the Lockington and Aike Millennium Committee) reported on plans to plant trees on the Parish Council land in Thorpe. PC would take over responsibility for the site in January 2000.

## **2000**

The Millennium Committee had worked hard to raise £4000 to provide a coppice of small trees, a clock, 2 seats, 2000 daffodil & other bulbs and a collage for the church made by the school children.

Just before Easter a small group of youths set fire to the school, completely destroying it along with a large amount of pupil and teacher documentation. As a result of some very nifty footwork by East Riding Education Committee following an immediate offer from the Village Hall Committee of the use of the hall, the children were back at their lessons after a gap of only 5 days.

Obviously a considerable number of village events were affected and where possible social life continued, but at a reduced level.

## **2001**

Despite sterling efforts by Councillor Colvin Williams, apathy from the village caused the demise of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

After much lobbying by the Parish Council, 30 m.p.h. signs were at last erected.

An election took place to fill a vacancy on the Parish Council. This was the first ballot to be held since 1935.

## **2002**

The new school opened in January, symbolised by a Phoenix rising from the ashes.  
There was long discussion on waste disposal. It was reported that Lockington would probably get wheelie bins in future.

Children attending the school from several villages including Tibthorpe, Etton and Kilnwick were giving rise to car parking problems.

The 30mph signs were not proving very successful in reducing speeding.

New drainage grips will be cut near the Lund junction but Councillors thought that a waste of time.

A window has been fitted to the bus shelter.

A planning battle began over an announcement that the Rockingham Arms was to be converted to a private house, thus depriving the village of an amenity first available in about 1840 when it was the Rockingham Inn. There was strong opposition reported to this proposal in a swift and overwhelming response to a village survey on the matter.

Dog fouling continues. New rubbish bins have been provided to avoid such a problem.

A solution to the dog fouling in Rectory View could not be found until someone was prepared to take action when they saw the offence being committed.

## **2003**

There were complaints about the footpath to the A164.

Cars have been speeding through the village. A speed detector was installed but caught only one transgressor so no further action is contemplated.

Noise nuisance reported from the gun club.

There was concern about the plan to build stables at Firdale, Kilnwick Lane. It was felt that this was an unsuitable site for horses.

Field guns at night. Councillor Stephenson would have a word with the suspected farmer.

Village pumps are in need of attention.

A new minute book will be needed soon at a cost of nearly £100. Clerk to ask GRNLLCA if it is in order for minutes to be typed and kept in a loose leaf folder. [Eventually the answer came back as "Yes"]

Complaints about parking on the pavements near the school.

Much debate about the conversion of the Rockingham Arms to residential use. There was concern that a Councillor (not a Lockington Parish Councillor) might have exerted undue influence on the ER Planning Committee as he knew the applicant. It was suggested that the Ombudsman could be involved but on further enquiry PC learned that only an individual can make such a complaint, not a Parish Council. [The outcome of this protracted dispute was that the Rockingham Arms was eventually converted to a residence, now named Rockingham House.]

## **2004**

Concern expressed regarding the future of the village newsletter. If necessary the Council will take over funding.

Rockingham Arms is due to open to the public on Friday and Saturday nights from the end of March and for private parties at other times.

Concern was expressed at the lack of gritting along Thorpe especially as this was a bus route.

Street lighting was discussed but in view of previous attempts where there had been no clear majority of villagers in favour the idea was dropped in view of the financial implications.

Ongoing dissatisfaction with the grass cutting.

The Millennium seat needs a good teak oiling.

Dual Wheeled Bin System. Green bin to be emptied weekly and the optional blue bin monthly. Bin System to start at the end of September

Bridge over the beck near the churchyard was falling onto disrepair.  
No people had been seen "sleeping rough" on 3 November. This was in response to a request for information from East Riding Council.  
Fly tipping was becoming an increasing problem. Asbestos has been left on the Westfield lay-by.  
Bridge over the beck at the churchyard has been *well repaired*.

## **2005**

A Councillor noticed that both blue and green bins were tipped into the same refuse wagon at the same time.  
A new emergency committee will be formed at the May meeting. As a result of recent power cuts the need for emergency lighting and heating in the village hall was discussed.  
The Environment Agency will take over responsibility for the beck in April 2006.  
The village hall committee had discussed the suggestion for emergency heating and lighting but in view of the problems associated with storage of gas bottles and a generator it was decided to leave the matter for the time being. If an emergency arose the Community Spirit of villagers could be relied upon.  
The Vicar had given the information requested by ERYC for contingency planning in case of a pandemic flu attack. The churchyard will be full in a few years and alternative sites were discussed.

## **2006**

A summary of a meeting between the Vicar and the Archdeacon was given regarding the problem which could arise when the churchyard is full. The Parish Council is the burial authority and would be given advance notice if it had to take over responsibility from the Parochial Church Council.  
As there were no records or memories of any houses in the parish suffering from flooding it was decided that a flood plan was not needed at present. [On 25 June 2007 the village suffered from a very severe storm in which approximately 25 houses were flooded. Water was waist deep on Front Street opposite the village hall.]  
A seat donated by Yorkshire Water as a thank you for co-operation during work on the water main has been chosen to go opposite "Rockingham". The seat already there will be re-sited near the Millennium Copse.  
Village Hall clock. This had been installed by the Millennium Committee but no arrangements had been made for its upkeep. PC agreed to formally take over the clock and it will become a Parish Council asset. Yorkshire Water has offered to pay for the clock repairs.  
Inconsiderate parking at the school was discussed. The Headmistress to be asked to target the offenders.

## **2007**

Bird scaring guns were going off again after dark and the milkman was causing a nuisance by delivering milk at unsociable hours. He will be asked not to deliver between 10pm and 6am.  
The willow tree near the village hall was causing problems. Village Hall Committee to be consulted.  
Bridge over the beck near the church has been dislodged by 6-7 feet during the flood and now needs repairing.  
Impending closure of the Post Office:- proposed Outreach facility to be extended from 4 to 8 or more hours per week if possible.

## **2008**

Post Office will close in March to be replaced by an Outreach service from 10am to 2pm in the Village Hall.

Possible removal of BT telephone box was discussed. It was later decided not to retain the box once the telephone had been removed.

Change of use from restaurant to residential accommodation at 52 Front Street ("Rockingham") discussed at length.

## **2009**

Damage to the green lane beyond Bealey's Lane towards Leconfield reported. Deep ruts caused by 4x4 vehicles.

PC owns four pieces of land which should perhaps be registered if they are not already:- a field in Station Road, Old Pit at Malton Road, the Green at the top of Dead Lane and Millennium Copse, Thorpe.

Old Parish records to be taken to the Treasure House archives. They are to be held on deposit and not donated.

Red telephone box will be offered to the residents of Lockington for £1. BT will remove the telephone and the box will stay where it is.

## **2010**

Environment Agency proposes to remove two redundant sluices ("Cascades") on the beck near the churchyard as part of a flood prevention measure.

Mini digger damaged by youths entering the building site used by the Environment Agency.

A parishioner has grown a dozen chestnut trees from conkers and hopes to donate them for planting in the Carriage Drive.

## **2011**

Bird scarers discussed again.

White markings painted onto the grass verge on Front Street and Station Road were meant for another village and not for Lockington!

Kite flying on East Riding beaches will be banned.

The 16.10 bus from Beverley has ceased due to lack of funding.

EYMS proposed that the 15.35 school bus can be used by adult passengers but it only runs during term time.

No Smoking signs to be placed in the bus shelter.

The satellite dish on the front of 64 Thorpe has been removed by the ERYC Enforcement department.

Gypsies reported camping on Westfield.

Proposed erection of two 34.2 metre high wind turbines at Rectory Farm for the Dalton Estate. PC objects and will send a letter to all residents of Lockington and Aike.

On 26 October approximately 60 villagers attended a meeting in the Village Hall regarding the wind turbine proposal. After a somewhat heated discussion roughly 40 were against with 6 in favour and 12 not sure/abstentions. William Hotham is willing to meet the Parish Council and a few residents to discuss the application. The matter was again discussed at the PC meeting on 14 November.

## **2012**

The Dalton Estate has appealed regarding the erection of two 34.2 metre high wind turbines at Rectory Farm.

Issue of bird scarers to be discussed.

A public meeting was held regarding provision of broadband. 105 villagers have requested a better broadband service. Kingston Communication said it was not worthwhile for the company to bring the service to the village. The matter was raised in the House of Commons by Graham Stuart MP.



The Planning Inspectorate granted permission for the two wind turbines at Rectory Farm.

## 2013

The project to improve broadband access to the internet in the East Riding was due to start and take upwards of two years to complete.

Yorkshire Countrywomen offered to donate flower troughs at the entrances to the village to celebrate their 30 year anniversary.

Sid Hull was paid £100 for painting the village seats and notice board during 2012-2013.

Four salt bins complete with salt were purchased for Thorpe at a cost of £1580.

## 2014

A vintage vehicle was stolen from Fussey's garage.

Concern was raised about the state of the roads in the village, especially Station Road and in Aike.

Faster broadband was promised by December 2015.

There was a request for a dog friendly access at the stile near cascade bridge going south.

It was suggested that the Gazette should continue after the retirement of Barbara Robinson.

The defibrillator was first mentioned.

The Parish Council minutes should no longer read AOB (Any Other Business). The correct terminology should be AOM (Any Other Matter).

## 2015

Approval was given to the suggested plans to convert semi-redundant agricultural buildings into dwellings at Manor Farm and Hall Garth.

However great concern was expressed with the application by the Hotham Family Trust to build on four open spaces, namely east of Village Farm, south of 42 Thorpe, east of 40 Front Street and east of School Farm. It was pointed out that these proposals went against National and Local Planning Guidelines aimed at protecting heritage assets like Conservation Areas.

Two applications were approved:- two dwellings south of 70 Thorpe and at 84 Front Street as these were acceptable in-filling sites.

Sixteen members of the public attended when the Hotham Family Trust plans were discussed. No-one approved of the suggestions, especially with the loss of the open spaces.

**[Sadly the carefully prepared objections put forward by the Parish Council were later over-ruled and construction began on all four sites in 2018].**

Sid Hull is to retire from his task of painting the village seats and notice boards, with the thanks of the Council for many years of valued work.

An offer from BT to sell the telephone box for £1 was declined.

There were four vacant seats on Council.

Three members of the public were co-opted.

Kevin Deighton has kindly offered to paint the village seats in suitable pastel shades.

A community wind turbine was suggested for the village. Council considered that there would be little interest.

Formation of the Lockington Village Improvement Group led by Graham Hill was welcomed. Its members would seek to maintain and improve amenities such as seats, bus shelter, Millennium Copse etc. It was pointed out that such volunteers were not covered by Parish Council insurance.

Change of use of the Methodist Chapel in Chapel Street to a dwelling was noted.

Telephone box to be retained but not adopted by Council.

## 2016

Police random speed checks were suggested to deal with speeding vehicles.

Station Road footpath in need of urgent repair.

Andrew How co-opted as Councillor, thus filling the remaining vacancy.

Complaint made about the hunt riding along Minster Way footpath.

195 signatures received in favour of retaining the telephone box and using it to house a defibrillator.

Telephone box to be bought for £1. Funding for a defibrillator to be sought.

Laser speed gun training to be given to the three volunteers.

Telephone box renovation nearly complete.

Village notice board in place but hinge fittings are rusty and wooden frame has become patchy.

Council now owns the telephone box.

Witham Glass and Farball Coatings to be thanked for their generous contributions in kind towards the cost of refurbishing the telephone box. Lockington Village Improvement Group also to be thanked for carrying out the work within budget.

Defibrillator now installed at a cost of £1504. LVIG will maintain the facility until further notice and BT will continue to supply power for 7 years.

Sunday bus services will cease from April 2017.

## **2017**

A new recruit to the Council (Kevin Marshall) was co-opted. Parish Council now at full strength (9).

Discussion on costs for the various options regarding glazing and painting the telephone box.

The defibrillator was ordered.

The defibrillator arrived.

Concern expressed about pot holes in various roads as well as the poor state of Station Road and its footpath.

Work on the telephone box has begun.

Telephone restoration work now complete. Defibrillator to be installed soon.

Council agreed to fund two colour pages of the Gazette twice a year.

Cost of telephone box refurbishment at £500 was well in excess of the £350 agreed by Council. Invoices to be inspected.

Telephone box costs sorted out satisfactorily. Message of thanks to those involved to go in Gazette.

Iain Gaydon agreed to replace screws in the notice board and maintain the wood.

Defibrillator training evening held.

Serious damage to the corner of South Glebe and Church Lane caused by careless driving of refuse vehicles.

## **2018**

Refuse lorry movements changed to avoid further damage to kerbs.

Work now has begun on the Church Lane Flood Reduction Scheme.

Kevin Deighton kindly agreed to paint the remaining seats.

Satisfactory explanation received regarding damage to the wall at School Farm during construction work

Path over Marsh. Concern was raised about the defective condition of the footbridge and handrail across the ditch midway between Front Street and Carriage Drive. Agreed that this matter be reported to ERYC.

Work on the Marsh Path footbridge has begun.

Urgent complaint concerning flooding opposite East Thorpe Cottage in Thorpe and between 12 - 37 Front Street.

Failure of Environment Agency to remove vegetation from beck banks after dredging to be followed up.

Salt Bins. Discussion on cost of maintenance of the yellow bins for which ERYC charge the Parish Council for upkeep. The green bins are the responsibility of the Parish but salt levels are maintained by ERYC. The number, siting, colour and condition of all the village bins to be assessed.

Low Cost Rural Housing. David Siddle (Rural Housing Enabler from ERYC) stated that he was attending in response to the request from the Parish Council to explain the proposed survey of "Housing needs" in Lockington and the surrounding villages. He was looking for support from the councils of Lockington, Lund, Beswick, Etton and Dalton Holme. "Low Cost housing" is defined as Housing for rent or sale at 80% or less of full market value. Past

experience was that the need was greatest either from either young families or older people looking to downsize but wishing to remain in the area.

The origins of the survey lay with the enquiry last year from Lockington Parochial Church Council (PCC) as to whether the Glebe land known as Amen Field on Kilnwick Lane could be considered for this use. This land was outside the Village Boundary so it could only be developed if it was defined as a "Rural Exception Site". For this to happen it has to be proven that a real need for this type of housing exists, hence the proposed survey.

In the event that a need was shown, then other landowners would be invited to put forward possible land in addition to that proposed by the PCC.

At a subsequent meeting Mr Siddle summarised his report which recommends that two small sites in two of the parishes surveyed could be developed for affordable housing. This was a complex issue which gave rise to a lengthy discussion. He agreed to summarise his findings in a letter to be presented to Parish Council and then published in the Gazette.

Gun Club noise. A resident complained about the noise as he worked from home. It was felt that the level of noise had increased in recent years but the club had been there for a long time. A letter will be drafted asking the club to take action to minimise its impact.

Speed Watch. There are enough volunteers to operate the device. The results will be passed to the Police Community Support Officer for further action.

## **2019**

**Councillors** at the start of 2019:- Amanda Clarke (Chair), John Rowson, Andrew How, Mary Munro-Hill, Andrew Proctor, Adrian Crookes, Janet Myers, Graham Chapman, Kevin Marshall. The Clerk, Sheana Connon, had resigned because of ill health. She was thanked for her 11 years of service and presented with a gift voucher. A new Clerk has yet to be appointed.

**Gun Club.** A complaint was received from a resident regarding noise pollution from Cherry Burton Gun Club. A meeting was arranged between representatives of PC and CBGC which proved to be very constructive. CBGC agreed (a) to carry out a set of sound readings around Lockington (b) to construct a sound bund with trees around the club and (c) take further readings to monitor the situation

**Lockington Village Improvement Group** had been given ~£260 by "Postie Barry". Bulb and tree planting were suggested as a suitable way to use the generous donation. ERYC to be consulted regarding the siting of the Dead Lane sign where the Lane meets Thorpe as there has been confusion for visitors to houses nearby.

**Salt Bins.** PC owns two green ones and pays ERYC for servicing them and ERYC has three yellow ones which they deal with.

**ORSTED** (should be Ørsted, a Danish Energy Company building the Hornsey Project Four Wind Farm). A representative explained that, as the cable from the wind farm will pass through our parish, money could be available for projects such as Village Hall modifications & tree planting etc. At a public meeting in September further details were given. The Community Legacy Fund, once officially established, would be the source of such finance for which PC could apply. There will be an engineering logistics site for the cable at the south west corner of Station Road opposite our bus shelter.

**Defibrillator.** Needs regular maintenance. It is registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and the Guardian is Lockington Parish Council.

**Station Road Footpath.** After complaints about the lack of a decent footpath, Mr Sam Walton had been in touch with Graham Stuart MP who in turn had contacted ERYC. Eventually it was reported that there were no funds available, one reason being that there had been no recorded accidents or incidents. This was disputed as a villager had fallen on the path and had requested PC to do something about it.

**Minster Way Path.** ERYC has been asked to fully reinstate the very soggy section of the Minster Way Path between 37 and 41 Front Street. LVIG had laid bark chippings but they soon sank into the mud.

**Councillor** Janet Myers resigned as a Councillor and was thanked for her contributions to the work of the Council. Gareth Rees appointed as Clerk.

**Overgrown Hedges.** An article requesting villagers to attend to this was placed in the Gazette. Should this have no effect then individuals will be approached directly by letter from ERYC.

**Village Seats.** ERYC may take on treatment of such seats but only if they were stained/oiled rather than painted. It is not clear whether they will strip the painted ones, so for the present Mr Deighton will be asked to continue painting.

**Land Exchange with Dalton Estate.** After many weeks of negotiation with the Hotham Trustees, the freehold land exchange should be going ahead by 2021. The plots owned by PC (former pit at Dalton Road and a field along Station Road) will be exchanged for the field next to Manor Farm owned by Dalton Estate. All three sites would be subject to a restrictive covenant prohibiting residential or commercial development. Technical details will now be discussed by both parties. Eventually the views of villagers will be canvassed.

**Councillor.** Caroline Holgate was co-opted as Councillor.

**Village Flooding** on 14/15 November.

The Parish Council was very concerned with the recent flooding that took place in the Village, and the total lack of response from the emergency services. It was felt that this put local residents in inherent danger, as where possible, they had to fulfil the role of the emergency services. The flooding was predominantly around three areas of the village, namely Thorpe, Thorpe Leys & Church Lane. Also Front Street was affected. The flooding of the village was discussed in detail and at some length and photographs were circulated. Reference was made to various letters sent by residents at Thorpe/Thorpe Leys and also 21 Front Street; these will be collated and circulated. There was strong feeling that the village had been let down by ERYC and that the recent flood defence works were not as robust as they could have been and would have benefitted from consultation with local residents as to their opinion of the root cause of the problems. Some of the discussion points were:- Capacity of the overall drainage system and specific "pinch" points where the drains were problematic or inadequate and the problems and dangers facing residents (particularly in Thorpe Leys/Thorpe) trying to clear debris and maintain water flow to alleviate flooding. Duty of Care with regard to flooding from surrounding fields by Dalton Estate? A Flood Meeting is urgently required with ERYC to discuss a Lockington Flood Plan/Emergency Plan, also a Drainage Plan in respect of drainage system in Thorpe Leys/Thorpe/Church Lane area. Who is responsible for what when it comes to storm water?

**Cherry Burton Gun Club** is currently building the promised noise nuisance reduction works and will monitor the effects once completed. There have been no further complaints.

**Road Safety.** Clerk to contact ERYC regarding the road safety concern at the right turn towards Lund where the gravel storage heaps restrict the line of sight.

## 2020

**Parish Councillors** at the start of 2020:- Kevin Marshall, (Chair), John Rowson (Deputy Chair), Mary Munro-Hill, Amanda Clarke, Caroline Holgate, Adrian Crookes, Graham Chapman, Andrew How and Andrew Proctor. Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Gareth Rees.

**Station Road.** Councillors together with Graham Stuart MP will visit the site to discuss the situation and see if any progress can be made regarding improvements. This is a long standing problem involving ERYC.

**The Heritage notice board.** This is the responsibility of PC, and now needs attention.

**Public Seats.** On Station Road a new bench has been obtained by Alastair Grant but not yet sited. Parish Councillors Kevin Marshall & John Rowson offered to install the bench to avoid any further delay. Kevin Deighton has kindly agreed to paint all of the village seats.

**Village Flooding.** Key points discussed were:- (a) Dead Lane drains are not blocked but water was not being routed away. (b) The new drainage system at Thorpe/Church Lane was not working as designed. (c) Flooding in Front Street came from surface water on fields behind 32-46 Front Street.

**Station Road Path.** At last, progress! It is proposed to construct a TROD (a compacted hard-core path with substantial kerbs) one metre wide from the village to the A164. In addition three passing places with signs on the road to be constructed and "Grips" on the west side of the road to be cleaned to maximise road surface water drainage. The TROD to be maintained by ERYC.

**VE Day** to be recognised with a commemorative event.

**Mr Errol Remington** (USA) has offered to pay for a bench as a memorial to his Mormon forefathers who were Rectors of our church from 1556 to 1684. Somewhat surprisingly this is a donation to the secular PC not Saint Mary's Church. Correspondence with Mr Errol is to emphasise this.

**Hornsea 4 Offshore Wind Farm.** Despite details from Hornsea 4 it is still not clear how the village and/or Station Road will be affected.

**Land Exchange.** Hotham Family Trust has sent details of the proposed exchange. These were discussed at great length and accepted in principle, with a few caveats such as the need to consult the village residents and obtaining an independent valuation.

**Burglaries.** Two such incidents were reported, both in broad daylight. A note to go in the Gazette.

**Station Road, Aike.** Complaints were received about the unsafe condition of parts of the road. Details and photographs to be supplied to the Clerk.

**Covid Pandemic.**

**At the March PC meeting it was agreed to cancel all face to face meetings until the pandemic is over. Future meetings will be by ZOOM.**

**Land Exchange.** The report by the independent valuer, Leonards, on the proposed land exchange was accepted as a fair exchange in terms of value. A detailed Public Consultation Document will be prepared and a copy delivered to every household.

**Village Flooding.** Feedback from site meeting:-

(a) Drainage work to be completed in Front Street during July/August 2020. (b) Pipe from ditch in Thorpe Leys through Thorpe to be checked. (c) Install new Gulleys and pipes at Thorpe (between Church Lane corner and 38 Thorpe). (d) Grill design and pricing still under review (Bottom of Church Lane). (e) All gulleys to be cleaned on an increased frequency. (f) Drainage issues at the bottom of Kilnwick Lane into the Beck are to be resolved. (g) Drainage gully into the Beck needed immediately over the bridge west out of the village towards Lund. (h) Environment Agency to be chased regarding excessive weed in the Beck.

**Hornsea 4 Logistic Compound.** During the meeting the Parish Council explained to the delegation from Hornsea 4 that due to the volume of traffic on Station Road towards Lockington (and other factors), the placement of the Logistics compound would be far more appropriately placed on the East side of the A-164. The Parish Council requested that they go away and consider this proposal. Hornsea 4 were not optimistic about any change to their proposal but they would consider it.

**Dog Fouling** concerns in the Pasture. In a letter received from Mr Grant he mentioned an issue with dog fouling in the Pasture and his concern with regard to the worming of his cattle and possible danger to dogs that run free across the Pasture. A note to be put in the Gazette.

**Land Exchange.** The Consultation Paper & Questionnaire about the proposed Land Exchange and Village Community Green had recently been circulated to residents. However, it has become apparent that there is some confusion on certain issues and also

misinformation in circulation from those opposed to the proposals and actively campaigning against it. To address these issues and to ensure residents have factually correct information on which to make informed decisions, it was agreed to submit an appropriate article to the forthcoming issue of the Gazette. The Chairman had circulated a draft article which, subject to minor changes, it was agreed should be submitted to the Gazette.

**Beck Clearance.** Parish Council had received a reply from the Environment Agency. The EA's position was they believed that the standard of the work is appropriate, given the other constraints on the channel through the village and will reduce the flood risk over the winter. This response was not acceptable to the Parish Council. The Chairman will respond to the EA detailing the Parish Council's concerns, and spelling out that the level of work undertaken was insufficient to prevent flooding during the winter.

**Hornsea 4 Feedback.** Siting of Logistics Compound. The Parish Council had received a disappointing response from the Hornsea 4 Project Team. Basically they completely ignored our concerns.

**Gun Club.** The Parish Council has received a response from the Gun Club detailing the work they have carried out to reduce noise pollution. The work looked to be of a good standard and Parish Councillors John Rowson, Amanda Clarke and Andrew How were meeting with the Gun Club to review the work carried out.

**Station Road TROD.** The Clerk reported that the construction of the TROD Pathway had now been delayed until the next financial year. This is due to the knock-on effect that Covid 19 continues to have on ERYC planning and completion of work. ERYC are planning to cut out the drains and construct Passing Places this year, in preparation for construction of the TROD.

**Lockington Village Community Green (LVCG)** The results of the LVCG questionnaire were discussed at length. The Parish Council was delighted with the number of responses received from the Parishioners. The overwhelming majority were in favour of the land exchange and subsequent development of the Village Community Green. Details of what facilities would be planned/provided for the Community Green to be discussed at a later date.

**Textile Bank.** The Parish Council has been approached by a textile recycling company in Beverley. The purpose is making a significant environmental impact by reducing the number of textiles sent to landfill and making community donations in the process. The proposal is to place the Textile Bank in the Village Hall car park.

**Lockington Emergency Plan.** The Emergency Plan had been circulated to Parish Councillors. The detail of the plan was accepted and agreed to be published on the Lockington Parish Council web site. In addition to the Emergency Plan the Parish Council has compiled a Flood Plan to help local residents during a time of extreme weather resulting in excess surface water.

**Lockington Village Community Green (LVCG).** Detailed discussion took place around the feedback from village residents, and how the Parish Council would proceed to ensure the views of the village were uppermost in the design and planning of the green. After much discussion it was agreed that elements of the 'top five' consultation responses should be included as Stage 1 of a plan, namely, Grass Field, Wildflowers, Shrubs & Trees and Seats/Benches/Tables. Other elements could form Stage 2 of a plan subject to further consultation and consideration, namely, Children's Play Area, Area for Celebrations/Fetes and Covered Seating/Pavilion. Allowing Dogs on the green was discussed at length but considered inappropriate. It was agreed that further comments from residents should be sought on these elements before finalising a plan for the Green.

**Planning Error** The development south of 42 Thorpe was discussed in detail, the main points being how ERYC had made several mistakes in the planning process and how these had not been picked up until it was too late. It was recognised that it was impossible to retrofit the building. However the Parish Council wanted to ensure that this sort of error will not happen again. It was to this end that a detailed note would be drafted and sent to Mr. Stephen Hunt, Head of Planning & Development Management.

**Beck Clearance.** The Environmental Agency (EA) had eventually responded to the PC reporting that they do not intend to carry out any further work on Bryan Mills Beck this year. This response was not satisfactory to the PC, so the Clerk was asked to write to the EA asking them to accept written responsibility for any flooding that occurred and the subsequent damage that ensued, from their reluctance to carry out a 'Duty of Care' on Bryan Mills Beck.

**Volunteer Flood Warden Scheme (VFW).** Parish Councillors Andrew How and John Rowson explained that this scheme was now up and running. A "WhatsApp" group had been established, and an article for the Gazette was being developed. There are 12 Volunteer Flood Wardens in the scheme currently, and more are being recruited. They will review the condition of the Beck and see if it would be possible to remove weed/debris from a small section to help the water flow.

**Lockington Village Community Green.** A wide-ranging discussion followed on all aspects of the scheme, including the difficulties arising from COVID19 restrictions on consultation and public meetings; access/safety; planning issues, etc.

Given that the planning application does not have to show scheme details at this stage, it was acknowledged that, unless circumstances changed, it was not necessary to finalise a scheme for the Community Green until probably Spring/Summer 2021. This will enable the Parish Council to assess the outcome of the planning application and any conditions attached to a planning consent; to consider further consultation with residents including a public meeting (when allowed) and, importantly, the availability of resources and/or grants for the provision and maintenance of agreed facilities. The approximate cost of the Planning Application would be £260. Parish Councillor Graham Chapman reiterated his concerns regarding pedestrian safety with the new access from Thorpe. Eventually it was agreed that PC proceeds now with a planning application for a Change from Agricultural Land to Community & Recreational Use and a new Access off Thorpe.

**Resignation of Councillor.** Amanda Clarke offered her resignation as she will soon be leaving the village. She was thanked for her valuable input into the work of the Parish Council and wished well for the future.

**Dalton Estate Ditch.** Resident A asked PC to persuade the Estate to clean out a ditch on Estate land behind his property which had contributed to the flooding of the area last year. This the Estate did. Resident B then complained that the ditch was now too deep, resulting in standing water which could lead to disease. PC decided that the depth of the ditch was an Estate issue and all the PC could do was monitor the situation. Clerk to write to resident B to explain the Council's position.

## 2021

**Parish Councillors** at the start of 2021:- Kevin Marshall, (Chair), John Rowson (Deputy Chair), Mary Munro-Hill, Amanda Clarke, Caroline Holgate, Adrian Crookes, Graham Chapman, Andrew How and Andrew Proctor. Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Gareth Rees.

**Planting Trees.** ERYC will allow saplings to be planted in the middle of the grass verge.

**PC Vacancy.** There was no response from the bye election notice so PC can now co-opt a new Councillor.

Two candidates responded. Each was asked to provide a brief CV with a statement explaining why they were applying. After a vote, James Warburton was appointed.

**Dead Lane Drain.** ERYC will use a "Gully Sucker" to unblock it.

**Volunteer Flood Wardens.** There are now 13. They reported that the beck was now flowing better after the weed removal, and wild life was returning.

**Lockington Village Community Green.** Wide ranging discussion including the need to see fully costed plans, parking requirements, effect of attracting visitors from outside the village, safety issues with the access...

Results of the LVCG questionnaire:-

(a) *Do you support the land exchange proposal?* For 84% (of households which replied): Against 16%.

(b) *Do you endorse the idea of a village green on the exchanged land?* For 79%: Against 21%.

Four local solicitors were each asked to provide a quotation for the required legal work. Prices ranged from £782 to £4095. The cheapest was selected.

**Salt Bins.** Need to be filled.

**Front Street Drainage.** Parish Councillor James Warburton and Jeremy Mason were complimentary of recent Drainage Work carried out on Front Street. They suggested we send a letter of thanks to both ERYC and the company involved, PBS Construction, for the professional work carried out by the company.

**Parish Councillor.** Jeremy Mason was co-opted onto the Council.

**Lockington Village Community Green Update.** The Chairman told the meeting that ERYC had approved the planning application for Lockington Village Community Green. This was a major milestone in securing the exchange land for the project. The application and formal planning process resulted in only 4 representations from residents, 3 were neutral with only 1 objection. The next step was to instruct solicitors to handle the Land Exchange on behalf of Lockington Parish Council as agreed in the February Meeting. Parish Councillor Graham Chapman reiterated his concerns regarding progressing the land exchange prior to a public meeting and also sought clarification that the proposed Open Public Meeting for the Parishioners would discuss all aspects of Lockington Village Community Green project. The Chairman gave a reassurance that residents would be able to ask questions on any aspect of the land exchange/village green project, but the Parish Council were not minded to re-open, reverse or delay its earlier decision(s) to proceed with the land exchange.

**Bryan Mills Beck Update.** Parish Councillor Andrew How gave detail of the on-site meeting between the PC and the Environment Agency. The EA agreed a cleaning regime that would mean a Beck walk to remove all the weed in the channel and up the side of the banks to ensure good flow of the Beck. The weed would be removed from site and taken away for disposal. Discussion then moved to the weir in the Beck adjacent to Lockington House and if this was contributing to village flooding. The EA will be investigating the modification/removal of the weir. They will consult with Fisheries, Biodiversity and Geomorphology teams and the Environmental Management team as to the impact further upstream on water levels. The riparian land owners either side of the Beck to be contacted to explain the position of the EA.

**Station Road Footpath.** Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding the condition of the Public Footpath and Station Road, post field culvert drainage works. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the individual responsible for the culvert adjacent to the Public Footpath, and subsequently some debris had been removed. When the path dries out, the people responsible will level off the path (to try and do it now would make even more mess).

**Land Exchange.** Correspondence dated 15th March had come from a resident concerned that the PC had not properly considered the potential development value of its Station Road Field (a recent sale and comparable scenario from North Dalton was referred to in support). A call for the land exchange to be halted or delayed, as this represented a material change in circumstances, was not supported by the facts or a majority view of the PC, particularly when this matter had been addressed in the independent professional valuation of the field.

**Lockington Village Community Green.** Ward Councillor Kevin Beaumont reported that he had been contacted by an irate resident claiming that 50% of the Parishioners were against the development of the Lockington Village Community Green. After some investigation, Councillor Kevin Beaumont found that this was not the case. Furthermore, the Ward Councillors were of the opinion that the process and actions taken by the Parish Council regarding the Land Exchange and proposed Community Green were detailed and entirely proper and correct.

**Beck Update.** The Clerk explained that he had been in contact with Dalton Estates and the Parishioner concerned with regard to the Weir/Cascade. Dalton Estates were happy for the



weir to be removed to help prevent flooding in the village. The Parishioner concerned felt a strong historical and sentimental bond to the weir and would not readily agree to it being removed or substantially altered. However, they would not want to see any part of the village damaged or threatened by the weir. Therefore, if this was shown to be the case, they would always keep their minds open to any sensible proposals.

**Zoom (Virtual) Meetings.** The Clerk explained that after the 7th May 2021 the Parish Council were no longer able to hold remote meetings (virtual meetings). There were a few options available, however the Parish Council chooses to resume meetings in the village hall from the 28th June 2021. The PC would have to ensure a 'Covid Safe' environment for the meeting.

**Parishioner Correspondence.** The Clerk had been contacted by a Parishioner suggesting a mass daffodil planting along the Beck in front Street. The Parish Council thought this would be a good idea and would certainly improve the Street Scene in Spring. Clerk to write to Lockington Village Improvement Group to see if this is something they would undertake with their residual funds.

**Memorial Tree.** Parish Councillor James Warburton proposed that Lockington Parish Council plant a memorial tree somewhere within the village for Prince Philip. The Chairman, Parish Councillor Kevin Marshall, suggested the PC consider Lockington Village Community Green (LVCG). However, as the LVCG was not established, this could only be agreed in principle.

**Speeding** Parish Councillor James Warburton reported that speeding through the village has significantly increased. He asked the Ward Councillor Pauline Greenwood if she could speak to ERYC Highways and request that they provide advice on the most effective speed control measures.

**Beck Update.** The Clerk explained that the Environment Agency had agreed to increase the cleaning regime on the Beck from twice a year to three times a year. This was welcomed by all.

**Removal of Weir in the Beck.** The Clerk explained that the Parishioner on the West side of the weir was not of the mind to allow the EA to remove the restriction in the Beck (Dalton Estates had agreed to remove the restriction on the East side). The Parish Council was disappointed that the Parishioner had taken this view and asked the Clerk to follow up with the Parishioner, but also agreed to request the EA to remove the restriction as far as the riparian owners allow.

*Explanatory Note on the weirs. There are two sets of stones in the Beck with slots for wooden planks which would allow the water to build up to form two linear ponds. The upstream set is within the boundary of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Rectory (now Lockington House) and the down stream set is on Estate land under the foot bridge from the Church. Anecdotally, they were both installed by a Rector many years ago so he could keep trout in the ponds for his breakfasts.*

**Lockington Village Community Green (LVCG).** Public Meeting 8th July. The Government has delayed the removal of all restrictions with regard to Covid 19. This drastically reduces the number of Parishioners that can be fitted in the Village Hall (2 metre spacing). The Parish Council has a Duty of Care to the Parishioners and with this in mind the Parish Council has reluctantly decided to delay the public meeting until later in July. Parish Councillor Adrian Crooks suggested a new date, Monday 26th July 2021. If rules dictate that this is not possible inside the Hall, the meeting would take place outside the Village Hall.

**Anti-Social Behaviour.** The Parish Council had received a complaint regarding anti-social behaviour in respect of a property on Front Street. The Parish Council was concerned not to get involved with neighbourhood complaints but agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the next meeting. In the interim, because of the seriousness of the complaint, it was agreed to refer the complaint to Dalton Estates as it affected one of their tenants.

**Bus Shelter.** Parish Councillor John Rowson inspected the Bus Shelter following a complaint and found that the Bus Shelter was in a reasonable condition and only minor repair was required.

**Lockington Village Community Green.** Public Meeting 26th July. Now that the Government has relaxed constraints on Public Meetings, the meeting will go ahead as intended on the 26th of July at 7pm in the Village Hall. The PC decided that it would be prudent to keep some social distancing measures in place; 1m social distancing rule will apply. Wearing of Face Masks when not talking. Hand sanitise before entering and on leaving. The meeting would be a simple affair, no detailed agenda, allowing Parishioners to discuss their views openly. At the meeting:- High level flow of discussions; 1. Background. 2. Land Exchange (current position). 3. Forward Plan – Parishioner views for development of the Green. It was discussed if it would be helpful to have a small presentation to help bring everyone up to speed with the proposal. The Chairman, PC Kevin Marshall explained that the PC would require a Vehicle Access Pack (VAP) from ERYC, enabling the PC to agree details and specifications for the new Access to the Green, as required in the conditions attached to the planning consent. This would come at a cost of £41 and would require submission before the next scheduled PC meeting in September. Chairman PC Kevin Marshall proposed that the PC obtain a VAP at a cost of £41 and that he be delegated to respond to ERYC Highway's requirements and submit the application for a new access.

**Beck Weir Removal Update.** There were two Parishioners (riparian owners) present at the meeting, who expressed their views on the proposal of removing the weir. The conclusion from the perspective of the Environment Agency is that whether we take out the weir or not it will have little or no impact to the current flood risk of properties flooding along Front Street from the beck. The EA is responsible for the management of 'main rivers', which in this instance is Bryan Mills Beck, and reducing the flood risk to the properties and business along it. East Riding Yorkshire Council (ERYC) is responsible for surface water drainage or flooding to properties as a result of surface water, (i.e. along Church Lane). It is unfortunate that the newly installed drainage systems do not seem to have been effective during the large rainfall events seen recently. The PC needs to raise this with ERYC. The comments from the EA on removal of the Weir are the opposite of the understanding of the PC prior to the meeting. Therefore, it was felt prudent to get all interested parties together for a meeting to discuss both the Weir and the new drainage system.

**Noise Pollution from Bird Scarers.** A detailed discussion took place around this issue and it was decided that the problem was far more severe than it had been in previous years and the farmer/contractor was not adhering to guidance on the use, timing and duration of bird scarers near settlements. Councillor John Rowson volunteered to investigate and establish the farmer/contractor responsible so that the Clerk could contact them directly to cease or mitigate the nuisance being caused.

**Dogger Bank Project Team feedback.** The Clerk explained that he had contacted DB to confirm that there was no impact on the Parish of Lockington re cable route of the DB wind farm. The DB project team explained that Parish Council was receiving correspondence as a neighbouring parish and there was no direct impact.

**TROD on Station Road.** A great deal of discussion took place regarding the TROD. The Parish Council was very happy that ERYC Highways had agreed to construct a TROD and Passing Places along Station Road. The expectation being a big improvement in Safety for both Pedestrians and motorists alike. On completion of the work the safety improvement for motorists is clearly evident (passing places), however, the finish quality of the TROD itself is very questionable and has made little or no improvement for the safety of Pedestrians. ERYC have stated that they have no further money in the budget to carry out any more work on the TROD.

Some comments from Residents of Lockington;

- TROD has been left in an appalling condition.
- Some parts of the path are worse now than before the TROD construction commenced.
- Waste of tax payer's money, no improvement in safety for pedestrians.

The Parish Council asked the Ward Councillor Pauline Greenwood if she could help persuade ERYC to complete this work to a reasonable standard.

**Hornsea 4.** A debate took place around the lack of feedback from Hornsea 4 regarding the concerns of the Parish Council (Logistics compound and increased traffic). The Parish Council felt that they were being completely ignored by Hornsea 4. The Parish Council requested the help of the Ward Councillor Pauline Greenwood, who explained that this application is being dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate.

**Dog Fouling.** Several residents have made complaints regard dog fouling in the village. After some debate it was felt that the Parish Council should increase the number of waste bins and fouling signs. Clerk to contact ERYC with a view to purchasing six new bins and four new signs, and to discuss the emptying of these bins by ERYC.

**Lockington & Aike Gazette.** A debate took place around the cost of printing the Lockington & Aike Gazette. There was insufficient clarity of exactly what were the actual costs. Discussion also took place around the best medium for the Lockington & Aike Gazette. Had the editorial team considered an electronic version (not exclusive to all) hosted on the Parish Council web site? Is there an option for advertising to raise revenue? Clerk to contact Gazette editorial team to clarify costs.

**Parish Council Vacancy.** The position for the Parish Councillor vacancy had been advertised on the Parish Council web site, Notice Boards and in the local press (ERYC). There was no interest registered for the post, therefore ERYC have given permission for Lockington Parish Council to co-opt a Parish Councillor. Subsequently, the Clerk had been approached by a candidate for the post.

**Lockington & Aike Gazette update.** The Clerk had met with a representative from the Gazette team who explained the costs involved with the new printers, Fisks Printers of Hull. 6 half colour copies at a cost of £59 per copy = £354, an increase of £36 over the year (Alma vs Fisks). The Alma price was not for half colour. The cost was accepted.

**High Bridge Damage.** The Clerk explained that he had contacted ERYC Highways and they were sending an engineer to check the damage on the bridge.

**Volunteers.** The Parish Council reiterated its grateful thanks to the many unsung volunteers in the village who are willing to use their time and energy to continually improve the fabric of the village. Discussion then moved on to the relationship between the Lockington Village Improvement Group (LVIG) and the Parish Council (LPC). It was recognised that the aims and objectives of both groups are very similar; to continually improve the village for the benefit of the residents. With this in mind, informal discussions had resolved a way forward to improve participation and co-operation of volunteers in the village. Details to be published in the next Gazette. The PC welcomed the new volunteering arrangements and it will have a minimum of one member on the LVIG and he/she will be the link between the two organisations.

**Dalton Estates (DE) Shooting Conduct.** Complaints had been received from a Parishioner that spent gunshot had fallen in his garden during the last DE shoot. This was reported to DE who have since acted and spoken to the Shoot Master to hopefully prevent any re-occurrence.

## **2022**

### **January 2022**

**Co-option of new Parish Councillor.** It was unanimously agreed after a vote that Cynthia Hamlin be co-opted onto the Parish Council and she was welcomed to the meeting.

**High Bridge Damage Update.** Details of the response from ERYC had been circulated. This indicated that the damaged Pier would be repaired when weather conditions improved when it would be more appropriate to carry out brickwork repairs/repointing. Comment was made that whilst the other three corner Piers had no loose brickwork at this time, the brickwork/pointing was also cracked on two of the other corner Piers and needed attention at the same time, otherwise it was only half a job.

**45.6 Dead Lane.** Concern was raised again at the failure of ERYC to undertake surfacing works south of Crayke House, despite earlier undertakings to do so. This is a popular and safe alternative route to Thorpe but is unusable at times due to its muddy condition. Similarly, the section of Dead Lane north of its junction with Chapel Street to the footbridge over the Beck is badly potholed and requires attention.

## February 2022

Parish Councillors present were: Kevin Marshall, (Chair), John Rowson, Andrew How, James Warburton, Jeremy Mason, Graham Chapman, Cynthia Hamlin, Mary Munro Hill, Adrian Crookes. The Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Gareth Rees, was also present.

**ERYC Highways** 1. TROD – poor condition of the completed works, passing place signs to be erected and white lines painted on the road as and where necessary. 2. Dead Lane:- poor condition of the surface down to the ford at Chapel Street. 3. Bridge repairs required at Front Street. The Ward Councillor had received satisfactory replies from ERYC Highways.

Basically, we are waiting for the weather to change to carry out some of the works required and eventually the TROD would be revisited.

**Lockington Village Community Green (LVCG) Update.** There had been a meeting with the Chairman, Parish Councillor Kevin Marshall, Parish Councillor John Rowson, the current Tenant of the Paddock and Mr Simon Fairbank (Dalton Estates Manager). The outcome of the meeting was that a new tenancy of Manor Farm was being granted but this excluded the Paddock so vacant possession could be obtained as part of the agreed land exchange. There were some concerns about the boundary between the Paddock and the Farm which have yet to be fully resolved. In the meantime, the Paddock will be vacant possession and both parties' solicitors were working together with the aim of completing the land exchange.

**Lockington Village Improvement Group.** Parish Councillor Andrew How reported that he had constructive discussions with LVIG. The outcome being that the Parish Council to consider the purchase of a grass trimmer for the village, rather than the LVIG using money previously donated. The trimmer would be the property of the Parish Council, however LVIG would be able to use it. The cost of the trimmer was to be up to £370 including VAT, LVIG would contribute £304 towards the cost of the item.

**HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.** Parish Councillor John Rowson reported that he was on the sub-committee dealing with the Village Hall (VH) celebrations. The Parish Council in partnership with the VH had requested a sum of £440 from a funding application from ERYC. This grant had been approved by ERYC, however, the exact sum of the grant was not known until the end of February. In addition to the above grant, the VH requested a grant from the Parish Council to help with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A member of the VH committee was in attendance and explained the purpose and intended use of the grant – essentially to ensure success of the venture and to provide flexibility to offer concessionary tickets to ensure it was inclusive for all village residents.

## March 2022

**Dog bins.** If supplied by ERYC would cost £400 each. Could be bought directly much cheaper. As raised earlier response required from ERYC on whether they would empty them or the £400 includes in effect the cost of emptying in perpetuity. Discussion held as to where they might be put but no decision required. James Warburton produced a number of "dog waste" notices and these were to be distributed to agreed positions.

## April 2022

**Dog Waste.** Signs have now been obtained and displayed throughout the village. Preliminary information and costings have been obtained from ERYC regarding the Bins, but final details awaited.

**Purchase of grass trimmer.** The cost of the trimmer was £363.80 including VAT. LVIG will pay for the cost of the trimmer, LPC to contribute the cost of the VAT - £60.64.

## May 2022

**Defibrillator.** Parish Councillor John Rowson had attended a training session on the Defibrillator. The outcome of this was our Defibrillator needed to be re-registered with "Circuit UK".

## June 2022

**TROD.** Discussion took place around the poor quality of the finished TROD and Passing Places. Concern was also raised regarding ongoing maintenance. Some of the issues were:- · Passing place signs in the wrong place. · Condition of passing places. · Missing white lines. · General condition of TROD.

**Speeding.** Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason raised a concern with regard to the number of speeding vehicles in the village. This issue continues to be a problem and the Parish Council want to involve ERYC Highways to try to identify some solutions. Clerk to contact ERYC Highways to ask for advice.

**Amen Field.** The Parish Council had been made aware that St Mary's Church was in discussion with ERYC to sell Amen Field (Kilnwick Lane) for the subsequent use of construction of Social Housing.

## **July 2022**

**Defibrillator Registration.** The Defibrillator had now been registered with Circuit UK (previously Yorkshire Ambulance Service).

**Front Street Bench.** The bench at the Heritage Board was reported as a hazard. The bench has been removed and will be replaced by a community spirited Parishioner.

**Amen Field.** ERYC & St Mary's Parochial Church Council (Affordable Housing Scheme). The correspondence with St Mary's PCC pursuant to the last meeting had clarified some but not all of the background and issues regarding this matter. A reply to a request by the Clerk to ERYC Planners to clarify the situation and lack of consultation was still awaited. Parish Councillors raised various issues and concerns, not least being the lack of infrastructure and facilities in the village likely to be required by occupiers of affordable housing. Other issues included; lack of control/certainty that affordable housing would be delivered once the site was acquired by ERYC. Had an independent valuation of Amen Field had been obtained and whether 'best price' was being secured. Representatives of the PCC attended the meeting when they kindly explained all the circumstances and issues from the PCC's perspective. They answered a range of questions and points of clarification raised by Parish Councillors. After some considerable discussion, the position can be summarised as follows; (a) The PCC is agreeable to selling Amen Field for affordable housing. Any sale would be subject to planning application and consent for the proposed use (this would be submitted by ERYC or a nominee of a housing association). (b) The sale would meet the laudable twin objectives of providing affordable housing in the village and go a long way to boosting the church roof repair fund. (c) It is still early days in this project and neither the PCC or PC considered it appropriate at this point to issue any article in the Gazette with regard to Amen Field. (d) The PC is of the view that the PCC should give further consideration to introducing safeguards into any sale to ensure that the proposed affordable housing scheme is contractually secured and also how it communicates with the local community to keep them informed about its proposals for Amen Field and fundraising. The Parish Council thanked the members of the PCC for their information, input and clarification.

**August 2022** No meeting

## **September 2022**

A minute's silence was held in honour and respect of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**Entrance to Community Green.** The Clerk had received three favourable quotes from local companies. There were two decisions to be made; 1. What type of construction would be the best fit for the access. 2. What company offered the best value for money. Parish Councillor Andrew How proposed we accept the quote from L&K Warcup Construction Ltd. The quote was for the sum of £7794 + VAT

**Speeding Traffic.** Parish Councillor James Warburton had attended a meeting with ERYC and raised this subject. The Councillor was given a brief description of the process and a contact name at Traffic Management.

**Minster Way Footpath.** The Chairman, Kevin Marshall, reported that the required repair had been completed.

**New Bench/Heritage Board at Rockingham House.** The Clerk reported that the owners of Rockingham House had purchased a new bench and painted it to replace the damaged bench at the Heritage Board on Front Street. They are also constructing a new Heritage Board frame to replace the existing rotting frame. Clerk to write to the owners of Rockingham House to thank them on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Fire Hydrant on Dead Lane.** Parish Councillor John Rowson reported that the fire hydrant at the top of Dead Lane required lifting to prevent being buried. Clerk to contact ERYC to have hydrant repaired.

**Parishioner Request.** Relocation of litter bin outside Church yard. This was discussed in detail and the Clerk explained that the Parishioner was prepared to relocate the bin himself. The Parish Council felt that this was not an option, as the bin was owned and located by ERYC and if an accident/incident occurred during the move, there could be liability issues. If the Parishioner still wanted the litter bin relocated, ERYC should be contacted, and the Parishioner be responsible for the cost of relocation.

**Lockington Bus Route (142).** The Clerk had been contacted by a Parishioner to report that ERYC had removed the subsidy from this Bus route. The Clerk investigated further and can confirm that ERYC has not withdrawn the subsidy for this service. The 142 Service operated

by Acklam's Coaches is a combination of a commercial route and a subsidised route. Unfortunately, Acklam's have deregistered the whole of the 142 service and have handed back the contract for the subsidised part of the service. Acklam's will cease to operate the service from the 22nd of October 2022. ERYC is currently out to tender to find a suitable solution to this issue. Should a tender be successful, ERYC hopes to start on Monday 24th October.

**Gazette.** The Clerk reported that the Gazette editorial committee had been in touch with him, explaining that the cost of the Gazette has increased from £59 to £65 and would the PC consider absorbing the total increase. The Parish Council resolved to cover the increase of cost.

#### **October 2022**

**Dogger Bank Wind Farm.** The Clerk explained that he had contacted DB to confirm that there was no impact on the Parish of Lockington re cable route of the DB wind farm. The DB project team explained that the Parish Council was receiving correspondence as a neighbouring parish and there was no direct impact.

#### **November 2022**

**Election of Chair/Vice.** With the resignation of Parish Councillor Kevin Marshall (Chairman), a new Chairman must be elected. Parish Councillor Andrew How proposed Parish Councillor John Rowson take over as Chairman and Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason assumes the role of Vice Chairman. A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

**Speeding in Village.** The Clerk reported back on the discussions he had with EYRC, the outcome all this being a speed survey will take place in Lockington in spring/summer 2023.

**Lockington Village Community Green.** The chairman reported on the meeting he held with the Clerk and Solicitor Mr Lundy and explained that progress was being made. The Heads of Terms document had been approved by the Parish Council in March 2020. This document must now be transferred to the legal Land Registry documents TR1 and TP1. The chairman explained the advice given by the solicitor, Mr Lundy. The documents TR1 and TP1 had been circulated prior to the meeting to all Parish Councillors for their review. The Rural England Prosperity Fund was discussed, and the Clerk explained that this fund would be available for the PC to apply for a grant in early spring 2023.

**Amen Field.** Dr Graham Parr had given a presentation to the PC some months ago, for which the PC were very grateful. Since this presentation things have moved on and survey work on AMEN Field has commenced and the PC felt it was time for an update of intentions from both ERYC and St Mary's PCC. Members of the PC were being asked questions regarding AMEN Field and felt that they did not have sufficient up to date knowledge to give an intelligible answer to the Parishioners.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy.** The Clerk explain the formal process laid down by ERYC. This process is now underway with advertising the vacancy in local press, PC website and notice boards. The PC felt it prudent to go further and advertise the vacancy locally in the Gazette publication. By early December the PC will be able to co-opt a member if no submission has been received by ERYC. Additionally, the PC were very mindful that there was no Parish Councillor from Aike on the PC. If no submission was forthcoming from ERYC, the PC felt it was necessary to further investigate a possible candidate from Aike.

**Chapel Street Highway Access.** The PC had received some concerns from Parishioners regarding what would seem to be a new vehicular access from Chapel Street to the adjacent field. The concern raised was does this require planning?

#### **December 2022**

**Lockington Village Community Green.** The Chairman and the Clerk gave an overview of the latest position regarding the land exchange. The Parish Council Solicitor is confident that the land exchange is now in its final stages.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy.** There was no election called for to fill the vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Therefore, the Parish Council were free to co-opt a Parish Councillor. An approach had been made by Mr Stewart Craig who was invited to be co-opted after a vote.

**Chapel Street Highway Access.** No further action needed.

**Village Hall Clock.** The Clerk reported that it was proving difficult to get the Village Hall electric clock repaired. The Clerk has contacted the Horology web site and phoned some local numbers, but unfortunately could not get anyone to repair the clock. Parish Councillor James Warburton suggested contacting the Horology centre of excellence in Upton. Failing this, Clerk to report back to the Village Hall, recommending a new clock (possibly battery operated). Clerk to contact the Horology centre of excellence in Upton, to see if they would undertake the repair.

**Amen Field.** The Clerk had written to ERYC for further clarification, the response was as follows: - ERYC has a target of 1,000 affordable homes to be built over the next few years to

meet the ever-growing demand of affordable housing in the East Riding. The opportunity has come for ERYC to look at the site at Lockington, AMEN field. The site was cleared for the Council to conduct surveys to see if the land is suitable for housing and to see what constraints there are. If ERYC feels a scheme can be progressed, then any scheme will be made in consultation with the relevant parties including Lockington Parishioners and Lockington Parish Council. The potential land purchase will be subject to receiving planning permission. ERYC will make sure Lockington Parishioners and Lockington Parish Council are fully kept informed of any progress. The Parish Council was not entirely happy with this response and asked the Clerk to follow up with Mr Siddle at ERYC. The Parish Council also asked the Ward Councillor for assistance in this matter.

## 2023

### January 2023

Parish Councillors:- Mary Munro-Hill, Stewart Craig, Adrian Crookes, Jeremy Mason, John Rowson (Chair), Cynthia Hamlin, Graham Chapman, James Warburton & Andrew How. Clerk Gareth Rees.

**Lockington Village Community Green.** Parish Councillor Graham Chapman left the room for this item as he had registered a declaration of interest. The Chairman and Clerk gave feedback from a meeting held with the Parish Council Solicitor, Lundys of Drifffield. There are some amendments to be made to the documents and there remains further legal investigation work to be carried out before they can be accepted by the Parish Council. Parish Councillor Chapman then re-joined the meeting.

**Amen Field.** This topic was debated at length, and there was concern about lack of information regarding the potential sale of Amen Field and the possible subsequent development by ERYC. Parish Councillor James Warburton proposed the Parish Council (PC) write an editorial for the next issue of the Gazette. It was suggested that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) be approached and asked if they would like to make a joint editorial (PC & PCC). If this was rejected by the PCC, then the PC would publish the article under its name. Parish Councillor James Warburton also proposed the Parish Council apply to ERYC under the Freedom of Information Act, to release all documentation associated with the Amen Field project.

**Village Hall Clock.** The Clerk explained that the mechanism of the Village Hall Clock was to be removed for repair. This will initially cost £60 for the mechanism removal. No further action until mechanism removed.

### February 2023

**Amen Field.** 30-40 Parishioners were present at the meeting to hear the presentation regarding Amen Field. There were two representatives from ERYC, Mr David Siddle (Rural Housing Enabler), and Mrs Nuala Taylor (Principal Asset Officer) who made a presentation on Affordable Housing at Amen Field, Kilnwick Lane. Below is a brief overview of the meeting. Background:- Government target of one thousand affordable houses in East Riding of Yorkshire between 2021 – 2026. Affordable Housing is housing which is either for rent or low-cost home ownership based on evidence of need, for those unable to afford market prices (at a minimum of 20% discount from market value, subsidised by the Government). However, to obtain one of these properties, an individual must have a local connection, and must already be on the ERYC social housing list. Local Detail Beverley Rural Ward Housing Needs Survey was carried out in 2022, and a report issued in December 2022. Feedback from this survey revealed a need for 8-10 affordable houses in Lockington. ERYC have identified a potential site in Lockington at Amen Field, currently owned by St Mary's Church. This site is outside the building line of Lockington and would therefore fit the criteria as a 'Rural Exception Site'. Amen Field has been cleared of foliage to allow a feasibility study to be undertaken to ascertain the suitability for approximately six affordable dwellings. As this is at the very early stages of the project, ERYC are not at the stage of dwelling design. ERYC have agreed to maintain dialogue with the Parish Council as this project progresses.

**King's Coronation Fund.** The Parish Council had contacted the Village Hall Committee (VHC) regarding a joint celebration to mark the King's Coronation. The VHC discussed this in length and with members of the committee not available during this period and another charity fund raising event taking place in June, the VHC decided not to proceed with this joint celebration. The PC is now considering how to proceed and the Chairman, Parish Councillor John Rowson, volunteered to talk other interested parties.

**Village Hall Clock.** The Clerk reported that the clock mechanism has been removed for repair and we are waiting for feedback from AA Clockcraft in Bridlington.

**Rural England Prosperity Fund.** The Clerk explained that this fund is very much in line with our community green, and we will be applying for a grant from this fund when the fund has opened. However, the opening of the fund has been delayed and we await an update from ERYC.

**Lockington Village Hall Notice Board.** The notice board has been removed, repaired, and now reinstalled. The approximate cost of repair is £400 between the PC, PCC, and Village Hall.

**Dead Lane.** Discussion has taken place with ERYC Highways, and they have agreed to repair the issues on Dead Lane's surface condition before the end of this financial year (31st March).

**Aike Grange Stud.** Proposed construction of an equestrian arena with 10 floodlighting masts, fencing and associated works, installation of 24 floodlighting masts on three existing equestrian arenas and bollard lighting to pathways. Detailed discussions took place regarding this planning application and there were two main areas of concern. 1. Upward light pollution 2. Scale of development seems disproportionate for the small village of Aike.

### March 2023

**Amen Field Update.** The Clerk reported that he had written to ERYC Information Governance and Feedback Team (Freedom of Information (Fol)) on Tuesday 17th January, asking them to provide all correspondence and documentation regarding this project. A follow up email was then sent on Wednesday 22nd February. The team have 20 working days to respond, 44 working days have now passed, and no response has been forthcoming. The Clerk explained the only way forward was to contact the Information Commissioner and request assistance in obtaining this information. A member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) was present at the meeting and asked to comment but the PCC member was not prepared to comment. The Parish Council will ask the PCC to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council. Parish Councillor James Warburton proposed that the Parish Council contact the Information Commissioner, this was seconded by Parish Councillor John Rowson. A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Resolved:- Clerk to contact the Information Commissioner.

**Lockington Village Community Green.** The Chairman reported that the Solicitor had cancelled the last scheduled meeting. This was rescheduled and will now take place on Friday the 24th of March. The Chairman suggested that if we were still in a position of no progress then we set up a meeting with Dalton Estates, their Solicitor and LPC Solicitor.

**King's Coronation.** Despite efforts made to set up a team to help organise a celebration for the King's Coronation, this was proving difficult due to other commitments. No further action at this time.

**Village Hall Clock.** No further update, the clock mechanism is still with AA Clockwise at Bridlington.

**Speeding through the Village.** The Clerk explained that he had been in contact with both ERYC Traffic Management and Road Safety. These teams were meeting on March 20th to discuss how they can best serve requests that come from both Town and Parish Councils.

**Application for a Premises Licence in Aike.** A detailed debate took place regarding this premises licence, and the Parishioners of Aike voiced their concerns. Their main concerns are; public safety on the road from the A164 to Aike, insufficient parking at the venue and noise pollution from live and recorded music, also the sale of food and alcohol. The Parish Council believes that this application is a 'change of use', a separate business venture from the core operation of the vineyard. This is now a hospitality and entertainment venue and as such should therefore at some stage be in the hands of ERYC Planning Authority.

### April 2023

**Amen Field Update.** Overview:- (a) ERYC indicated interest in purchasing Amen field from St Mary's PCC in February 2022. (b) Amen Field cleared for survey. (c) ERYC presented Affordable Housing survey to LPC and Parishioners (February 2023). (d) ERYC issue plan regarding Amen Field project (April 2023). Detailed discussion took place and Dr Graham Parr on behalf of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) answered questions from both the Parish Council and Parishioners. The outcome being that Dr Parr was asked to go back to the PCC and consider publishing an article in the church 'Messenger' magazine to explain the detail behind the potential sale of Amen Field to ERYC. The Chairman gave an update on the request for the Freedom of Information regarding Amen Field. The Information Commissioner was contacted along with the local MP Mr. Graham Stuart, yet still ERYC refused to release detailed information about the project, other than emails sent by LPC to ERYC.



**Lockington Village Community Green.** Parish Councillor Graham Chapman left the room. The Clerk reported that both sets of Solicitors (Dalton Estates and Lockington Parish Council) had agreed the details of the Land Registry documents (TR1 & TP1), as transferred from the Heads of Terms (HoT) document (previously agreed by the Parish Council). The Land Registry documents had been sent out to Parish Councillors for their perusal and subsequent approval. A discussion took place around this topic as to whether the LPC needed a further vote (information transferred from HoT document to Land Registry documents). Parish Councillor Stewart Craig proposed this was not necessary, as this had been agreed on more than one occasion, this was seconded by Parish Councillor Andrew How. A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried by a majority of 4:1. Resolved: Chairman & Clerk authorised to sign Land Registry documents when all paperwork complete. Parish Councillor Graham Chapman returned to the meeting.

**Front Street – Parking on Pavements** The Parish Council has received concerns from Parishioners regarding parking on pavements on Front Street. This results in pedestrians having to walk into the road to pass the cars parked on the pavements. This obviously has safety concerns. Parish Councillor Andrew How suggested the PC put a polite notice in the Gazette, reminding residents and visitors alike to park on the road, not the pavement.

**Speeding through the Village.** The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Police Constable Ben Seed of Humberside Police, Neighbourhood Policing Team 2 (Beverley Police Station), regarding the speeding issue in the village. Constable Seed has undertaken a random speed check and will do so again in due course. He is also going to look at the parking issue mentioned above. ERYC has told the Clerk that they do not have the resources to carry out the speeding survey that they promised to undertake in April 2023.

**Pre-Election information & update.** The Clerk reported that there had been four persons nominated as Parish Councillors for Lockington (uncontested) – John Rowson, Andrew How, Stewart Craig & Ian Jowett. Post-election (May 4th), the PC would advertise the vacant positions and would then co-opt individuals onto the Parish Council as required. Prior to the pre-election period, Parish Councillor Adrian Crookes resigned from the Parish Council. The Chairman said that the PC were sorry to lose Parish Councillor Adrian Crookes and wanted to thank him for his service over the years.

**Aike.** Laurel Vines, Vineyard & Winery application update. A discussion took place regarding the above application, and the Chairman explained that the Premises Licensing hearing was taking place on April the 20th and that he would be present to represent the Parishioners of Aike.

**Dead Lane update.** ERYC had started some work to create a walkable path from Dead Lane through to Thorpe. This work was stopped, and it was not clear why this occurred. A local resident reported some damage had taken place during this work and is going to send a note to the Clerk detailing the issue. Clerk to contact ERYC highways to get clarification on both above items.

**King's Coronation Fund.** The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had been successful in obtaining a grant from ERYC of £500, towards a celebration for the King's Coronation to be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 7th May at 2pm. The King's Coronation Celebration committee had been in touch with the Clerk to see if the PC would donate an additional £30 towards the cost of the celebration. Parish Councillor John Rowson proposed that we donate £30 towards the fund, this was seconded by Parish Councillor James Warburton. A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

## **May 2023**

Lockington Parish Councillors present were John Rowson (Chair), Andrew How, Mary Munro-Hill, Stephanie Taylor, Ian Jowett, Stewart Craig, Jeremy Mason, and Jamie Wheldon. Visitors: Four Parishioners were present from Lockington. The Clerk, Mr Gareth Rees, was in attendance. Liberal Ward Councillor, Jeremy Wilcock, attended the meeting. He explained that the three new Liberal Democrat Ward Councillors were Diana Stewart, Jeremy Wilcock and Paul Smith. They have agreed that one of them will attend Parish Council Meetings at least twice/year. It was Jeremy Wilcock's intention to attend all Lockington Parish Council meetings whenever possible. There were two main areas of concern that the Parish Council wanted help with:-

(1) Lockington Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Ward Councillor Jeremy Wilcock was asked if he could follow up with Yorkshire Water (2) Hornsea 4 The Chairman and Clerk explained that they had contacted Ørsted Hornsea 4 (H4) on many occasions over the last two years regarding the Logistics Compound, which is planned to be constructed at Station Road,

Lockington, West of the A164, for a minimum duration of 3 years. The Parish Council are of the view that the Logistics Compound should be located to the east of the A164 and have formally objected to the proposals of H4. Despite repeated contact and formally objecting to the proposal, the Parish Council feel their views have been completely ignored. Ward Councillor Jeremy Wilcock was asked if he could follow up with H4.

**Land Exchange Update.** The Chairman explained that little progress had been made in the last couple of months and we are still waiting for the legal process to be completed.

**Amen Field Update.** Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason explained that he had made some enquiries with the Diocese of York and was told a decision was made at the last PCC meeting to sell Amen Field to a private buyer and to inform the ERYC that the land is no longer available. Mrs Dale, the buyer of Amen Field, was one of the four Lockington residents present at the meeting. She explained that a verbal agreement was in place with St Mary's PCC and she was now awaiting legal completion.

**Parish Councillor Election and Co-Options.** The following people have been nominated as Parish Councillors for Lockington. 1. John Rowson 2. Andrew How 3. Stewart Craig 4. Ian Jowett. The following four people have been co-opted onto the Parish Council. 1. Mary Munro-Hill 2. Jeremy Mason 3. Stephanie Taylor 4. Jamie Wheldon There remains one vacancy on the Parish Council, advertised on the notice boards, web site and in the next Gazette.

**Laurel Vines Update.** Laurel Vines Premises Licence application has now been approved with some restrictions. The next step is a planning application which has not yet been received by the Parish Council as yet.

**Highways.** The Clerk explained that he had been in touch with ERYC Highways regarding some ongoing issues, and once again had positive feedback. (a) Dead Lane/Thorpe ongoing repairs – this work will resume shortly. (b) Church Lane/Thorpe corner repairs – not much can be done here other than to report the traffic that damages the bank at Thorpe/Church Lane. (c) Church Lane Pothole – on list for repair.

**Lockington Wastewater Treatment Plant.** (WWTP) Parish Councillor Andrew How explained that on occasions there is a strong smell coming from the discharge of the WWTP. He had been in contact with Yorkshire Water regarding the sewage plant outfall into the Beck and had posed some questions, but received no answers, as there is an ongoing general enquiry. The questions posed were:- (a) Is the capacity of the WWTP adequate for the current number of houses in Lockington? (b) Is the capacity of the WWTP adequate during high levels of rainfall? (c) At what intervals is the discharge from the WWTP sampled? (d) Is raw sewage being discharged into the Beck at any time? Local children play in the Beck and there is obviously a concern for their Health & Safety. Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water and to tell Lockington Primary School to make them aware.

**Lockington Village Community Green.** The Clerk explained that the PC had passed the first step in the grant process and the development of the Green is very much aligned to the spirit of the UKSPF - EOI Communities & Place Small Grants. A full grant application must now be made before the 21st of June 2023.

**Village Hall Clock Repair Update.** The Clerk reported that the Clock is being inspected on Friday 19th May to get an estimate of the cost of repair.

## June 2023

**Lockington Village Community Green.** The Clerk explained that there had been some changes in the process. This was being dealt with and the application process was ongoing.

**Village Hall Clock Repair Update.** The Clerk had received a quote of £2697 + VAT for the repair of the Village Hall clock. The Parish Council had not budgeted for this spend, and the estimate was a lot higher than expected. Detailed discussion took place around this issue, the outcome being the cost of repair was prohibitive and the following way forward was suggested; (a) Replace the current clock (face and mechanism) with a battery-operated alternative – cost to be determined. (b) Place a battery-operated clock above the VH notice board – cost to be determined. (c) Parish Councillor Stewart Craig is going to speak to a friend of his who is involved with Horology. (d) Raise money from the village to pay for the repair. This was not seen as the best option, but a possibility. (e) Approach VH re cost split and/or significant contribution. (f) Do nothing. The Clerk to communicate with the VH committee to get their feedback and ensure the VH Clock is on the agenda for July 2023

**New Parish Councillor.** The Chairman, and Parish Council welcomed Doctor Angela Harley as a Parish Councillor. The Parish council was delighted to have another member from Aike. This returns the Parish Council to its full complement of nine councillors.

**Highways.** The Clerk explained that he had not been in touch with ERYC Highways since the last meeting, regarding ongoing issues. There were now several issues requiring attention

and response from ERYC Highways:- (a) Aike, at the junction of Aike Lane and Chapel Lane (Post carrying electrical wires). (b) Dead Lane/Thorpe ongoing repairs. (c) Church Lane/Thorpe corner repairs. (d) Thorpe/Church Lane Pothole repair required. (e) Request for a 'Dead-End' sign at Crake House Lockington (Dead Lane) (f) Request for the 'Dead-End' sign at Wilfholme Lane to be relocated to the other side of the road (g) Request for a 'No Turning beyond this Point' sign at junction Aike Lane/Chapel Lane (h) Highway repair required at Station Road (severe dip in highway) (i) Water Leak at Crake House (YW not ERYC).

### July 2023

**Land Exchange Update.** The Clerk detailed the process that the Parish Council had been through over recent years, explaining that after lengthy discussions and meetings between LPC and Dalton Estate, a Heads of Terms (HoT) document was developed and agreed. From this, two legal documents were drawn up by Dalton Estate and LPC legal team, namely Land Registry TR1 and TP1. There had been one very minor change in these documents since the agreed HoT, namely the inclusion of the words agricultural, horticultural and allotment in the restrictive covenant section of TR1, paragraph 11.2.1. This change has been discussed in detail with Dalton Estate, LPC Solicitor and at the Parish Council meeting. The outcome of these discussions was, this did not raise any concerns for our solicitor or the Parish Council. Separately, there was clarification required from the LPC solicitor, around the Pre-emption letter between Dalton Estate and the LPC. Also, our solicitor to confirm vacant possession on exchange of contracts.

**Village Hall Clock.** Parish Councillor Stewart Craig is arranging a visit of a horologist to help the Parish Council decide on the best way forward; repair or replace the VH Clock.

**Complaints from Parishioners.** The Parish Council had received some complaints about overgrown hedges and cars parked on pavements: as this resulted in pedestrians having to walk into the road, there was an obvious safety issue. Clerk asked to compile a note for the Gazette.

**Affordable Housing.** The Clerk had received a request from Mr David Siddle of ERYC for assistance to identify alternative site options in Lockington for affordable housing; possibly through a village visit/'walkabout'. This was discussed, and the PC did not want to take part in this.

### September 2023

**Lockington Wastewater Treatment Plant.** The PC was not happy with the response received from YW and asked Ward Councillor Jeremy Wilcock to raise this issue in the October Environmental & Regeneration subcommittee.

**Change in Parish Council Constitution.** Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations. The Chairman explained the draft recommendations from ERYC. 1. Reduce the PC by two Parish Councillors. 2. Take in Ravensthorpe area into Lockington Parish boundary. The PC was not happy to reduce their number and have responded accordingly to ERYC. [Explanatory note:- Our Parish shares a short boundary with Cherry Burton Parish near the Gun Club and Ravensthorpe Nursery]

**Grass verge ownership at Thorpe.** The PC agreed in principle to sell the small piece of land to the owner of the property. However, before this can be done the PC will have to establish ownership of the land, and an independent valuation would then be undertaken.

**D-Day Celebrations.** Parish Councillor Stephanie Taylor reported that the VH Committee (VHC) is planning a celebration to commemorate D-Day. The Parish Council is very happy to join with the VHC and help support this event.

**Laurel Farm.** Change of use of part of existing agricultural building, outdoor terrace, and other associated land to a mixed use for food preparation, hosting events and vehicular parking in connection with existing vinery. The PC objects to this application in the strongest possible terms.

**Village Hall Clock.** Parish Councillor Stewart Craig is arranging a visit of a horologist to help the Parish Council decide on the best way forward; repair or replace the VH Clock.

**Station Road Bench Reinstatement.** Clerk to write to Mr Grant thanking him for his efforts.

**Village Flooding.** Discussion took place around the flooding that took place in the village on 18th September. Flooding points were; Front Street (either end)/Thorpe Bealey's Lane/Dead Lane/Aike. The recent remedial work that had taken place on Church Lane drainage had prevented flooding of Thorpe/Church Lane.

## October 2023

**Lockington Waste Water Treatment Plant.** (WWTP) Ward Councillor Jeremy Wilcock (JW) reported that he had written to Yorkshire Water but to date had not received a detailed response.

**Flood Report.** JW presented the Flood Report produced by Parish Councillor Andrew How to ERYC committee. ERYC considered it to be a very professional report and were looking into the findings.

**Laurel Vines, Aike:** JW visited the site and fully supports our concerns. He has requested that this planning application goes before the full planning committee. He has also offered to attend this committee acting as our representative.

**Highway flooding on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023.** Detailed discussion took place around Parish Councillor Andrew How's report, and it was agreed that the two pinch points were now at both ends of Front Street (West & East). East End:-The chairman and Clerk had met with Mr Alistair Grant of Rectory Farm who explained the drainage system associated with the Marshes. All the groundwater from the fields above Lockington at the East end of the village collects at the low point adjacent to Rectory View. From here it is routed under the road and across the Marshes into the Beck via an eight-inch pipe. There is also an overspill system (open channel) that runs East to West for approximately 120 yards, then turns 90 degrees towards the Beck running across the Marshes. West End:- The water was sufficiently deep to make the wash from passing vehicles a serious risk to nearby houses. Water enters the Beck from the fields to the West of the village and down Kilnwick Lane. There is little that can be done in the short term to alleviate this water flow. Parish Council should however inform the Environment Agency that a long-term solution needs to be found. For example, the culvert should be "dammed" along the valley with a permanent pipe in its base to allow normal drainage but to hold up any surge of water, such as that occurring on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Lockington Wastewater Treatment Plant.** From Parish Councillor Andrew How's investigation of the information available from Yorkshire Water, it would appear that they have a licence to release untreated sewage together with storm water into the Beck from the CSO (Combined Sewage Outflow) on Chapel Street (3 Discharges in 2021 but none in 2022). Also, there is an SPS (Sewage Pumping Station) described as having an outflow into Bryan Mills Beck and situated opposite the (former) Rockingham Arms that could possibly also have a licence to discharge, but no information is available.

**Lockington Village Green Update.** The Clerk reported that an application had been made to ERYC for a grant to help pay for the creation of an entrance onto the village green. A start date for the construction of the entrance has been agreed: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (this aligns with the criteria for the grant).

**Village Hall Clock Update.** No further progress at this stage. Investigations ongoing.

## November 2023

**Devolution.** The Devolution process/procedures were outlined. Public consultation was extremely important and both the East Riding and Hull would not implement this proposal if either community were not supportive of devolution.

**Lockington Waste Water Treatment Plant Update.** Untreated water discharge directly into Beck. Despite the response to the correspondence from Councillor Andrew How and whilst some feedback addressed the points raised, questions still remain unanswered.

**Flooding Update.** A meeting was held last week between Environment Agency and the Council. A survey was carried out near the school. A member of the public voice concerned that this had not been publicised The East End pipe has been inspected. The ditches are in need of clearance and the Hotham Estate needs to be informed. Clearance of the beck has been started and work was expected to be completed this week. Thorpe Corner is still an issue. West End problems could be exacerbated by agricultural practices. Cutting does not always occur three times a year. There was mention of the Weir, but it was felt this was thought only to cause a marginal difference to the flow of water.

**Village Green Forward Plan.** (a) Feedback from grant application. There have been no responses. When received they will be forward to members. (b) Entrance update. Construction is planned for April 2024. (c) Beck side hedge. Ongoing. (d) Ongoing maintenance. Ongoing! (e) Naming of Green. It was agreed this should involve residents in the village.

**Village Hall Clock Update.** We have been informed that the internal clock mechanism/clock will be removed for inspection.

**Highway Concerns Update.** All items appeared to be in order. Concern was raised about the standard and condition of the passing places in Station Road.

**Speeding in Village.** The East Riding seminar on speeding has suggested a number of general actions. Flashing lights on posts can be hired for £500 a week, with a minimum of 4 been

required at each of the main access points to the village. The council would find it a challenge to fund such a resources. Speed guns are difficult to access. It was decided to make further enquiries. The issue of speeding heavy duty agricultural machinery was noted.

**Defibrillator.** It has been confirmed that BT going digital would have no effect on the Defibrillator.

**Dead Lane Water Leak** (adjacent to Crake House). This problem has been an issue for 12 months. The persistent and heavy rainfall is making pedestrian access very difficult. The Council has written to Yorkshire Water.

### **December 2023**

**Report from Ward Councillor.** Ward Councillor Jeremy Wilcock was present at the meeting and reported back on the following items:- Laurel Vines – despite best attempts, ERYC had approved the planning application. The Ward Councillor suggested keeping a diary of events to ensure that Laurel Vines were acting in accordance with the planning permission granted and the restriction within. Still awaiting response from Yorkshire Water on the WWTP discharge into the Beck. Still awaiting response from Yorkshire Water on the untreated discharge direct into Beck. Devolution:- Hull & East Riding Mayoral Combined Authority. There will be a consultation exercise in 2024, but there will not be a referendum to determine the outcome. The Parish Council thanked the Ward Councillor for his work in supporting the Parish during the year.

**Footbridge across Beck at Carriage Drive** (adjacent to Churchyard). The Clerk reported that the footbridge had been inspected by ERYC, and ERYC confirmed it has moved from its intended location, however the footbridge is deemed safe for use. The ERYC Countryside Access Officer will continue to monitor the situation.

**Station Road Bench.** Parishioner concerns were raised regarding the safety of the positioning of the bench at Station Road. It was agreed that a Risk Assessment of the location of the bench would be carried out.

**Water Leak Dead Lane.** The Clerk reported that Yorkshire Water had investigated and found a leak and had instructed a contractor to carry out a repair.

**Resignation of Parish Councillor Mary Munro-Hill.** The Parish Council was very sorry to hear of the resignation of such a long serving and experienced Parish Councillor (over 50 years). However, the PC fully understands the decision made.

**11 Chapel Street Retrospective Planning Application.** This includes provision of drop kerb and erection of gates. This application was discussed at length, with several parishioners raising concerns about the development of the parking hardstanding. The main discussion points were:- Loss of green space from a conservation area, Water run off with possibility of any petrol or diesel leaks finding their way into the Bryan Mills Beck (very close proximity), resulting in water course pollution, with a subsequent knock on to wildlife and opinions from the houses located on Front Street have not been taken into account. If ERYC chooses to ignore Lockington Parish Council's objections, then we would request there is a drainage scheme that prevents any leaks from entering Bryan Mills Beck, and a restriction on the height of vehicles permitted to park on this site (no commercial vans, camper vans, or caravans). In addition, landscaping must be carried out to minimize the visual impact of this development. The Parish Council decided to reject the planning application, on the grounds listed above.

**Annual 2023 Parish Meeting Summary.** Sadly, Kevin Marshall the recently retired Chairman of the Parish Council, who gave many years of exemplary service to the Parish, passed away in hospital on 21st March. Kevin was born in Lockington and a resident most of his life, an active member of the Parish Council and the wider Lockington community in general. Kevin will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the village as a whole. Again, sadly Pauline Greenwood passed away during the year. Pauline was the Ward Councillor for Beverley Rural and was an active contributor to Parish Council meetings. Pauline will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and Lockington Parish Council. The Parish Council was sad to lose the input of Adrian Crookes who resigned just before the Election. At the May 2023 election Cynthia Hamlin, James Warburton and Graham Chapman did not stand for re-election. Graham has been a longstanding Parish Councillor and the Chairman thanked them all for their service to the community. The Chairman thanked all Parish Councillors for their input and work; as all the work and time given is voluntary a word of thanks for all their endeavours and commitment is appropriate; the same applies to our hard working and efficient Parish Clerk and of course to residents who submitted views and contributed to the discussions on various issues.

## 2024

January 2024

**Parish Councillors:** Stephanie Taylor, John Rowson (Chair), Ian Jowett, Andrew How, Jamie Wheldon, Jeremy Mason, Stewart Craig & Angela Harley. Clerk Mr Gareth Rees.

**Waste Water Treatment Plant.** The Ward Councillor Jeremy Wilcock is pursuing two enquiries with Yorkshire Water on behalf of the Parish Council. 1. Whether the Chapel Street Pumping station discharged any untreated sewage in 2023 during the periods of flooding. 2. What is the nature of the discharge from the outfall from the WWTP into the Bryan Mills Beck at the bridge by Carriage Drive and is there any risk to health to anyone playing in the beck?

**Devolution.** The devolution consultation process is ongoing until the end of February.

**Hornsea 4 Cable Route and Logistics Compound.** Logistics compound will be located at the SW corner of the A164 and Station Road cross-roads. The cable route will cross the A164 South of the cross-roads and will also cross Station Road East of the cross-roads.

**Flooding.** (a) The Clerk reported that ERYC has agreed to lay a new 24-inch pipe under Front Street (East end) to mitigate flooding. This work will commence in April 2024. (b) An on-site meeting is being arranged between Hotham Estates and the PC to discuss the flooding at Thorpe (Millers Paddock).

**Position of Station Road Bench** There was some concern regarding the proximity of the new Bench on Station Road (too close to road). The Clerk was asked to carry out a Risk Assessment (RA) and this had been completed. No further action.

February 2024

**Grass Verge at Thorpe.** The Clerk updated the meeting with the progress and explained that the valuation date had been set, and the Valuer was Leonards of Hull. They will also draw up a plan of the plot in readiness for the Parish Council to register the ground with the Land Registry. No further action at this stage.

**Clock repair.** Clock inspection and possible subsequent repair was ongoing.

**Flooding & Highway Update.** The Clerk explained that ERYC had installed a new pipe at the East end of Front Street. The Parish Council has also had discussions with the tenant of Miller's Paddock, discussing possible solutions to alleviate the flooding of properties on Thorpe. A further meeting is planned with ERYC. No further action at this stage.

**D-Day Celebrations.** There was no update from the VH Committee (VHC) on plans for the Celebrations. Parish Councillor Stephanie Taylor to follow up with VHC to establish dates and details of Celebration plans, and to ask what help the PC could give.

**Position of Bench/Bin on Thorpe at High Bridge.** Clerk asked to follow up with ERYC and see if the bin could be moved away from the bench (Health & Safety issue).

**Duck Race in Bryan Mills Beck.** In principle the PC were happy to support this event, providing all the necessary safety precautions were considered. Another point raised, was the recent discussion on raw sewage discharge into the Beck (at times of severe weather). So, consideration of the weather conditions at the time of the race is critical to ensure protection from any Health & Safety issues.

**Mud on Roads.** Condition of Kilnwick Lane, Holme on the Wolds Road and Bracken Lane. (Mess left on highway from farmers' potato crop activities). Detailed discussions took place around this topic, and the PC felt it was not the fault of the farmers, but the issue lies with the contractors who are working the fields. The Chairman offered to find out contact details of the contractors. Clerk to write to the contractors.

March 2024

**Yorkshire Water Feedback** (Waste Water Treatment Plant) There had been communication from a Cooperative affairs adviser. Not all the data was available. Further clarification was still required about acceptable levels of diluted sewage and the issue of discharge into Bryan Mills Beck.

**Speeding through the Village.** Councillor Jowett offered a No Turning Beyond This Point sign

The police and local MP Graham Stuart had been involved in monitoring road traffic at Lund lay-by including motorcycles and HGVs.

**11 Chapel Street.** Change of use of land to create vehicular access and hardstanding for parking in connection with 11 Chapel Street including provision of drop kerb and erection of gates. It was decided to seek clarification from other bodies including Highways, Conservation and Planning Offices. The application has been subject to lengthy discussion and it was hoped that advice from Third Parties would be of benefit to all concerned.

**Amen Field.** Nigel and Heather Dale had heard from their solicitors regarding the purchase of Amen Field.

They were concerned about the numerous restrictions. They were provided with contact details for the Diocese of York. Further investigations were to be shared at the next meeting.

**Mud on Roads.** The ongoing issue of agricultural contractors leaving the highway in an unsatisfactory condition was discussed. The council can address this issue via Legal Services.

April 2024 No meeting

May 2024

**Laurel Farm Aike.** The above application has been passed by ERYC Planning Authority, however, LPC was not informed. No further action.

**Bracken Lane Verge Damage.** The Ward Councillor reported that the damage to Bracken Lane Verge has been rectified by the local Farmer.

**Yorkshire Water Feedback.** Still awaiting further information.

**Devolution.** The Ward Councillor explained that the Devolution process between Hull and East Riding continues to gain momentum, and both the Leaders of Hull and ERYC have agreed the Mayoral deal. It should be noted however, that for funding purposes there will remain two separate budget streams.

**Dead Lane Pathway** – Stone surface. The Clerk has been assured by ERYC Highways that this work is on their plan and will be scheduled as soon as possible.

**Grass Verge at Thorpe.** Thorpe ground evaluation, subsequent registration, and potential sale. This work continues and the PC along with our Solicitor are drawing up a Heads of Terms document.

**D-Day Celebrations** – (Village Hall). Parish Councillor Stephanie Taylor explained the Village Hall Committee is holding two events to commemorate D-Day. The first being the Big Lunch on Sunday 2nd June, where we will be serving fish and chips (the national dish) to 70 members of the local community. Entertainment by The Vintage Tribute Singer. Secondly, we are holding a 'beacon' lighting event on Thursday 6th June. This comprises of a pub night with pizza and lantern lighting. We will be lighting the Lockington beacon at 9.15pm to coincide with the national event across the country. The National Tribute will be read by members of the community.

**Drainage Pipe.** Concerns over new pipe installed beneath Front Street (East end). Parish Councillor Jamie Wheldon had some concerns that there was no grid on the entrance to the pipe running under the road, and that this could lead to blockages. Clerk asked to write to ERYC Highways requesting the installation of grid to mitigate blockages of the pipework.

**Amen Field** Kilnwick Lane. Negotiations are ongoing, however, there remain some legal hurdles that must be overcome prior to exchange of land.

June 2024

**Speeding through Village.** The PC discussed this in detail and two actions arose; 1. Ask the Community Police Officer (PCO) to attend one of our meetings as soon as possible. 2. Post meeting with the PCO, purchase 4 speed awareness signs and place at prominent places on entry into the village.

**Amen Field update.** Discussions ongoing with regard to sale of the field.

**Village Green update** Forward plan and signage. A detailed discussion took place around the Village Green, and discussion turned to what are the next steps. When the access was complete the PC had promised to hold another open meeting, so we are aiming for this meeting to take place in 2024. Parish Councillor Jamie Wheldon suggested the PC place some 'Please Keep Out' signs on the gates, until the Green is developed, agreed by all. Parish Councillor John Rowson suggested that the PC arrange a cut of Hay from the Green. This was agreed by all.

**Waste Water Treatment Plant.** The Clerk explained that Yorkshire Water (YW) were not very forthcoming with the information being requested. The questions being asked were very simple; 1. Has the Chapel Street Pumping Station discharged any untreated sewage in 2023 during the periods of flooding? A simple number could have been the answer. Instead, we were given a link to a web site containing a raft of information. After much searching, eventually, we believe the answer to be, 9 occasions. 2. What is the nature of the discharge from the outfall from the WWTP into the Bryan Mills Beck at the bridge by Carriage Drive, and is there any risk to health to anyone playing in the beck? The answer to this question was; The Chapel Street CSO does have a permit to discharge this heavily diluted sewage. Not the question that was asked. After much discussion it was felt that we need to push YW to get the

answers we require. To this end Parish Councillor Angela Harley suggest we go down the Freedom of Information (Fol) route.

**Village Hall Funding Request for D Day Celebrations.** Parish Councillor Ian Jowett proposed the PC donate £150 to the Village Hall Committee (VHC), towards the cost of D Day celebrations. This was seconded by Parish Councillor John Rowson.

July 2024

**Dogger Bank 'D' Wind Farm.** Community Engagement Manager for Dogger Bank D gave a presentation on this project. • The first phases of Dogger Bank Wind Farm are known as Dogger Bank A, B and C. Once fully operational in early 2027, Dogger Bank A, B and C will be able to generate enough renewable energy annually to power the equivalent of 6 million UK homes. • Dogger Bank A is operational, and Dogger Bank B and C are in construction. • Dogger Bank 'D' is a proposed fourth stage of the Dogger Bank Wind Farm. If consented, Dogger Bank D will make the Dogger Bank Wind farm even larger (already the largest offshore wind farm in the world). • Dogger Bank D has the potential to generate up to around 2GW of renewable electricity by harnessing the power of offshore wind. • The scoping report (June 2024) details proposals for the wind farm to make landfall in the vicinity of Skipsea, and cable corridors across the East Riding to connect to Birkhill Wood, a proposed new 400kV substation (located South of Beverley). • All cables will be routed underground. • Cable route will not run through domestic properties. • Non statutory public consultation will commence in Autumn 2024. • Review non statutory public consultation winter 2024 (a feedback report will be published summarising the findings of the consultation). • Statutory consultation will commence no earlier than early summer 2025. • If consented, construction could commence towards the end of this decade. • At this stage all timescales are indicative.

**Thorpe land sale (1810 Cottage).** The Clerk explained what the next steps would be; Step 1 – The applicant would initiate the 'Stopping Up' process. Step 2 – When the Stopping Up' process is complete, the PC would register the land with the LR. Step 3 – When land registered, sell the land to the owner of 1810 (Legal process). Resolved: The process of land transfer to move to the next step.

**Village Green Update.** Open Meeting – it was agreed to hold an Open Meeting in the Village Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 15th October. An article will be placed in the September edition of the Gazette to give further context for the meeting. Boundary hedges – The Clerk explained that there was further work to do to comply with the planning application, namely the cutting back of the hedge on Thorpe to 1.05 metres above the level of the adjoining carriageway within the defined splay areas (to be confirmed with ERYC Highways). The hedge along the Beck side of the Green would be left for now, until we have confirmed a detailed plan for Green. Parish Councillor John Rowson had an action to resolve the cutting of the Green. This action had been completed and had agreed in principle the Green would be cut towards the end of the summer at a cost of £60. The hedge at Thorpe side of the Green was also discussed, Parish Councillor John Rowson reported that this also could be cut at a cost of £60. Resolved: The Green to be cut later in the year.

**Aike Bridleway.** There is a track in Aike which runs from Chapel Lane to the River Hull. Residents in Aike are not sure what the correct designation of this track is, for example, is it a Bridleway? This track is currently causing problems for local resident with cars driving down at speed and generating a lot of dust. Clerk asked to confirm track designation with ERYC.

**Lockington 20mph speed limit trial.** This was discussed, and the actual idea thought to be a positive move to reduce speeding in the Village. However, the associated costs with this work were a concern. Clerk asked to confirm scope, timing and costs with ERYC.

August 2024 No meeting

September 2024

**Humberside Police (Beverley)** PC 0823 Jason Scotter attended the meeting to hear residents' concerns. Speeding through the village was discussed at length and PC Scotter was willing to carry out some random speed checks. Also discussed; cars scrambling at the chipping store on Bracken Lane, again PC Scotter was willing to investigate this. He also suggested people sign up to 'My Community Alert', an excellent way to find out exactly what Police matters are happening in your local area (see link:- <https://www.mycommunityalert.co.uk>)

**Open Meeting for the Village Green** will take place on Tuesday 15th October 2024 @ 7pm. All the boundary hedges require cutting, including the trees/hedge running along the Green/Beck border. In addition, the field itself needs cutting and all the cut grass removed from the site.



**Wind Farms** – Hornsea 4/Dogger Bank 'D'/Dogger Bank South Discussion took place around how visible these infrastructure projects were to the Village, and how the village would be affected by the project work.

**Pumping Station Chapel Street.** The Clerk was asked to write to Yorkshire Water to complain about the condition of the pumping station.

**Methodist Chapel, Chapel Street.** The railings that had been erected on the Methodist Chapel, were not as described in the planning document. These railings have since been approved by ERYC. Clerk was asked to write to the Conservation Officer at ERYC to ask why the railings that had been erected have been approved by ERYC Planning.

**Chapel Street.** Change of use of land to create vehicular access and hardstanding for parking in connection with 11 Chapel Street including provision of drop kerb and erection of gates (Retrospective Application) – ERYC has resolved to grant planning permission.

**Village Green Open Meeting.** Tuesday 15th October at 7pm. There were twenty-two Parishioners present at the meeting. The Clerk, Mr Gareth Rees, was also present at the meeting. Village Green Questionnaire (2020). The Chairman explained that the village green questionnaire was sent out in 2020, and the Parish Council wanted to ensure that this is still valid today. The outcome of this discussion was yes, in general the results of the questionnaire were relevant. There were two exceptions discussed; a) The number of the children in the village had increased since 2020, therefore some consideration should be given to providing a play area/small park for children. It was agreed that this was the case, and this provision should be considered in phase 2 of the green development (assuming funds available). b) The number of dogs in the village had also increased. In the questionnaire results a relatively small number of people said, "no dogs/no roaming free". However, it was felt that with the increase in number of dogs in the village and the green being a meeting place for villagers, this rule would preclude many people from using the green. Therefore, a compromise was discussed and agreed, dogs allowed on leads and owners must clean up any dog waste.

**Short Term Plan.** The Chairman explained that the entrance into the green had now been completed, and the green has had its first cut and is now looking a lot better. The next action is to cut the hedge along Thorpe in line with the requirements from ERYC Planning & Highways (1.05 metres above the level of the adjoining carriageway). When this is complete the hedge Beck side of the green will be cut back to approximately 1.25 to 1.5m (variable, apart from specimen trees). The draft sketch was discussed in detail and was seen as a good indicative plan for phase 1 of the green. Obviously, funds must be available before this work can be carried out. Phase 2 of the green was not discussed in detail at this point.

**Workflow Process** The Clerk explained the process in detail; a draft risk assessment had been developed to ensure anyone entering the green (public/contractor/volunteer) was exposed to the absolute minimum level of risk. The Parish Councillors are now in the process of reviewing the risk assessment, and the plan is to edit as necessary and subsequently approve at the October meeting. When the risk assessment is approved, all agreed controls identified will be put in place. As and when funds allow, the green will be developed as per sketch (phase 1).

**Tapping into resident expertise and that of outside bodies.** The Chairman explained that this is something the PC will be looking for as time moves on with this project.

**Tree types, wildflowers and bulbs etc.** This was briefly discussed, but it was felt that this is something that the Steering Group should discuss and agree upon at a future date. When planting trees consider how big they will grow in 20 years! It was felt that a minimum number of trees should be planted. Wildflower/wild grass area was seen as a good idea.

**Volunteers.** The PC is eager for help from volunteers, especially as we move into phase 1 of the project. There was little or no interest in the meeting, but the PC still feel that there will be welcomed help in the future.

**Involvement of the School & Gardening Group.** This was briefly discussed, but no decisions were made at this point.

**Maintenance – ongoing and annual maintenance.** The Chairman explained that there would be a maintenance contract established to ensure the green is well maintained (small green landscape), but there would also be room for volunteers to assist. When robust fencing is established, consider sheep to control vegetation over the next few months.

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**Dogger Bank 'D' (DBD) Project presentation** by Ms Rachel Palmer.

Some key facts from the presentation:- Non-Statutory consultation 10<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024. Companies involved with DBD are SSE Renewables and Equinor. Current cable route runs south of Lockington and Aike, however it touches the edges of Aike. One of the aims of the project is to try and avoid any domestic properties. Both Lockington and Aike

will be affected by construction traffic on the A-164. No construction traffic through the villages of Lockington & Aike. There will be 113 offshore wind turbines and 2 offshore platforms. Summer 2026 – detail of preferred cable route. Community benefit fund available during construction.

**Village Green.** The open meeting was well attended and there were no major issues identified.

The boundary hedges of the green were discussed in detail. The hedge along Thorpe must be cut down to a height of 1.05m metres above the highway level (this is an ERYC Planning/Highways stipulation).

Signage (Perspex sign): Dogs on leads, any dog mess to be cleaned up immediately. Young children to be accompanied by an adult. Although every precaution has been taken to minimize risks to users, residents are reminded that this area is natural terrain. Use it at your own risk and please ensure your own safety. Please report any issues relating to safety in writing to the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council.

**PC Asset Review/Risk Assessment.** The asset review was discussed, and the following was agreed:- Rub down and paint five benches and replace the bench outside the VH on Front Street as per asset audit. Rub down and paint two redundant water pumps as per asset audit. Rub down and paint three litter bins as per asset audit. Replace Aike notice board.

**Bench on Front Street.** The Parish Council had received a request from a Parishioner to relocate the bench outside the village hall on Front Street. After some discussion, due to the cost of relocation (new concrete base), Parish Councillor John Rowson proposed that the bench remains in its current position. This was seconded by Parish Councillor Ian Jowett. A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Resolved: Bench to remain in its current location.

**Speeding through village** - PC Jason Scotter Feedback.

The pro laser speed enforcement camera has been sent for calibration and will be away for 3 weeks. On return, speed checks will be carried out as previously agreed.

**ERYC Highways** – Outstanding Issues (Highways Spreadsheet Revision 1.18).

The Clerk had received feedback from ERYC Highways, that the outstanding highways issues itemised on the above spreadsheet were unlikely to be completed (except for one item, Dead Lane scalplings)

Reason: the financial landscape at ERYC has changed considerably, they are currently operating under what are effectively austerity guidelines. Therefore, any works that are undertaken must be to address an inherent safety defect. One item that the PC felt required addressing was the installation of a grid on the new pipe east end of Front Street. This would prevent further blocking of the pipeline under the road.

**Solar Farm.** The Parish Council was made aware that a 2500 – 3000 acre Solar Farm (Orsted) is in the early stages of investigation. The location for this proposed project is on east side of the A164 Aike/Lockington crossroads. The Clerk contacted Orsted and was told that it is too early to give any details, but we will be in touch as soon as we can with information.

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**Village Green access** (Chicane Barrier). There has been a lot of negative debate by members of the public regarding the position of the village green entrance, despite the exact location of the access being dictated by ERYC Planning & Highway authorities. The Clerk had put forward a resolution to the PC to improve the safety egress from the Green onto Thorpe, this was to install a chicane barrier. The PC debated this and decided that this was not required at this time, as the PC had complied with the requirements of ERYC Planning & Highways.

**AMEN Field update.** As far as the PC is concerned the sale of Amen field was ongoing.

**Aike Orsted Solar Farm (Proposed).** As discussed in the last meeting, there is a proposal to construct a 2500–3000-acre Solar Farm (SF) on the east side of the A164 Aike/Lockington crossroads. The Parish Council understand that the SF boundary would start on the east side of the A164 would stretch east to the railway line and possibly beyond. The PC have

contacted Pier, a company representing Orsted and they have confirmed “the area does look to be where Orsted is undertaking investigations but at this stage I can’t confirm any acreage”. To date, there is nothing in the public domain regarding this project, so definitive information is not easy to obtain. The PC is also in touch with Beswick PC, as well as the Ward Councillor Jeremy Wilcock. We have been made aware that the landowners of the proposed SF are in discussion with tenant farmers regarding this project. The PC is closely monitoring the situation and will give further feedback when available.

**Bench on Front Street outside Village Hall.** An update on this bench – a local resident has volunteered to move and relocate the concrete plinth and bench at his own cost. The proposal is to position the bench at a 45-degree angle to the beck facing west. Providing people neighbouring the bench do not have any objections; it was proposed that the PC accept this offer.

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**Village Green Update (VG).** The VG sub-committee had met and put together a proposed plan for the green development. The green was split into ten different areas to help with the detail planning. The following actions were agreed; • Parish Councillor John Rowson volunteered to produce a photographic record of green development. • Parish Councillor Stephanie Taylor volunteered to obtain Drone footage of the Green. • Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason volunteered to transpose the sketched plan above onto a scaled ordnance survey map. Also, if possible, obtain a large-scale ordnance survey map of village for us to use with the Humber Forest. • Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason volunteered to contact Lockington Primary School to investigate what part the school would like to play with green development. • Parish Councillors Jamie Wheldon and Jeremy Mason volunteered to develop a quarterly village green update for the Gazette. • Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason to volunteered develop a ‘traffic light’ planning tool for the Green. • Area A: 3 Fruit trees apple/pear/medlar. • Area B: 1 Oak or Larch Tree. • Area C: 1 Tulip tree or another specimen. • Area D & E: To be planted with Willows or Alder along boundary hedge of the Beck. • Area F: 5 x Silver Birch trees. • Area G: To be included in the ‘Open Space’ • Area H: To be partially infilled with topsoil to provide a more level and dryer area. • Area I & J: Investigate the cost and availability for three feature trees min 6’ to 10’ height for planting before April. To provide immediate visual impact (Copper Beech/ Lime/ Oak/ Larch) - Parish Councillor Stephanie Taylor. • Hedgerow along north side: Small Hazels and existing trees - (black poplar, sweet chestnut, holy, hawthorn or hazel for example). • Sponsorship of Trees: Ask for donations of individual trees with match funding from the LPC • Mrs. Linda Marshall be asked to formally plant the first tree(s), as a mark of respect for the work her husband, Mr Kevin Marshall had undertaken to secure and plan the village green. • Detailed appraisal of the cost and need of Wheelchair option for the path to wait until the area has been walked for a year and the position of the path/ access etc confirmed. • Benches: Agreed one bench to be installed in this financial year. Availability and cost of Resin and wooden bench options to be investigated. • Lockington and Aike Village Improvement Group (LAVIG) tasks to include clearing hedge and trees on north hedge and the area around the ditch at the east end. Date and detailed work plan to be agreed. • Parish Councillor Ian Jowett has kindly volunteered to undertake mowing of agreed areas of the green. In future, we are hopeful of being able to find volunteers to trim around any newly planted trees. • Trees would be planted with sufficient space to allow for grass management by tractors. • Further details of grass management/ bulbs etc to be addressed in the future. • Raised manhole on the green:- Clerk was asked to contact YW with the aim of reducing the level of the manhole.

**Humber Forest.** In our January 2025 meeting Ms. Isabel Chalmers from Humber Forest will give a presentation on the work the association carries out. PC members agreed to gain as much advice as possible from HF with reference to support for tree planting on VG and hedgerows surrounding the village. **Solar Farm Update.** A joint meeting of Beswick and Lockington Parish Council has been arranged for January 8, 2025.

**Yorkshire Water.** Parish Councillor Andrew How informed the PC that it was now possible to track the discharges from the Combined Sewage Outflow (Chapel Street and Front Street) and the Waste Water Plant in real time.

**Amen Field.** The sale of Amen field is ongoing.

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**Humber Forest.** Presentation by Ms Isabel Chalmers and Ms Hayley Little. It was a fascinating and enlightening presentation. An on-site meeting is arranged for next week. The HF presentation will be available on the PC website.

#### **Village Green**

- a) General update: The development of green is progressing well. The Parish Council and LAVIG are giving their time and effort to continually improve the green.
- b) Planting – Tree Purchase – on hold, depending on the meeting with HF next week. Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason had developed a detailed plan for tree planting, but no resolution was made.
- c) Bench purchase for Village Green
- d) Path surface – as previously decided, close mown grass for the medium term.
- e) Forward Plan – as detailed above.

**Solar Farm.** Orsted, the company behind the Kingfisher solar farm from Aike to Hutton Cranswick has now announced a Non-Statutory Consultation. The PC believes the solar farm will cover an area of approximately 2250 acres (to be confirmed by Orsted), affecting four tenant farmers' livelihoods.

**Minster Way Surface.** Parish Councillor Jamie Wheldon kindly arranged for Minster Way to be resurfaced with woodchip. The Parish Council wants to thank Mr Andrew Smith of 'The Whole Shebang', who has done an excellent job. The Clerk also received comments from parishioners on how much the pathway has improved due to the resurfacing with woodchip.

#### **Highway Issues**

Highway Flooding @Dead Lane and Thorpe

Potholes Station Road passing place/Aike Road/Thorpe @ Bealeys Lane

Station Road Drains. Request drains to be painted to prevent accident

The Chairman, Parish Councillor John Rowson, reported highway flooding issues at Dead Land and Thorpe.

#### **February 2025**

**Kingfisher Solar project** was discussed in detail. The Ward Councillor explained that the organisation East Riding Against Solar Expansion (ERASE) is up and running. The Ward Councillor has meetings with the Mayoral Candidate and ERYC Rural Partnership next month and will raise the issue of the Kingfisher Solar project. There is an online petition for the Kingfisher Solar project. The Ward Councillor and Chairman encouraged all PC members to sign it.

**1810 land sale update.** The Clerk explained that the 'Stopping Up' process is ongoing, and ERYC will formally apply to the Courts in March.

**Highways issues** and feedback in general. The Clerk received feedback from ERYC Highways, but limited work was completed due to financial constraints within ERYC. At this time, only potholes will be repaired. b) Dead Lane drainage. This issue was discussed at length, and ERYC has not progressed. The Clerk was asked to arrange an on-site meeting with the highways engineer and the environmental agency.

**Village Green** a) Humber Forest feedback/Planting plan. Humber Forest has not yet provided feedback. b) Bench options. The Clerk had previously distributed some options for debate. Parish Councillors Ian Jowett and John Rowson volunteered to do some further research, allowing the PC additional options. All Bench information will be distributed to the PC as a pre-read for the March meeting. The decision on which bench type to purchase will be made at that meeting. It was decided that the benches would be sited on a concrete slab. The clerk asked for estimates for two/three concrete slabs from local builders. c) Fence repair (east side of green). The fence replacement on the east side of the green has now been completed. The PC thanked Mr Alistair Grant for his hard work.

**PC Vacancy** a) By-election requirement. The Clerk explained that he had received notification from ERYC Electoral Services that no by-election had been called, and the PCs were now free to co-opt. This was debated, and Mr Alistair Grant was asked if he would fill this vacancy. He accepted.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy-** Parish Councillor Angela Harley has resigned, leaving a vacancy on the Council. The Clerk has contacted ERYC Electoral Services, and the vacancy has been advertised as required by legislation.

**ERYC Bus Shelter offer** This item was discussed, the outcome being to apply to ERYC for an additional bus shelter on the west side of the A-164. This would then allow consideration for removing the current wooden bus shelter.

## **March 2025**

**1810 land sale update.** The Clerk explained that the 'Stopping Up' process is now complete. The Parish Council had received a copy of the Court Order, which has now been completed and dated 5 March 2025. In addition, ERYC has updated the highway map, indicating the current extent of the public highway outside 1810 Cottages (the PC has a copy of the updated map). **Village Green (VG)** The Chairman thanked Parish Councillor Ian Jowett for donating bulbs, which have been planted on the VG. a) Humber Forest (HF) has planted 13 trees on the village green at no cost to the Parish. Over the next three years, HF will visit the Green 14 times yearly to check the trees' progress and water them as necessary. The Parish Council is very grateful to HF and has asked the clerk to write a letter of thanks. b) Three different benches were presented to the PC, one being eliminated upfront. Therefore, the PC had a choice of two benches; Option 1 – PlastEco Wood Heavy Duty Back Bench - £385 ex VAT Option 2 – Glasdon Phoenix Bench with Armrests - £645 ex VAT. The clerk was asked to purchase three PlastEco Wood Heavy Duty Back Benches.

**Request for a Bench at Aike** Parish Councillor Ian Jowett proposed that the PC purchase a new bench for Aike. This was discussed, and Parish Councillor John Rowson seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried unanimously. The clerk was asked to purchase one PlastEco Wood Heavy Duty Back Benches.

**Defibrillator Training** Village Hall (17th July 2025). A resident of Lockington, Jonathan Stanley, has approached the Parish Council, kindly offering his time and expertise to familiarise residents with CPR and the use of the Defibrillator. Jon is a volunteer Community First Responder for the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. The Parish Council is very grateful for this offer and feels this is an essential opportunity for the village to get involved with potentially life-saving familiarisation. **Dead Lane site meeting feedback.** ERYC highways have agreed to replace the existing soakaways on Dead Lane and pipe the drainage directly into the Beck.

**Parish Council Vacancy,** co-opt By-election requirement - The Clerk explained that he had received notification from ERYC Electoral Services that no by-election had been called, and the PC was now free to co-opt. Mrs Amanda Jordan had put her name forward. Amanda lives in Aike and has a background in farming. Amanda was asked if she would fill this vacancy, and she accepted.

**Kingfisher Solar Farm** (Dogger Bank 'D' Solar Farm) The Parish Council has officially objected to the planned solar farm; we are also lobbying the Ward Councillor to ensure our voice is heard. 95.9 Minute process update. The proposed cable route for this project will be close to the hamlet of Aike. The presently proposed route will avoid all houses. Residents are concerned about how this project will affect their lives, homes, agriculture, and livestock. Further details of up to four ancillary site access roads will be available soon.

## **May 2025**

**Dog Fouling** is on the increase in the village, particularly in Dead Lane, Front Street, Church Lane and Aike. It was agreed to erect signs in the relevant places to remind people of the Countryside Code. Aike Notice Board replacement – design and budget. It was agreed that the Aike notice board required replacement. The PC set aside a budget of up to £500 to replace the notice board.

**Village Green** – Planting of Wildflower Grass seed. It was agreed to plant the Wildflower seed on the RHS of the entrance to the green, where the new soil has been laid. The plan is to sow the seed in mid-May.

**VE 80** The Village Hall Committee thanked the Parish Council for their assistance in obtaining a grant from ERYC for the VE 80 Day Celebrations (£ 448.96). The event raised an additional £150, which was donated to Help for Heroes.

## **June 2025**

**Memorial Bench:- Kevin Marshall.** Linda Marshall has very kindly donated a memorial bench to be placed on the village green. A brass plaque will be fitted to this bench in memory of Kevin Marshall. When the benches are in place, it is planned to hold a Village Green opening day (we should receive the benches by the end of June). The proposal is to hold this on Saturday, August 23, 2025, in conjunction with the village pub night. Clerk to circulate the draft wording of the memorial plaque for comment.

**Road Markings at village entrance.** The road markings at the entrances to the Village require repainting. Clerk to request this from ERYC Highways.

**Dog Fouling update.** Signs have been purchased. Parish Councillor Alistair Grant volunteered to erect the signs.

## **July 2025**

**Dogger Bank 'D' (DBD) Cable Route & Access Roads.** Parish Councillor Ian Jowett gave a detailed presentation on the DBD on-shore cable corridor. Corridor Section B, which is part of the route that affects our Parish, routing east-west along the south side of Aike. The cable corridor and access roads will have a significant impact on the village of Aike. From here, the cable route runs parallel with Station Road, crossing the railway line south of Scarborough Ings. The corridor continues to run east-west along the north side of Scarborough, over the A164, towards Lockington. It then turns south, crossing Bealey's Beck, Bealey's Plantation (down Bealey's Lane), heading towards Raventhorpe and out of our Parish. These works will have a significant impact on Bealey's Beck and Bealey's Plantation, a local beauty spot. The Statutory Consultation period is from 10th June to 5th August, closing on 5th August. The PC will provide collective feedback; however, the Chairman encouraged individual input from residents to be directed to DBD. All documents that form part of the statutory consultation can be viewed on DBD website at [www.doggerbankd.com](http://www.doggerbankd.com).

**Village Green Benches.** The positioning of the benches was discussed in detail. Parish Councillor Ian Jowett proposed that the four benches purchased will now be sited on the green. Parish Councillor Stewart Craig seconded the proposal. The PC will purchase an additional bench for Aike. A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason proposed that some of the benches be grouped to encourage a more social environment. Parish Councillor Jamie Wheldon seconded this proposal. It was resolved not to group the benches at this stage. The PC is very grateful to Parish Councillor Stewart Craig, who has secured a £350 donation towards the cost of the benches from his employer, Gassco.

**Village Green Open Day.** There will be an opening ceremony for the Village Green on Saturday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m. Celebratory drinks will be available on the Green. The PC wants to encourage residents of Lockington and Aike to come along and enjoy the Green. Followed by a Pub Night at the Village Hall commencing at 7:30 pm.

**Millennium Copse – Land Registration.** Parish Councillor Jamie Wheldon had contacted the PC Solicitor and explained the situation that land registration for the Millennium Copse had not been undertaken. Due to the size and position of the Copse, the Solicitor's advice was that no action was required. Parish Councillor Jamie Wheldon proposed that we accept the solicitor's advice. Parish Councillor Stewart Craig seconded this. A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

**Aike Notice Board.** Parish Councillor Ian Jowett and Amanda Jordan had done some research regarding the replacement of the Aike notice board. Their choice was a post-mounted, Outdoor, Lockable Noticeboard with a Magnetic Whiteboard and Aluminium Frame. The cost of this notice board is £805 including VAT. Parish Councillor Ian Jowett proposed that we purchase this noticeboard. Parish Councillor Alistair Grant seconded this. A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Clerk to order a new notice board.

**Hard Surface Path for Village Green.** The Clerk explained the current situation regarding the path around the green, namely that we had previously agreed on a close-mown path in the short term. In parallel, the PC asked Chairman Parish Councillor John Rowson to research a man-made hard surface path and the associated costs of delivering it. The Chairman, Parish Councillor John Rowson, proposed that we move ahead with a man-made path. This was discussed in detail, and the feeling was that the green would evolve; we should revisit this at a future date. The proposal was not seconded.

## **September 2025**

**Speeding Traffic** outside schools has been raised again. To reduce speeding in the village applications to Highways Department for dragons' teeth road painting could be located at all major entry points to the village and outside the school.

**Bus Shelter Removal/Replacement.** The Parish Council has been informed that the replacement is imminent but there is no bicycle storage facility. This led to discussion about the existing wooden shelter.

**Thorpe hedge removal – fence & replant – forward plan.** It was agreed that the hedge needed replacing. Planning would need to be considered. Appropriate hedging materials would need to be used. Henleys Nursery might be able to offer advice.

**Consideration for children's play area – forward plan.** It was agreed that the choice and siting of any play equipment would need very careful consideration.

**Bench on Kilnwick Lane.** Due and sensitive discussion considered the location of commemorative plaques on Parish Council property. A letter to the family members who have placed a plaque on the

bench will clarify the situation. This discussion did consider possible alternatives to the siting of memorial plaques.

**Litter Bin for Village Green** It was agreed that a Litter Bin should be provided, and quotes should be acquired. It was noted that volunteers would be required remove the litter. Flagpole on Village Green – Donation offer. The Parish Council are grateful for offer but felt there may be more appropriate sites elsewhere in the village

**Amen Field Update** The purchase of Amen Field was going ahead. There had been a delay in the process which had occurred with vendor's solicitors.

**Village Green Tree (Beck bank).** It was agreed that the dead section of the tree be removed approval to be granted from the Council.

## **October 2025**

**Subsidence on Aike Road.** Parish Councillor Amanda Jordan raised concerns about subsidence on Aike Road at the Wilfholme turn. This is causing cars to bottom out, which could result in a serious accident.

**Egg production unit.** The Parish Council is aware of a major pre-application planning enquiry submitted to ERYC planning for a 32000-chicken unit intended for egg production. However, it was felt that until a detailed planning application has been made, the Parish Council do not possess all the facts. There are potentially implications for Lockington if this development were to proceed, so the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation closely. There were many aspects to this potential development discussed, but three main concerns were raised;

1. Air pollution (Ammonia/Particulates) – the prevailing wind is towards Lockington and Aike.
2. Water pollution - plant effluent poses a potential risk of contamination to Bryan Mills Beck.
3. Substantial HGV Traffic – very large vehicles on narrow lanes, final route yet to be determined.

**Parish Councillor Resignation.** Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason's resignation - This was discussed in detail, and the reasons for Jeremy's resignation were understood. The PC was very grateful for Jeremy's work, input, and guidance. Although they were sorry to see him go, they respected his decision to resign from the PC.

## **November 2025**

### **Egg Farm Meeting at Kilnwick.**

The Ward Councillor reported back to the meeting that there were three main issues raised:

- e) Access to the unit.
- f) Environmental concerns (Air pollution and water pollution).
- g) Animal Welfare

No formal planning application has been made to date.

**Village Green Hardstanding** (Tarmac for disabled people to access the seating area within the Green) – The Clerk previously explained that ERYC Planning had requested significantly more detail on the planning application. The Ward Councillor had made representations to ERYC Planning to help simplify the process. He was told that the Validation Team had requested the correct level of detail.

### **Village Green Hardstanding/Hedge/Fence**



The Clerk fed back the ERYC Planning response to the meeting. The following additional information is now required;

Flood Risk Assessment

Biodiversity Net Gain – Exemption Claim

Design code compliance checklist.

Heritage Statement

Scaled elevation drawings of the planned fence/hedge.

To meet this criterion, the PC would need to engage a professional surveyor at £2,200. This was discussed extensively, and the Clerk clarified that this cost could be included in the one-off payment section of the 26-27 budget.

Following the discussion, Parish Councillor Andrew How suggested that we move forward with the planning application for the hard-standing/hedge modification and engage the professional services of Mr Derek Wright to gather the required information.

A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

**Bus Shelter Removal/Replacement.** The ERYC grant application has been successful. Work continues in the background to plan and undertake the work.

Forward Plan – 1. Lay a concrete base for the bus shelter. 2. Erect a bus shelter on the A164 opposite the existing one on the southern route. 3. Demolish the wooden bus shelter on Station Road.

**Potential Free Range Egg Farm Bracken Lane Lund.** A small delegation of PC visited an Egg Farm unit in Routh. Until the planning application is made, the exact design of the proposed egg unit at Lund is not known and therefore remains a concern.

The three main concerns that residents have raised;

1 Access to the unit – not applicable to the visit (different location).

2. Environmental concerns (Air pollution and water pollution).

Air pollution – exhaust vents from the Routh unit were at a low level and filtered.

Water Pollution – water runoff at the Routh unit is directed over a controlled concrete apron, then collected in a sump before being removed from the site.

Chicken manure – its disposal requires careful planning and management to minimise air pollution. This will need a thorough review when the full planning application is submitted.

3. Animal Welfare – This is a free-range egg unit. There are concerns about avian flu, and all birds need to be kept away from ponds and woods to minimise the risk.

The overall impression from the visit was that, if the egg unit at Lund is similar to or an improved version of the Routh design and is managed daily according to the design intent, there will be minimal environmental impact. This would need to be continuously closely monitored by the authorities to ensure compliance. An outstanding issue is the access route to the egg unit and its proximity to residential properties.

**Reduction of speed limit at Church Lane.** The PC received correspondence from a Parishioner living on Church Lane stating that cars were travelling down the road at unacceptable speeds. The PC believed this warranted investigation with ERYC and proposed requesting a 20-mph limit.

Further debate ensued over speeding and speed limits in Lockington and Aike. Further speed reductions should be requested on the following roads;  
Front Street at Lockington Primary School – 20 mph  
Chapel Street – 20 mph  
Aike – Village boundary – 20 mph

## **December 2025**

**Village Green Hardstanding/Hedge/Fence.** The scaled drawings have been submitted to ERYC. The Ecologist and Drainage Engineer are preparing the Bio-Net Gain and Flood Risk Assessments. In addition, the Heritage Statement is also being developed.

**1810 Land Sale.** The land sale is complete, and the Parish Council have received the funds. The transfer to the buyer contains covenants which bind the buyer and which will bind future owners of 1810. They concern the use of the transferred land.

**Bus Shelter Removal/Replacement.** The Clerk fed back to the meeting that he is still awaiting final approval from ERYC Highways.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy – Co-option.** The Chairman, Parish Councillor, explained that Mrs Helen Miller has been co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**Shrubs & Hedge on Village Green.** Parish Councillor Ian Jowett discussed his draft plan for planting on the Green. The plan was to create 11 planting groups around the Green, with new trees and shrubs, thereby adding more interest and a variety of shrubs and colours throughout the year, also attracting more wildlife to the Green. The PC were happy with the proposal in principle but felt that more detail and a planting plan were required. The general feeling was that this may be too much to maintain going forward, and that a reduced list may be the way to go. Parish Councillor Stewart Craig felt that, until we have an agreed long-term plan for the green, such discussions would always be difficult. This was agreed. Clerk to ensure the long-term plan is on the January 26 agenda.

**Village Flooding – Bealeys Lane, Millers Paddock, Dead Lane & Aike.** Further highway flooding was reported in the parish over the past few weeks. The key areas were Bealeys Lane, Millers Paddock, Dead Lane and Aike. The PC felt that trying to get ERYC Highways to consider and address all these areas at once would be almost impossible; therefore, we should concentrate on one area at a time. After some debate, it was felt that the most significant safety concern was the corner on Thorpe adjacent to Church Lane (Millers Paddock). Run-off water from Millers Paddock flows onto Thorpe, and the soakaway is insufficient to remove it from the road. The Clerk was asked to arrange an on-site visit with ERYC Highways.

**Village Flood Warden (VFW)** Parish Councillor Andrew How reported that the VF register was up to date. Discussion took place regarding a VFW for Aike; Parish Councillor Ian Jowett volunteered.

**Egg Farm at Lund.** The Chairman, Parish Councillor John Rowson, had received information from Lund residents attending the Lund PC meeting about concerns that Lockington PC had changed its position on the potential development of the Egg Farm at Lund. The Chairman explained that this is not the case, as Lockington PC has no position on the Egg Farm because no planning application has been made and therefore no position can be taken. The comments in the November minutes were merely an overall impression of a visit to an existing egg farm, and not a corporate decision by LPC regarding the potential egg farm at Lund. Egg Farm – Lockington residents have heard rumours of a potential further egg farm development at Lockington Grange Farm. The PC has not received any formal communication on this, but will closely monitor any planning applications.

## **End of minutes for 2025**

