

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 19 November 2025

MINUTES

1 Apologies for Absence:

Matt Blair.

Present:

Cllrs Sarah Beachell (Chair), Tony Corscadden, Chris Hill, Ben Jeffrey, Ward Cllr Jeremy Wilcock, Julia Bugg (Clerk) and 2 parishioners.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

None.

3 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on September 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 Tree and Hedge Cutting:

1. Beswick Main Street, at the junctions with the A164 – ERYC responsibility; Clerk to chase.
2. Kilnwick, Southbelt Plantation and Highwood at roadside. ERYC aware of and issue and have it in-hand. Highwood owner has confirmed that the responsibility for trees lies with ERYC.
3. Beswick, Church House, tree overgrown into wires; Chair to approach resident.
4. Beswick, Beswick Hall, apple tree and hawthorn growing over wall. Now addressed.
5. Kilnwick, School Lane, hedging and tree cut back to clear footpath. Now addressed.

4.2 Flooding at Beswick Heads:

No further progress reported by ERYC. Clerk to chase again.

4.3 Tuesday Club Bank Account:

To be discussed in Agenda Item 8.

4.4 C59 Streetlamp:

Work now completed.

4.5 BESWF20 – Blocked:

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mark Flint following the meeting and been informed that Ed Duggleby has organised for the cuttings to be collected for burning. She has also contacted Ed Duggleby and asked that the path be cleared but notes that despite requests by Ed Duggleby to Dalton Estate to collect the materials, this has not yet been done. Chair noted that Dalton Estate has now confirmed it does not require the wood so it can be cleared. Clerk to ask Mark Flint to do this.

4.6 Dog Waste Bin:

Cllr Jefrey reported that there is not a great deal of parishioner interest for a bin at the location proposed. It is generally agreed that this would encourage Park users to dump their rubbish, of any kind, as they leave and lead to more rubbish in the village and an eyesore. A simple dog waste bin is an option but the location directly outside parishioners' homes is not ideal.

4.7 Rat Infestation – Lay-by A164:

ERYC has refused to take action other than interact with those emptying grain and ask them not to do it. Following discussion, it was agreed that the problem has now been reduced due to the cooler weather and the end of grain movement.

5 Proposed Free Range Egg Production Unit:

The Clerk reported that this proposal is proving very contentious with those living close to the development as well as those in Lund being particularly active in opposing it. She has attended two meetings, one in Lund and one at Kilnwick Village Hall where business as well as residents in the area have voiced their concerns. An online petition has been created for those who wish to sign it. Notices have been posted signposting parishioners to the petition. Following Sam Harrison's (land agent) attendance at the September meetings of both BPC and Lund PC, the location of the chicken shed within the proposed area has been moved to a more central location.

The Clerk reiterated that the issue is not with the farmer diversifying but with the proposed location and its proximity to residential homes, increased traffic, environmental issues etc.

As the planning application has not yet been submitted, no further action is possible at this time.

6 Planning Applications:

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

6.1 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. Approved.

6.2 Planning Consultation for 25/02130/PLF:

Land East of 17 School Lane, Kilnwick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9JE

Erection of a building consisting of 6 stables and store; construction of a sand school for private use.

The applicant and a parishioner, directly affected by the proposal, were both present and given the opportunity to present to the PC. The applicant declined the opportunity and made no comment when enquiries were directed to him. The affected parishioner gave a number of issues with the application in terms of its size, location at the end of his property, noise and light pollution, right to an outlook and many other issues. Cllrs offered mediation and the opportunity for the applicant to consider a different location for the barn and stable; the applicant saw no reason to do this. Once both parties had given their perspective, they were asked to leave the meeting to allow Cllrs to discuss this confidentially. Following extensive discussion and hearing verbal and electronic objections received from other parishioners, it was agreed unanimously that BPC would object to this application. **Action:** Clerk to complete the ERYC Planning Application Consultancy for this application no later than 20 November 2025.

6.3 Any Other Applications Received:

Cllr Jeffrey and the Clerk noted that they have received a number of concerns from residents at the west of Kilnwick regarding the alleged sale of a part of the field south of The Park and alongside the driveway to the residences on the site of the old Kilnwick Hall and the fact that the soon to be owner has indicated to them that the current permissive footpath between the driveway and The Park/Church will be removed. This footpath has been used for many years to allow pedestrian access to Main Street, thus avoiding having to walk on the C59 on a bend and where vehicles are travelling at 60 mph. Whilst this is not yet been submitted as a planning application, it is reported that the conveyancing for the sale has been completed. The planning application for the house will be dealt with through the normal process but the loss of the footpath is of great concern. The Clerk noted that ERYC does have an application to have the permissive path designated as an ERYC footpath but this process is long and arduous with consideration taking many, many years. She has however sought the necessary paperwork and asked for Cllrs to give the go-ahead for this to be started. Cllrs agreed that this be done. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Jeffrey would contact the current landowner and see if there is any possibility of a new permissive path being created on his land where it adjoins the building plot.

6.4 Publication of Planning Applications and Proposals:

Cllr Jeffrey proposed that all planning applications/proposals within the parish are notified to parishioners via the WhatsApp groups in order to ensure that as many parishioners as possible are made aware of the developments in the parish and afford them the right to comment. Currently only those who see the posted notices know that applications are being made. It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk post details of all in a timely manner, upon their receipt.

7 Co-option of Parish Councillor:

To note the acceptance of the invitation from Matthew Blair for him to be Co-opted as the new member of BPC, confirmation that all paperwork has been completed and submitted to ERYC. Cllr Blair's first meeting will be on January 14 2026.

8 Tuesday Club Bank Account:

The Chair reported the saga of the dormant account continues and that following being asked by TSB to have the old signatories take two forms of ID into their local TSB branch, all had been kind enough to do so. SB then attended the TSB in Beverley to seek confirmation that the new signatories may be added, she was informed that they have now lost the copies they had of her documents and ask that she take them in again. The need to retain a cheque book means that a change to an online business account cannot be done; which is what the bank wants.

The Clerk noted that she needed to make payment of £80 to the Kilnwick Village Hall for venue rental in the 2024/25 financial year and that she would like to make the payment personally and claim for it to be refunded once the account was useable. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Beachell that the PC cover the charge and claim back the money instead. This was seconded by Cllr Corscadden and agreed by all.

9 Insurance Renewal:

The Clerk reported on the quotes received from Zurich Insurance – renewal of current bespoke policy and generic small PC policy (£370.56 or £241.00). Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk be instructed to renew the bespoke policy but that she reviews, with Zurich, the content and removal of some unneeded sections on this policy and therefore a possible reduction prior to the 2026 renewal.

10 Finance:

10.1 Finance Update:

The Clerk presented the November 2025 Monitoring Report and noted that all outstanding cheques have now been cashed and that the current Carry Forward amount and bank account balance are the same at £12,995.33.

10.2 Payments:

Confirmation and agreement to make payment of:

BPC

Julia Bugg, Clerk - reimburse cost of replacement laptop & data rescue/transfer - £286

Julia Bugg, Clerk - reimburse cost of replacement battery and pads for Kilnwick defibrillator - £462

ERYC, Street lighting SLA - £1615.81

Zurich Insurance - PC annual renewal - £370.56.

Kilnwick Village Hall – Tuesday Club outstanding payment - £80.00.

Tuesday (Now Thursday) Club

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

11 Speed Limit A164:

The Chair presented a request from Fountain Farm's owner, Neil Martinson, to reduce the speed limit on the A164 from Beswick to Watton and the Clerk noted ERYC's response to her enquiry regarding doing so.

Following discussion Cllrs instructed the Clerk to contact Watton PC and offer to work with them in having the speed limit reduced.

12 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.*

12.1 Highspeed Internet:

Cllr Hill reported that it has been confirmed that Beswick will be in receipt of this in 2027 as cabling work continues in the area.

12.2 Household Recycling Waste in Beswick Bin:

Cllr Hill reported that the litter bin in Beswick is being filled by plastic recycling and enquired as to why this was the case. Cllrs Hill and Corscadden to monitor.

12.3 Drain Issue:

Cllr Hill reported the roadside drain outside Peartree Cottage in Beswick has sunk and needs attention from ERYC. He agreed to put the request for attention on the ERYC website.

Meeting Closed: 9 pm

Date of Next Meeting: 14 January 2026