

# TORKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Friday 27th June 2025, beginning at 7.30 pm.

St Peter's Church, Main Street, Torksey

**92 Those Present.**

Cllr Connelley.

Chairman.

Cllr Pearson.

Cllr Burke.

Cllr Ford.

Cllr Large.

Cllr Scawthon.

Mr R. Pilgrim.

Parish Clerk. District Councillor Torksey Ward.

**93 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Levitt. Having been informed of the reason for her absence, Council approved her apologies for absence.

94 The Chairman will now suspend the meeting for a period of 15 minutes to allow for a Public Forum.

**95 Declarations of Interest.**

None received.

**96 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting, held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

**Resolved.** That the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Scawthon. Seconded Cllr Ford. Carried unanimously.

**97 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

(Not included in this Agenda.)

None received.

**98 Amendments to the Agenda by Resolution.**

Harley Davidson to Finance.

**99 Hume Arms – Future of - for discussion. (KC)**

Contact WLDC ASB as the fencing has not been installed. (KC).

100 Progress reports on current projects.

**101 Emergency Plan Progress Report. (KC)**

A meeting of the working group is to be arranged before the next meeting.

**102 Information Kiosk – Future of - for discussion, (LL).**

- a. Cllr Levitt being absent the business will be deferred to the July Meeting. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

**103 Torksey Viaduct.**

- a. Maintenance of Entrance/Exits. Report (AG)  
b. Railway Footpaths Ltd. Adoption of an open-ended Leasehold Agreement to prevent permanent closure of the Viaduct.

**Resolved.** That Cllr Connelley will sign the Agreement on behalf of this Parish Council

Proposer Cllr Large. Seconded Cllr Pearson. Carried unanimously.

A copy of the signed Agreement, will be sent to Railway Footpaths Ltd.

**104 For discussion. Refurbishment of “Torksey” stone boundary signs.(TP)**

It was originally intended to have Elite Signs make a replica sign which would be fixed over the existing, very worn, stone sign. A plan of the new sign was left with Elite Signs, and they were to produce a quotation for Council's consideration. As yet no quotation has been received. Elite Signs will be informed that the sign is no longer needed.(TP).

In the interim a second solution was produced which involved the refurbishment of the brickwork and sign. The lettering of the sign would then be repainted. Council is expecting a quotation for the sign's refurbishment. (MB).

105        **Village Green.**

a.    **Monthly Inspection.** (RF)

Please find a copy of the inspection report attached.

b.    **EIBE Play Fort maintenance.**

All essential maintenance work has now been completed. The item will now be removed from the Agenda.

c.    **New information board for the village green.** (RAP).

Pictures essential to the sign have now been received. These together with the text will be sent to Elite Signs.

d.    **Fishing. staging repair.** (RF) (SS).

The repair will be completed before 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025

e.    **Memorial Seat. Removal of Tree.** (Member of the Public) (KC).

After discussion with the owner of the seat it was decided that the seat should remain where it is and a large sapling planted near the seat.

The seat owner is to be contacted for his preference of tree. Suggestions were either a Chestnut, Cherry or Oak. (KC).

A quotation for a replacement sapling will be obtained from Crowders of Horncastle. Proposed Cllr Burke    Seconded Cllr Ford.    Carried unanimously

Cllr Levitt will be contacted to see if she would like the wood from the remaining damaged tree.

f.    **Application to host a Vintage Car Rally.**

Final arrangements for the event were discussed

Contact details of organisers for access to the village green, toilets, and marshals for the event will be needed before the event.

106        **Highways Issues.**

Recent works in Main Street by Anglian Water caused a lot of disruption. A letter of complaint will be sent as soon as possible.

Alternative routes not well signed or well organised.

Repair not completed satisfactorily.

Sand Lane and Church Lane, both single track lanes were being used by a high volume of traffic. Both roads are unsafe for average traffic.

107        **Traffic Calming.**

a.    Gateways at the north and South ends of the village. Installation of. (KC).

A local contractor will be installing the gates in the near future.

b.    Speed Indicating Devices. Direction of the Solar Panel on the camera at the southern end of the village. (NL)

The Solar panel has now been moved to a more suitable position.

108        **Health and Safety.**

a.    **Village Green.** (RF). No issues reported.

b.    **Cemetery.**

Installation of fencing to the northern boundary left of the entrance. A local contractor will be installing new fencing as soon as possible,

Moles are becoming more active. A pest control contractor will be contacted.

c.    **Play Area.** No issues.

109        **Facebook.**

a.    Suggestions for content.

b.    Forthcoming events

c.    Car Show Harley D

d.    Anglian Water Road Works.

110        **Finance.**

a, Financial Statement for May 2025.

**Resolved.** That the Financial Statement be approved as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Ford    Seconded Cllr Burke.    Carried unanimously.

b. Clerk's Salary and Expenses May 2025. £323.37  
**Resolved.** That the Clerk's salary and expenses be approved for payment.  
Proposed Cllr Pearson Seconded Cllr Burke. Carried unanimously.  
c. Invoices for payment June 2024.

HMRC PAYE	£70.20
Classic Car Club	£450300
Krinkels.	£272.16
Krinkels.	£1380.00
Krinkels.	£642.90
Darbys Audit.	£198.00

**Resolved.** That the above expenditure at 110.c. be approved for payment.  
Proposed Cllr Scawthon Seconded Cllr Ford. Carried unanimously.  
d. Harley D Rideout. £500.00  
An application for a grant to cover initial expenses has been received.  
**Resolved.** That this Council approve the grant application for payment.  
Proposed Cllr Pearson Seconded Cllr Ford. Carried unanimously.

**111 Correspondence.**

Letter of reply to effect that the grass cutting Contractors will be asked to ensure that the grass will be cut up to the hedge, providing the area is free of obstacles.

**112 Future Agenda Items.**

Pond filling.  
Weed removal.  
Contact Reedman's for a quotation. (KC).

**113 Dates of Future Meetings.**

- a. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.
- b. Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
- c. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025,

**114 Closure of the Meeting.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2130 hrs. (9.30 pm).

**Approval of the Minutes.**

**Chairman.....Date.....**