

TORKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Councillors are summoned to attend.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 19th May 2025

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

69 Election of Chairman.

Nominations: Cllr Connelley

Cllr Connelley elected as Chairman for the 2025-2026

Proposed Cllr Scawthon Seconded Cllr Large. Carried unanimously.

70 Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Declaration was duly signed.

71 Those Present.

Cllr Connelley. Chairman.

Cllr Pearson.

Cllr Burke.

Cllr Scawthon.

Cllr Large.

Cllr Ford.

Cllr Levitt.

Mr R. Pilgrim Parish Clerk. District Councillor Torksey Ward.

Members of the Public 5.

72 Apologies for Absence.

None required.

73 Nomination of Vice Chairman.

or

Resolution: That when the Chairman is not present for a meeting, those Councillors attending may vote for one of their number to act as Chairman for that meeting only.

Proposed Cllr Pearson Seconded Cllr Burke. Carried unanimously.

74 Changes to Councillors Declarations of Interest Forms.

No amendments received.

75 Approval of Standing Orders.

Approved without amendments

76 Approval of Financial Regulations.

Possible amendment to the amount which can be spent under "Value for Money" and before three quotations need to be obtained.

Approved without amendment

77 Approval of the Code of Conduct.

Approved without amendment.

78 Approval of the Civility and Respect Policy.

Approved without amendment.

ORDINARY MEETING

79 Those Present.

Please see Annual Parish Council Meeting.

80 Apologies for Absence.

Please see Annual Parish Council Meeting.

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

A member of the public has suggested that Council might install a cricket pitch on the Village Green.

After some discussion it was decided that this was not something which would be appropriate for a village green setting for a number of reasons. Firstly the maintenance and the area of land which would be needed. There are also Health and Safety Regulations which would make the idea unworkable.

Hume Arms and a possible compulsory purchase by West Lindsey District Council. The Parish Council is consulting with WLDC but a compulsory Purchase seems unlikely as things stand at the present time.

A member of the Vintage Car Club also queried the method of payment for the grant. The Clerk will be given the members banking details and the £450.00 will be aid by Bank Transfer.

It was also noted that if more events were to be organised it would be an advantage if tap water could be available on the village green.

Similarly, it was also suggested that a permanent public shelter would improve facilities generally for those using the village green.

The owner of Poopwescoop was also present to give a presentation about his business and likely future plans.

82 Declarations of Interest.

None received.

83 Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting, held on Monday 21st April 2025.

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

Proposed Cllr Large Seconded Cllr Ford. Carried unanimously.

84 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.

(Not included in this Agenda.)

None received

85 Amendments to the Agenda by Resolution.

Signing of the AGAR 2025 Forms. Item 97.d.

86 Hume Arms – Future of - for discussion. (RAP) (KC)

The Chairman is to meet with an officer from the West Lindsey DC ASB team.

87 Installation of a Defibrillator at Torksey Surgery. Progress Report (LL)

Remove from the agenda.

88 Emergency Plan Progress Report. (SS).

Meeting of the working group to be arranged.

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

Glazing can be purchased as a kit.

Glass can also be bought separately.

Keeping it. 5 for 2 against.

Quote for painting and reglazing. (NL)

90 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. The Chairman has arranged a site meeting with

Railway footpaths Ltd and Mr A Green, to finalise details of the Lease. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th May 2025.

91 For discussion. Refurbishment of “Torksey” stone boundary signs

(A156 north and south of the village).

Torksey sign outside the Elms. It was suggested that a sign could be made which would cover the existing stonework. The existing sign is beyond repair.

Council will ask Elite Signs for a quotation. Measurements have been provided. (TP).

92 Village Green.

a. **Monthly Inspection.** (RF)

Please see Record Sheet attached.

b. **EIBE Play Fort maintenance.** (NL) (RAP).

Recent works have completed all necessary maintenance as per RoSPA inspection. Council will monitor the situation for further work as and when needed.

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

Text has been received; photographs are expected shortly.

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

Ongoing.

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

The complainant will be contacted and the circumstances surrounding the removal of the tree explained.

It was also suggested that the bench could be moved to a more suitable site nearby. or a new tree planted to replace the damaged tree, which has been removed. (KC).

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

The Pro-Forma application to hold an event has been received.

The grant application form for £450.00 has also been received.

Resolved. That the application to hold an event be approved.

Resolved. That the application for funding (£450.00) to offset costs be approved.

Proposed Cllr Ford. Seconded Cllr Levitt. Carried unanimously

Bank Account details for the event organiser to be provided.

93 Highways Issues.

The condition of Sand Lane at the Station Road end is now extremely poor. It is understood that the work to resurface is recorded. Highways will be asked for a progress report.

94 Traffic Calming.

a. **Gateways at the north and South ends of the village.** Installation of.

A contractor has been approached and a quotation for this and other works is expected in the near future.

b. **Speed Indicating Devices.**

Direction of the Solar Panel on the camera at the southern end of the village. The panel seems to be facing in the wrong direction (NL)

95 Health and Safety.

a. **Village Green.** (RF).

No issues reported.

b. **Cemetery.**

The condition of the sapling is now much improved.

A contractor will be asked to erect a fence behind the existing hedge to the left of the entrance gate.

c. **Play Area.**

All maintenance works are now complete.

96 Facebook.

a. **Suggestions for content.**

Chairmans report

97 **Finance.**

- a, Financial Statement for April 2025.
Resolved. That the Financial Statement for April 2025 be approved as a true record.
Proposed Cllr Connelley Seconded Cllr Pearson. Carried unanimously.
- b. Clerk’s Salary and Expenses April 2025,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,£285.10
Resolved. That the Clerks Salary & Expenses be approved for payment.
Proposed Cllr Large. Seconded Cllr Pearson. Carried unanimously.
- c. Invoices for payment May 2024.
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| HMRC PAYE | £70.00 |
| Krinkels UK | £472.50 |
| Glasdon UK | £2256.26 |
| Gallagher Insurance | £512.75 |
- Resolved.** That the above expenditure at 97.c. be approved for payment
Proposed Cllr Connelley Seconded Cllr Pearson Carried unanimously.
- d. AGAR Forms were signed by the Chairman.

98 Correspondence.

No comments

99 Future Agenda Items.

Change the venue for meetings.

100 **Dates of Future Meetings.**

- Monday 16th June 2025.
- Monday 21st July 2025.
- Monday 15th September 2025.

101 Closure of the Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2120 (9.20 pm).

Approval of the Minutes.

Chairman.....Date.....