

Minutes of North Cotes Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 7.30pm at North Cotes Village Hall

Present: Councillor Hicks, Councillor van der Horst, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Tapsfield, District Councillor McMillan and Local Councillor Robinson and one member of the public.

Apologies: Councillor Ball, Councillor Gladwell Local Councillor Robinson

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1. **Village Hall update** – An update was provided by Councillor Marsh. Bird people were still using the hall, another fish and chip quiz was planned and a discussion was being had over a request from a Pizza Van.

2.2. **Church update** – Currently no update to report..

2.3. **Overview of crime** – A report was made about a ‘wet guy’ on a trampoline in someone’s garden. It is alleged that he may have either ‘taken something’ or be a ‘little worse for ware’ The police were informed.

White Audi – Driving round at 3am with no lights on.

Drones – It was noted that a drone was being used in the village and some villagers felt uncomfortable and that it was an invasion of their privacy.

Motorbikes/Scramblers – were driving round with no number plates on.

2.4. **Planning Applications** – Nothing to report.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None had been received.

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4. FINANCE

4.1. **Cheques/Payments.** The following items were approved:

Parish Clerk – Salary - £500 - Chq no 404

5. A.O.B

5.1. **Speed Signs** – We are moving forward with the speed sign and the type has been chosen. The locations of the speed signs need to be decided so that we can establish if fixing poles are required.

5.2. **Bus Shelter – Camp** - It has been reported that the bus stop roof down at the camp needs some attention. **Action:** PC to liaise with builders for quotes and apply for a 'grant' to get the shelter repaired.

5.3. **War Memorial Grass Cutting** – It was noted that Councillor Hicks has volunteered to cut the grass at the War Memorial

5.4. **ELDC Investment Fund** - It was noted that ELDC had announced a £10m fund for investment. A key part of the fund is about making the districts places more welcoming through initiatives that help improve cleanliness, safety and promote tidy and attractive shop fronts, enhance parks, gardens and

public spaces. Helping to attract more visitors to the Lincolnshire Wolds and Coastal areas.

5.5.Highways – It was noted that the budget had been set and highways were looking at circa £4m for highways, £2m for drainage and £2m for potholes. It was noted that work on the A1031 should take place within the next few months including replacing the reflective bollards. The road will need to be closed for this work to take place,

5.6.Speed Awareness Training – A session is planned at Saltfleetby St Peters for Wednesday 18th March at 5.30pm. Councillor Tapsfield and the Parish Clerk agreed to attend.

5.7.Dog Fouling – It was noted that someone was allowing their dog to ‘foul’ within the church grounds. It as agreed that a sign should be purchased and fixed to the gate stating ‘Dog Fouling will be reported’

5.8.Speed Signs – It was requested that lamppost speed signs be purchased stating ‘30’ – It was agreed to purchase 10 signs.

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5.9.Bins – A label is required for the Parish Council bins stating that ‘These bins are emptied by volunteers’.

5.10.Apologies for Next None offered.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting and the date for the meeting was fixed as Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.30pm at North Cotes village hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.