

ELLERTON AND AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Ellerton & Aughton Parish Council held on **Tuesday 28th July 2026** at **7.30pm** at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Hunter(Chair), Goddard, Parvin, Hogg, Pease, Rogers
3 parishioners

Apologies: Cllr Horrocks

Public Session:

Village Drainage: Mitigation tanks have been installed by YW to divert any sewage away from the treatment plant on Back Lane, the tanks will still require emptying but the tanker activity at the Treatment works will no longer be required. The mitigation tanks should prevent any further discharge in to the Dyke. The Dyke has been partially cleaned and this work is ongoing.

Since the meeting the PC have received an update regarding the Treatment works.

"Mitigation tanks will stay in place until the new solution is delivered. We have absolutely no plans of putting flows through the existing STW again. The STW was working 'as designed' when we stopped using it. So, there's nothing to repair. Hopefully the tankers are coming at a reasonable time now. Their manager wasn't aware of it and didn't confirm nor deny. But did reassure that if it was them it would stop"

The Pond: a report was received from a parishioner regarding a possible discharge on Sunday 26/7/26 Cllrs Hunter and Goddard attended the Pond and undertook testing of the water, the results were in line with previous tests, no Nitrates or Phosphorus was detected. It was thought that something had possibly entered the Pond and disturbed it giving the appearance of a possible discharge. The PC would encourage any possible incidents at the pond noticed by Parishioners to be reported to any of the councillors.

The PC to contact YW and reiterate our belief that the consent to discharge into the Pond be engineered out in the proposed future works.

33/26 Declaration of Interests: None

34/26 Minutes of the last meeting dated Tuesday 26th May 2026

Proposed: Cllr Goddard Seconded: Cllr Parvin

35/26 Matters arising:

- i. Village Drainage: See Public Session
- ii. Solar Proposals: Cllrs Hunter and Horrocks attended a meeting in Laytham to discuss the saturation of solar farms in the area. David Davies MP and Ward Cllr Victoria Aitken were also in attendance.

There are currently 3 large scale solar installations proposed in the local area which are firstly, BoomPower, surrounding Gribthorpe, Spaldington, Wressle and Howden, secondly, Mylen Leah Solar, (Statkraft) surrounding Ellerton, Seaton Ross, Laytham, Melbourne and Thornton and thirdly, Humberhead Solar, (Island Green Power) surrounding Seaton Ross, H.O.S.M., Allerthorpe, Hayton, Burnby and Londesborough, all of which are in various stages of the planning process.

A survey has been made available to all parishioners on noticeboards and Facebook.

The 3 options for response are:

1. I am generally in favour of Solar sites but believe that the proposals locally amounting to 10,550 acres are disproportionate and the cumulative impact has not been properly assessed. All proposed sites in the area should be assessed for cumulative impact.
2. I object to the proposals put forth from both Statkraft and Island Green Power and do not want to see Solar covering the countryside.
3. I support the proposed developments and have no objections to them progressing.

All indications show a preference for Options 1 and 2. To date, nobody has opted for Option 3.

- iii. Community Payback Team: update - Cllr Hunter is still waiting for the team to come back to him. He will contact the supervisor again. **AH**

36/26 Agenda - matters not elsewhere on the agenda:

- i. Tree maintenance update: the trees are growing very well. Clearance has taken place around the new trees with tree guards and stakes being removed and all the invasive brambles being cut back. Cllr Hunter reported that not many trees had been lost. The contractor will be asked to return in the Spring. This will be the last maintenance visit. It was suggested that at least twice yearly visits to clear the area around the trees be instigated by the PC.

37/26 Planning applications notified:

26/01573/CLE - Certificate of Lawfulness for the confirmation of commencement of works of planning permission 23/01874/PLF (Conversion of existing barn to a dwelling, erection of two storey and single storey extensions, associated internal, external alterations and infrastructure and construction of a new vehicular access and access road) - Land And Buildings West Of Shortacre Farm Shortacre Lane Ellerton YO42 4PN for Mr & Mrs Wolfenden

Noted

Planning applications considered:

26/01296/OUT - Outline Erection of 4 dwellings (all matters reserved) - Land North and East of Tregonning Main Street Ellerton East Riding of Yorkshire YO42 4NZ for Mr M Falcon

Objected

38/26 Planning decisions as advised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

Approved: None

39/26 Finances:

- i. Financial Report
 - ii. Receipts: VAT refund - £496.45
 - iii. Payments to be approved:
 - Clerk's salary (July) - £130.04
 - HMRC (July) - £27.40
 - Clerk's Travel (May) - £14.40
- Payments to be confirmed:
- Clerk's Salary (June) - £129.84
 - HMRC (June) - £ 27.60

40/26 Reports:

- i. Nature Recovery We Can- 30th May 2026 - attended by Cllr Goddard: this is an umbrella organisation looking to promote sustainable community initiatives. Nature Recovery is a community effort whereby everyone has a role to play, regardless of age. The Lower Derwent Valley Nature Reserve is hoping to set up a group in the area which is supported by Parish Councils. If agreeable, Parish Councils would then commit and make it an agenda item.
The aim is for communities to commit and share ideas and success stories with other groups which have signed up to the project in the hope that they could work for others. Topics which could be taken on, amongst others, include attracting butterflies into your garden, assessing your garden for nature friendliness, making your own compost and installing swift boxes. Cllr Goddard is making himself available if anyone would like to discuss this further. The website for further information is <https://www.ournaturerecovery.org.uk/community>

41/26 Correspondence:

- i. Request for permission to test for the presence of great crested newts using eDNA: Cllrs Hunter and Goddard attended whilst the testing was being carried out. This is one of 800 ponds being tested. It will be a few months before a definitive answer is received.
A test sample of the water showed a presence of phosphorus nitrates, though it is thought that this is probably owing to the recent removal of reeds and disturbance of the water. Readings are now expected to be back to normal.
If it is found that there is a presence of great crested newts, restrictions will be imposed. If not, maintenance work will be able to be undertaken throughout the year.

42/26 Any Other Business as agreed by the Chairman

43/26 Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.30pm