

TORKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 15th December 2025, beginning at 7.30 pm.

At the White Swan Torksey Lock

- 207 **Those Present**
Cllr, K. Connelley. Chairman.
Cllr. T. Pearson.
Cllr. M. Burke.
Cllr S. Scawthon.
Cllr L. Leavitt.
Mr R. Pilgrim. Clerk. District Councillor.
Members of the Public.
- 208 **Apologies for Absence.**
Cllr N. Large. Having been informed of the reason for his absence Council approved his apologies for absence.
Cllr Ford. Having been informed of the reason for his absence Council approved his apologies for absence.
- 209 **The Chairman will now suspend the meeting for a period of 15 Minutes to allow for a public forum.**
No member of the public present.
- 210 **Declarations of Interest.**
None received.
- 211 **Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on Monday 20th November 2025. Resolved.** That the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as a true record.
Proposed Cllr Scawthon. Seconded Cllr Levitt. Carried unanimously.
- 212 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.**
(Not included in this Agenda)
None received.
- 213 **Amendments to the Agenda by Resolution.**
None received.
- 214 **Assertion 10. Initial requirements.**
Change of Email addresses to Gov.UK.
Waiting for new Addresses and Passwords from Parish Online.
- 215 **Hume Arms. Future of.** For Discussion.
The Clerk has written to Enforcement at West Lindsey DC. They will send officers to look at the problem and report on whether the situation warrants a Community Protection Notice as a result of some form of Anti-Social Behaviour.
- 216 **Identify projects which could be completed during the next 12 months.**
Please see the attached notes from Cllr Connelley.
Silhouette soldiers. (RAP)
Resolved. That the Clerk order two of the five-foot-tall soldiers.
Cllr Levitt will send the Clerk a link to the relevant site.
Proposed Cllr Burke Seconded Cllr Pearson. Carried unanimously.
- 217 **Information Kiosk. Future of. For Discussion. (SS)**
Councillor Scawthon has met with the two electors interested in running the kiosk as a community asset and explained the steps Council is taking to refurbish the Kiosk.
- 218 **Village Green.**
a. Monthly Inspection. No new issues.
b. Pond Water Level and third-party management.
Closed Session.
Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Admissions to Meeting Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press leave the meeting.
After some discussion it was decided that Councillors should Consult with Mr A Green concerning the annual maintenance which needs doing and when.

Inform Mr Howell that for the time being we will not be moving the maintenance forward.

c. Installation of the new bench for the play area.

Planned to be installed during the Christmas period.

219 Highways Issues.

a. Please see the attached notes concerning road works planned for the local area. (SS)

b. Road repair outside the Parish Church. Anglian Water.

The Clerk will Contact Anglian Water and remind them of the original 10-week period for completing the work. A progress report will also be requested.

220 Health and Safety.

a. Village Green.

- The Clerk will contact Queen Bee Pest Control to see if they are able to deal with the moles in the cemetery and the rabbits on the Village Green.
- The container now has shelving for some of the equipment. Plea to Councillors to keep the interior tidy for health and safety reasons.

b. **Play Area.** No issues.

c. **Cemetery.** Moles in cemetery. Please see 220.a.

221 Facebook.

An article describing the addition this year of Lorry Poppies for fixing to lamp standards, the Christmas tree and lights. Repairs to the Play Fort. Actions taken to improve the situation at the Hume Arms site. Include a request that electors could write to the Parish Council with their views on the matter.

222 Finance.

a. Financial Statement for November 2025.

Noted: A first payment towards Play Fort maintenance entered as proposed expenditure.

Resolved. That the Financial Statement for November 2025 be approved.

Proposed Cllr Pearson Seconded Cllr Scawthon. Carried unanimously.

b. Clerk's Salary and Expenses November 2025. £304.90

Resolved. That the Clerk's Salary and Expenses be approved for payment.

Proposed Cllr Levitt. Seconded Cllr Scawthon. Carried unanimously.

c. Invoices for Payment. (Schedule of Expenditure).

HMRC PAYE	£70.20
WLDC Defibrillator annual fee	£110.00
Elite Signs	£499.80
Cllr Large	£44.18
Krinkels	£774.60
LALC	£216.00

Resolved. That the above expenditure at 222.c. be approved for payment.

Proposed Cllr Scawthon Seconded Cllr Levitt. Carried unanimously.

d. Final Figure requested for Precept 2025-2026. £17,500.00.

The Form was duly signed as requested and will be sent to West Lindsey DC as soon as Possible.

223 Correspondence.

For Discussion. Emailed Surveys. Council/Councillor Responses.

Councillors to contact the clerk for additions to the agenda.

224 Future Agenda Items.

Meeting starting times to be adjusted to 7.00 pm.

225 Dates of Future Meetings.

a Monday 16th February 2025.

b Monday 16th March 2026.

c Monday 20th April 2026.

226 Closure of the Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

R. Pilgrim. Parish Clerk.