

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 8 July 2026 at Kilnwick Village Hall

MINUTES

1 Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Tony Corscadden and Ben Jeffrey.

Present:

Cllrs Sarah Beachell (Chair), Chris Hill, Matt Blair, Ward Cllr Jeremy Wilcock, Julia Bugg (Clerk) and 2 parishioners.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

None.

3 Minutes:

Approved as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2026.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 Tuesday Club Bank Account:

Clerk noted the forms guaranteed as being correctly completed and signed off by the TSA representative in Beverley have been returned twice more despite the Clerk contacting them by telephone, letter and in branch. She continues to pursue the changes in signatories.

4.2 Footpath Reports:

The Clerk is able to confirm that she has reported all of the identified issues to the responsible parties. Cllr Beachell confirmed some issues have been rectified. Cllr Hill noted that footpaths around/across agricultural land are in need of cutting back again despite having been done approximately 2 months ago. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will ask for them to be cut again but it is expected that there will be a negative reply to this request until they are due to be cut in the autumn.

4.3 Vice Chair Nomination:

The Clerk reported that Cllr Jeffrey has declined the nomination to act as Vice Chair.

5 Clean Air Solar:

5.1 Clean Air Solar Update:

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting BPC has held a joint meeting with Watton, Leconfield, Lockington and Hutton Cranswick Parish Councils, along with parishioners, to discuss their response to the proposals and how collaborative working along with the action group formed by those affected by the newly planned Southern Parcel; approximately 50 people were present at the meeting. Additionally, it was agreed that working together gave the smaller parishes with fewer residents a stronger voice.

Public Consultation Events were held at Lockington, Beverley and Walkington in June, along with a webinar. Following distribution of leaflets advertising the events by the Action Group, a large number of residents attended at Lockington.

The Clerk is a member of the Action Group Steering Committee and Cllrs are invited to assist by joining this or the Reference Group.

Cllrs agreed to continue to work with the Action Group and to fight the proposed solar farm in the parish in a bid to represent parishioners affected.

5.2 Clean Air Solar Consultation and Parish Submission:

It was noted that the consultation is due to close on 13 July 2026. The PC's response was discussed and the Clerk instructed to complete the form with discussed content prior to the closure of the consultation. All Cllrs were requested to complete personal feedback forms via the Clean Air Solar website.

5.3 Clean Air Solar Planning Inspectorate:

The Clerk presented the Scoping Report received and distributed electronically prior to the meeting. The draft response was presented by the Clerk which had been, created by her with assistance from David Hume, Chair of the Action Group opposing the project with which we are affiliated. Discussion took place and it was agreed that Cllrs would read the documents, suggest content and amendments to the Clerk and instruct her to submit the report prior to the 28 July 2026 deadline.

5.4 Any Other Clean Air Solar Issues:

None.

6 Dogger Bank D:

The Non-Statutory Consultation phase of this development commenced on 23 June 2026 with a number of in-person events arranged for July 2025, the details of which the Clerk has previously made public to Cllrs and Parishioners but all of which took place prior to this meeting. Cllrs received a printed copy of the consultation documents. Cllrs and parishioners may complete the online form via their website www.doggerbankd.com or to complete a printed form, request a copy from the Clerk (return free of charge) who has obtained a supply of them. All feedback must be made by the close of the consultation at 11.59pm on Monday 3 August 2026.

The proposal was discussed and the Clerk instructed to complete the form with agreed content.

7 Email Address Update:

As ERYC has failed to provide the promised .gov.uk email address, an alternative has been sourced which is free of charge at this time and provides a single email address for the Clerk which meets with the new requirements: clerk@beswickparishcouncil.gov.uk along with 30GB of memory, 10GB of which is in the cloud. The provider of this service is Parish Online who are also providing the same facility for Lockington and Dalton Holme Parish Councils.

8 Finance:

8.1 Finance Update:

The Clerk presented the July 2026 report.

8.2 Payments:

Confirmation and agreement to make payment of:

BPC

WoldTech Ltd – Printing of Parish Newsletter - £65.00 (reduced due to smudging of picture)

Tuesday (Now Thursday) Club

Clerk for May expenditure: £ 5.34 to next meeting

9 Planning Applications:

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

9.1 Planning Consultation for 26/00357/PLF: Land North East of Fountain Farm, Beverley Road, Beswick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9HY

Change of Use of agricultural land to dog exercise paddock, construction of vehicular access, car parking area, erection of perimeter fencing/gates and associated works. **Approved.**

9.2 Planning Consultation for 26/01209/PLF: Village Hall, School Lane, Kilnwick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9JE

Erection of single storey extension to rear, installation of pantiles following removal of existing slate tiles to existing main roof and installation of solar panels. **Approved.**

ERYC Planning refused the extension to the closing date for comment on this application so an email discussion took place. The Clerk asked for comment from parishioners via the WhatsApp Group but none were received. She therefore reported that the PC has no objections to this application.

9.3 Any Other Applications Received:

None.

10 Safe Communities Data:

Reported receipt of the latest report and note that no issues have occurred within the Beswick Parish.

11 Town and Parish Council Communication Survey:

The details of the survey has been distributed electronically and the Clerk requested that given that ERYC continues to ignore our opinions on so many issues such as planning and solar farms etc, a Parish Councillor should complete a strongly worded reply. Following discussion, it was agreed that Sarah Beachell would complete this survey.

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 Resignation of Cllr Ben Jeffrey & Election on Vice Chair:

The Clerk reported that she has received Cllr Jeffrey's resignation due to work and family commitments. The meeting accepted Cllr Jeffrey's resignation and instructed the Clerk to pass their thanks to him for his hard work and commitment. The Clerk was instructed to instigate the procedure to appoint a replacement Cllr.

Following discussion, Cllr Blair was elected to the post of Vice Chair. (Nominated Cllr Beachell, second Cllr Corscadden.)

12.2 Footpath Main Street, Beswick:

A parishioner reported that the footpath at the north of Main Street has become narrowed by moss growth. Following discussion, it was agreed that this was something a group of parishioners could address as a community group. Cllr Hill and Beachell to action.

12.3 Cars Parking on Blind Bend, Beswick:

It was reported that parked cars are again causing an issue at the north end of Main Street leading to an accident black spot. It was requested that BPC address the issue. It was agreed that a request to parishioners be made to ask visitors to park sensibly, even if this means that they have to walk a little further.

12.4 Drain at Pear Tree Cottage:

Cllr Hill reported that the drain outside Pear Tree Cottage is not functioning as a result of a blockage. Clerk to request ERYC Highways address.

12.5 Cables in Trees at Beswick:

Cllr Beachell to ask tree's owner to address the issue in the first instance.

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm

Date of Next Meeting: 9 September 2026