

ELLERTON AND AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Ellerton & Aughton Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Hunter(Chair), Goddard, Parvin, Horrocks, Pease
1 parishioner

Apologies: Cllrs Hogg, Rogers

Public Session:

Potholes: The potholes at the entrance to the lane to East Cottingwith are breaking up. The Clerk has reported this to ERYC Highways but has not received a response. ERYC has also failed to respond to the request to meet on site with Parish Councillors. The Clerk will chase both of these items. Cllr Goddard reminded the meeting that parishioners can report potholes directly to ERYC via the website. **YE**

Village Drainage: The constant flow of tankers to and from the Treatment Works was reported to Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency. Neither Cllr Hunter nor the Clerk have received any response. It is thought that the presence of tankers at the Treatment Works will continue until the repairs have been completed. Cllr Hunter will chase Yorkshire Water for an update. **AH**

Solar Farms: Cllrs Hunter and Goddard attended the Mylen Leah Solar Project Consultation meetings. Although the area will be reduced slightly, from the original proposals Mylen Leah is still taking approx 22% of available land in the Ellerton and Aughton Parish.

there are concerns that the panels will be seen from the road, despite assurances that screening will ensure individual homes will not have full sight of the Solar Farm. It is maintained that sheep will still be able to graze in the fields and that the panels will not interrupt the natural habitat of wildlife. However, this is something that residents are not fully convinced due to the proposed 3m high perimeter fencing preventing wildlife movement.

Transportation of materials will be through Bubwith and up Long Rampart Lane to the designated entry points to the site. it is estimated a 25% increase in HGV'S along the B1228 during the construction period. At peak an additional 174 LGV's/cars and 91HGV's will be travelling to and subsequently away from the site.

It was noted that it appears that little consideration had been given to the proximity of the Lower Derwent Ings at this point, also the possible "pooling effect" by the panels on the migratory birds.

Residents of Laytham informed the meeting that another project, the Humberhead Solar Farm, is currently in the planning stage. This will be situated to the south of Pocklington and Market Weighton and will consist of several small sites. Although these will be near the Mylen Leah Project, they are totally independent of each other.

The residents of Laytham have requested a meeting with Cllr Victoria Aitken and hopes other Parish Councils in the area, including Foggathorpe, Melbourne and Seaton Ross, will join them in lobbying ERYC and the Government quoting the cumulative impact the large number of solar farm sites is having on the area. Cllr Hunter is happy to attend any meeting that is arranged. **AH**

Cllr Pease proposed that Councillors should speak to parishioners to get their views on the project(s) so that the Parish Council can formulate a response.

23/26 Declaration of Interests: None

24/26 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting 24th March 2026:

Proposed: Cllr Horrocks Seconded: Cllr Goddard

25/26 Matters arising:

- i. Village Drainage: See Public Session
- ii. Community Payback Team: update - Cllr Hunter is waiting for the team to come back to him.
- iii. Cow Pasture Lane: planeings have been delivered by ERYC. They have been spread out which has improved things for now. More will be needed in the future.

26/26 Agenda - matters not elsewhere on the agenda:

- i. Mylen Leah consultation: see Public Session

28/26 Planning decisions as advised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

Approved:

26/30138/CONDET - submission of details of Condition 2 (Written Scheme of Investigation permission) for 26/00078/PLF - Change of use from former chapel to dwelling with associated works - Ellerton Methodist Chapel Main Street Ellerton YO42 4PB

26/30136/CONDET - submission of details of Condition 2 (Written Scheme of Investigation permission) for 26/00079/PLB - Listed building consent for change of use from former chapel to dwelling with associated works - Ellerton Methodist Chapel Main Street Ellerton YO42 4PB

29/26 Finances:

- i. Financial Report
- ii. Receipts:
Precept 1st instalment - £5500.00
- iii. Payments to be approved:
Clerk's salary (May) - £130.04
HMRC (May) - £27.40
Clerk's Travel (March) - £14.40
Field clearance - £320.00

Payments to be confirmed:

Clerk's Salary (April) - £130.04
HMRC (April) - £ 27.40

Proposed: Cllr Goddard Seconded: Cllr Hunter

30/26 Reports: None

31/26 Correspondence:

- i. Mylen Leah Solar Farm Consultation notification
- ii. Northern Powergrid re electricity supply for festive lighting - the Clerk will remind Northern Powergrid that use of the electricity supply ceased 6/7 years ago and that a request had been made last year for them to remove the box as it had become a trip hazard. **YE**
- iii. A request has been received from Fresh Water Habitats to test the pond for Great Crested Newts. Cllr Hunter has requested that Parish Councillors should be able to attend to view the testing once a date has been received.

32/26 Any Other Business as agreed by the Chairman

- i. There has not been any further information about the accident near the East Cottingwith junction. The Clerk reported that a parishioner was in the process of cutting back the grass verges to increase visibility at the East Cottingwith cross-roads on General Lane.

33/26 Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 8.48pm