

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 10 September 2025

Minutes

1 Apologies for Absence:

Ward Councillor Jeremy Wilcock.

Present:

Cllrs Sarah Beachell (Chair), Sarah Duncan (Vice Chair), Tony Corscadden, Chris Hill, Ben Jeffrey, Julia Bugg (Clerk), Sam Harrison – Planning Consultant at Harrison Pick and 11 parishioners.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

None.

3 Minutes:

Approved as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2025.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 Ward Boundary Changes:

The PC has received confirmation that Beswick PC will remain in the Beverley Rural Ward.

4.2 Flooding at Beswick Heads:

The Chair reported that she and the Clerk had met with ERYC on-site and sent footage of the flooding occurring to them. We now await further progress.

4.3 Tuesday Club Bank Account:

Discussed in Agenda Item 8.

4.4 C59 Streetlamp:

The Clerk reported that she has chased ERYC one again and had it confirmed that the electrical supply will be installed as soon as it can be arranged.

5 Proposed Free Range Egg Production Unit:

The Chair introduced Sam Harrison and invited him to speak to the meeting, inviting questions once he had finished. SH summarised the decision-making process in selecting the location of the proposed unit and that ERYC has, provisionally given its OK to it. He was clear that this was not the site initially chosen by himself or Jonathan Walker, the developer, but was the one chosen by ERYC. He described the likely traffic increase as 6 vehicles per week of various sizes, which would likely approach from the C59 and is assessed as a negligible increase. Similar traffic associated with the pig rearing unit at Lund Moor Farm having received no objections, means that the lack of odour, cleanliness, high welfare, vented and modern with responsible farming and negligible traffic would lead them to believe that there would few objections to the development. The plans show extensive screening will render the unit invisible to those with residences in close proximity and with no effect to those living in Lund and Beswick. Parishioners were very clear that the proposal was very much objected too, that tree cutting work already undertaken in legacy woodland was pre-emptive of the unit receiving planning, took no consideration of the residences in very close proximity (non-agricultural), the high number of cyclists using this very narrow and designated cycle route (National Cycle Route 1), very large vehicles on narrow roads with visibility issues, surface water and flooding already an issue at Bewick Heads so therefore a risk of effluent from the plant; running surface water contamination through to Lund, Lockington and beyond. Other issues included ammonia levels, PPE escape of birds on to adjoining land and roadways, further development in the future and sale of the unit to a large organisation. It was noted that the periphery of the development is actually on another landowner's property. A number of the parishioners pursued the reason why the unit was not to be placed closer to Jonathan Walker's Cattle Unit as well as making other suggestions for its location. The £3000 cost of submitting further proposals was seen by SH as a reason for not pursuing alternatives at this juncture, as well as the fact that such sites would not be acceptable to ERYC. It was felt that the area known as Jerusalem has been ignored by both the developer and ERYC much to the chagrin of these residents.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8.00 pm and it was agreed that SH would let the Clerk have a copy of the planning application once it was submitted and that she should further distribute it to all interested parties. SH confirmed that all issues raised will be outlined in the planning application. **Action: SH and Clerk.**

6 Co-option of Parish Councillor:

The Clerk noted that a Statement of Interest from Matthew Blair had been received and distributed to Cllrs prior to the meeting as well as reminding them that Jackie Plowman had offered her services if there was no suitable candidate. Extensive discussion took place and it was agreed that Matt Blair be invited to complete the necessary paperwork in the first instance. On his acceptance of the post and receipt of the necessary completed documents, the Clerk is to thank Jackie for her offer, which we will not pursue on this occasion. SB thanked SD for her service, which had been very much appreciated. **Action: Clerk.**

7 Updating Standing Orders, Financial Orders and Other PC Documentation:

7.1 SO/FO: Clerk presented final versions which were authorised by Cllrs at this time.

7.2 Code of Conduct, BPC Powers: Discussion took place and it was agreed to authorise the new versions at this time.

8 Tuesday Club Bank Account:

The Chair detailed the issues still being met in retaining the TSB account and getting it unblocked. The TSB prefer that the account is abandoned and a new business account opened. The Clerk detailed her objections to this in terms of needing a cheque book and multiple signatories as well as the fact that the TSB website clearly states that whilst no new accounts of this type are available, old accounts may be retained. The Chair and Clerk to attend the TSB in Beverley to discuss this with Andrew, their representative. Additionally, the Clerk noted that Cllrs Hill and Jeffrey had still to complete and return their documents to her. Discussion took place and it was agreed by both to return the forms as a matter of urgency. **Action: Cllrs Beachell, Hill and Jeffery, the Clerk.**

9 Finance:

9.1 Finance Update:

Clerk presented the September 2025 reports, which were agreed.

9.2 Payments:

Confirmation and agreement to make payment of:

BPC

All Saints Church, Kilnwick - £300

St Margarets, Beswick - £300

Tuesday (Now Thursday) Club

None due to issues discussed above. Cheques will be reissued as soon as is possible.

10 Planning Applications:

To discuss all planning applications received by the BPC since the last meeting including any received following the issue of this Agenda.

10.1 Planning Consultation for 25/01843/PLF:

Fold House, Glebe Farm, Beswick Heads, Beswick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9TT

Erection of single storey extension and construction of patio to rear. No objections recorded during consultation period. Approval given.

10.2 Any Other Applications Received:

No applications received since the publication of this agenda.

11 Dogger Bank D:

The Clerk summarised the progress following the latest meeting at Skipsea Village Hall on 4 September and a Teams meeting on 2 September 2025 that the location of the cable route was not due to differ substantially from the route provided previously and would not affect BPC except that parishioners with land affected may also be affected by the Orsted cable and solar farm to be installed within Beswick, Lockington and other adjacent parishes. The statutory consultation events held in July had been well attended, with the Walkington event being particularly successful. It was agreed by all attendees at the meeting that the Dogger Bank D offshore wind farm was seen as a much better option than the proposed solar farms around the East Riding. It

was agreed that the extensive works south of Beverley are horrendous and the effects of local residents huge; sympathies were expressed.

12 Dog Waste Bin:

The ERYC response below was received:

Due to current budget pressures, we are currently only repairing and replacing existing litter bins as and when required. However, subject to a site survey, if the Town/Parish Council are willing to fund the cost of a new bin it would be adopted onto the ERYC litter bin collection rounds and maintained.

This is subject to the litter bin being of a type as supported by the ERYC, the current supplier is Wybone and the recommended litter bins is an LBV/6. By purchasing the standard bin, it enables the ERYC to continue the upkeep of the litter bin by utilising spare parts stock (liners/locks doors).

The cost of purchasing and installing a new litter bin is:

LBV/6 bin £394.99 plus Vat

Installation £140:00 plus Vat.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the option provided was not what the PC required as there was not the room available for it. Also, users of The Park are encouraged to take their litter home; a bin of this type here would provide the opportunity to dump all types of litter in it and potentially lead to over use and the dumping of bags etc within the bin's proximity. Cllr Jeffrey to ascertain views of those in the locality and the cost of supply and installation of 'poop' bins to be researched once again. **Action: Cllr Jeffrey.**

13 Tree and Hedge Cutting:

The Chair reported on issues encountered by road and footpath users due to overgrown and overhanging trees, shrubs and hedges throughout the parish, including:

1. Beswick Main Street, at the junctions with the A164
2. Kilnwick, Southbelt Plantation and Highwood at roadside
3. Beswick, Church House, tree overgrown into wires
4. Beswick, Beswick Hall, apple tree and hawthorn growing over wall.

It was noted that these issues would generally have been identified by ERYC officers during their walk around the parish, but that this service has now been withdrawn. As a result, responsibility falls upon the PC to pursue the issues above as well as others on School Lane and Main Street in Kilnwick. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact ERYC for their assistance in the first instance and then address the issues as recommended by them. **Action: Clerk.**

Thanks were given to Rob Lee and Martin Mason of Kilnwick for tackling the damaged oak on the corner of Main Street and Tibby Lane, making it safe and trimmed following damage by farm machinery.

14 AOB: Items arising under AOB cannot be resolved if they involve expenditure or commit the Council to a course of action but will appear on the next Agenda.

14.1 Damage to Road Surface – Beswick Heads:

Severe damage to the road surface by a local former was reported to ERYC Highways and within days, the road closed and extensive repairs undertaken. It was noted that other roads have been damaged by the same person.

14.2 Rat Infestation – Layby A164:

Following identification of the issue by a parishioner which sees large number of rats in the area as a result of grain trucks emptying the residue of their load in the layby, the Clerk contacted ERYC and was told Pest Control had been given the enquiry to deal with. A parishioner also contacted ERYC to organise a larger bin.

14.3 BESWF20 – Beswick Heads:

Cllr Hill raised the issue of the above footpath being blocked. The Clerk noted that a number of walkers and parishioners had mentioned to her that the footpath continued to be blocked at the

Beswick Heads end, so she had stopped to assess the situation and agreed that the only way through was to walk in the field. This was OK when the soil was dry but will soon become muddy with the wet weather continuing. Cllr Beachell requested that the Clerk contact Mark Hill and ask that he clear the footpath. **Action: Clerk.**

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 12 November 2025