

Book 2026/2027

Draft Minutes are subject to approval at the next council meeting

Notes of Meeting of Ewerby and Evedon Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th January 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room, Ewerby



Present:

Parish Cllrs D. Broadberry (Dep Chairman), C. Marshall, B. Lord, C. Issitt, E. Drayton, A Lister-Tomlinson, Cllr M. Head, 4 members of the public and Mrs Sardeson (Clerk)

Absent Councillors:

Cllr Scott

0/26 Welcome – Cllr Broadberry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1/26 Apologies for absence – Cllr N Scott

2/26 Notes of the previous meeting – the draft minutes of the Council meeting held on the 5th November 2025 approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3/26 Matters arising from previous meeting – Robomower: no longer needed; Cemetery costs- agenda item; Speeding in village – agenda item; roads and pavements – potholes in Church Lane, Kirkby Rd resolved, 2 recent in Asgarby Rd reported and passed on to Highways dept. Others reported not deep enough yet. Meeting with LCC Highways on pavements in December – pavement not bad enough for immediate work but agreed that patch near St. Andrew's will be filled. Pinfold hedge – resolved

4/26 Receipts and Payments

- i. Mrs Sardeson shared the receipts and payments. The balance in the bank of 03/02/26 is £5,551.44 **Receipts:** £160 (2 Headstones) **Payments:** Kingfisher Direct £175.79 (Kirkby Rd replacement bin); £13.59 bank service charges. The clerk will be submitting the VAT claim for 2025/26.
- ii. Payments including clerk: £150 (first quarter including expenses); HMRC: (£43.20 for 2025/26) were approved.

5/26 Parish Precept 2026/27

Draft Budget 2025-26. The clerk shared the application for the precept application for 2026/27. It was noted that the tax-base information provided by NKDC shows a slight increase but this can be offset by the savings on insurance and grass cuttings for 2025/26. The precept application therefore remains the same as 2024/25 at £3,768. Apologies for this figure not available to be discussed at November 2025 meeting. Application form submitted by the clerk to NKDC.

6/26 Planning Matters

- i. 17/12/25 **Application Reference:** 25/1444/FULL; **Proposal:** Installation of roof mounted photovoltaic cells. **Location:** The Finch Hatton Arms 43 Main Street Ewerby. It was noted that this has been approved
- ii. 15/12/25 **Application Reference:** 25/1169/HOUS; **Proposal:** Erection of single storey extension to south elevation. **Location:** Glebelands Main Road Evedon

7/26 North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) is inviting landowners, developers, organisations, members of the public and parish councils to submit sites within Central Lincolnshire for consideration for future development. Sites may be proposed for a range of uses, including housing, employment, mixed-use settlements or other specific uses. The deadline for submissions is 15 February 2026. Councillors were asked whether they were aware of any sites or wished to make a submission; no comments were received.

8/26 Ground Care. Prior to meeting, the clerk had shared quote from Sleaford Town Council on the grass cutting of Ewerby Village Green, Church Yard, Cemetery, Pinfold, Play Area and Evedon Church Yard. This is estimated

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at £2000 p.a (+ £400 VAT) on the basis of attending the areas listed twice monthly between March – October. The clerk advised that this can be reassessed depending on seasonal changes. The times in month can also be adjusted if required due to funerals, weddings etc. Current grass cutting services are ~ £3,365 p.a. The change was approved.

9/26 Speeding Assessment - Another Archer report applied for 22/01/26. Expected May/June 2026. Previous report March 2022 showing average speed on main street 21.2 mph (speed limit 30 mph; % vehicles exceeding limit 2.1%; indicating overall compliance was very good). Cllr Drayton suggested contacting local community officer to see if faster action could be taken. Cllr Lister-Tomlinson reported that the temporary speed restriction sign had been moved to a more visible location.

10/26 Parish Generic Email Account - Strongly recommended to meet existing legal obligations regarding GDPR that parish clerk must have gov.uk email by March 2026. The clerk reported on the various options that had been researched from registrants. Average cost ~ £50 per year (for 10+ emails; first year free). Parish Online offering 1 free email and free domain for 5 years. Councillors unanimously agreed to go with Parish Online

11/26 The Clerk presented proposed revised cemetery charges and explained the rationale behind the pricing. Cllr Lord queried whether charges were necessary for children's burials and interments. It was unanimously agreed that there would be no charge for children's burials and interments. The revised charges were agreed by all councillors and will come into effect from 1 March 2026.

12/26 To receive correspondence

- i. Feedback from Cllr Lister-Tomlinson on NKDC meeting 13/11/25
- ii. 17/12/25 Local plan call for Sites Lincolnshire
- iii. 04/12/2026 Community Speed Watch information sent from Community Speed Watch Coordinator Lincolnshire
- iv. 15/12/2025 Publication of New Electoral Register
- v. Planning application 25/1169/HOUS to Cllr Issitt

13/26 Any other business

- Church Clock (responsibility of Ewerby Parochial Church Council). Cllr Lister-Tomlinson reported on the recent failure of the church clock and explained how the mechanism had been damaged. He has investigated the cause of the issue and identified a specialist to repair the mechanism. The Ewerby Parochial Church Council is currently investigating the matter, including the possibility of an insurance claim, as costs are expected to be high due to the requirement for scaffolding. Cllr Lister-Tomlinson was thanked for his ongoing assistance in maintaining the church clock.
- Cllr Broadberry raised concerns regarding an increase in villagers using farmland where there is no public right of way, noting that signage had also been removed. The Clerk proposed placing a notice on the EEPC Facebook page to help address the issue.
- A member of the public raised concerns regarding the increasing amount of dog fouling on Main Street.
- Cllr Head advised that the Government's consultation on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) for Greater Lincolnshire has commenced. He informed on the four proposals that are subject to public consultation (which is open until 26 March 2026) and outlined the perceived advantages and disadvantages of the various proposals.
- Cllr Lister-Tomlinson reminded members that the next Parish Council elections will take place on 6 May 2027. Applications for councillor positions will be required in May 2026. If more than seven valid applications are received, an election will be necessary; if seven or fewer applications are received, councillors will be elected unopposed.
- Cllr Head reported on the benefits of a Parish Council holding a Certificate of Competence, including increased flexibility and autonomy in council operations.
- Cllr Broadberry thanked Mrs Sardeson for her help

DATES OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th May 2026

There being no further business, Cllr Broadberry closed the meeting at 8.10 pm