

LUDDINGTON & HALDENBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2025 at 7pm at the Luddington & Garthorpe Primary School.

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), Cllr S Walker, Cllr C Patten & Cllr C Holloway.

2506/01 To note apologies for absence and resignations.

Apologies received from Cllr A Hewitt & Ward Cllrs J Reed & I Bint.

2506/02 Public Participation.

Present: K. Treanor, C. Treanor, R. Pullan, C. Smith & K. Webster.

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow each resident 5 minutes to present their concerns about the trees on the Square. A ballot had been held with Option 1 Do not remove the trees; Option 2 Remove 2 to 4 trees or Option 3 Remove all trees. Mrs Treanor is an advocate for the trees, she is invested in nature. Removal of the trees would be detrimental to the environment, Sycamores are the unsung hero, supporting habitat & nature's food chain, also carbon capture & water table support. The Beech trees enhance air quality with the Pigmy moth only feeding on Beech trees. She supports others concerns & hopes for a fair, evidence-based outcome. Mr Smith's concerns were the reduced light, leaves clearance & telephone wires. Mrs Webster highlighted the tree directly outside her house, light must be on upstairs, phone line, unable to have a satellite dish & an overhanging branch. Mrs Pullan was spokesperson of several residents listing the trees were too high & wide, not properly maintained, leaves blow inside house, gutter cleaning, dangerous branches, phone line, internet cables, darkness, no view, solar panels on back of house. The Chair thanked the residents confirming there is no preservation on any trees in Luddington, the council will contact an arborist for what realistically can be done for an in-depth management plan eg crowns down?

2506/03 Declaration of Interest - None received

2506/04 Minutes of previous meeting.

The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2025 as a correct record & they were signed by the Chair.

2506/05 Chair's Report.

The Chair confirmed the Internal Audit had been completed successfully and presented Sections 1 & 2 of the AGAR forms to the council. The council **AGREED** the AGAR forms and the Chair signed them.

Mr & Mrs Treanor have volunteered to take on Stewardship of The Square, looking after the planters and maintaining this area. Water is now available from another residents outside tap. The council **RESOLVED** to thank & accept their offer.

The benches need to be positioned on the corner of Garthorpe Road, by the Troll Bridge with the 3rd one yet to be finalised. Cllr Walker **AGREED** to organise this work.

The council **RESOLVED** to accept the Chair's report.

2506/06 Clerk's Accounts/Report.

The clerk confirmed the bank account balance on 28th May 2025, was £7,911.35. 5 invoices paid since the 7th May. This was supported by a copy of the bank statement on 30th May 2025 & reconciliation. The clerk confirmed she had done 4 hours overtime in May. The microgrant top-up remit is for £750 a shortfall of £1,000 but £300 of this can be claimed 2025/26. All the policies & procedures have been updated and loaded on the website. The clerk has submitted a £2,000 grant to SSE Thermal Grant for the surface replacement of the playground. The 3 Tommy statues are finished and will be delivered in June, cost is £100-£130 each, max £390. The council **RESOLVED** to accept the clerk's reports.

2506/07	Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues - None present.
2506/08	Reports. 1. The Luddite The Chair will commence work on the Summer edition before the next meeting. 2. Highways The clerk confirmed the I bar & refreshing of zigzags has been programmed for the Summer holidays. 3. Improvements on the Playing Field The council RESOLVED the fence will be erected around the changing rooms as agreed. 4. Playfield field committee update The council AUTHORISED the Repeat Order for the play inspection 2026. 5. Playing Field changing rooms refurbishment The council resolved to get a quote for the scrap value. Cllr Walker AGREED to action. 6. National Grid – North Humber to High Marnham grid upgrade No further updates. 7. Dates of Village Hall Events 2025. Cllr Walker & Cllr Holloway confirmed due to personal commitments no meeting has been held. Only confirmed date is the End of Term family party on 18th July. 8. Trees on the Square The ballot result is in favour of Option 1 to keep the trees. Following discussions after the public participation the council resolved to get another survey done for an in-depth management plan for maintaining the trees and regular collection of the leaves. The council AGREED for the clerk to action. The council also wanted to thank the attendees who represented their community with well thought out researched points. 9. St Oswald’s Church The council are not in a position to help financially but are happy to support fundraising activities the church committee arrange, suggestions were Halloween in the churchyard, a carol concert or SSE funding. Another suggestion was to set up a WhatsApp group for “Luddington Volunteers” where if help is needed by any community group - the church, the school, the parish council, the village hall, a message is sent to all registered residents of the activity, date and time when help is needed. The council AGREED for the clerk to do a flyer.
2506/09	Police Matters / NATs - Nothing to report.
2506/10	Planning - No new applications.
2506/11	Correspondence. The clerk confirmed the Definitive Map Modification (Restricted Byway 5A, Luddington & Haldenby) Order 2025. Confirmation of Order was signed on 14th May 2025
2506/12	Microgrant Applications. Replenish Plant Pots on the Square – K Treanor – The council APPROVED £150.
2506/13	Agenda Items for the next meeting - None
2506/14	To confirm date for next meeting. Monday 7th July 2025 at 7pm at Luddington & Garthorpe Primary School.