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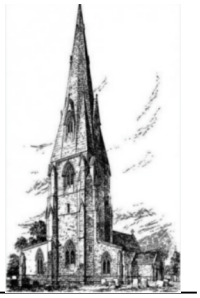
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of Ewerby and Evedon Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room, Ewerby



Present:

Parish Cllrs N. Scott (Chairman), C. Marshall, A Lister-Tomlinson, District Cllr M. Head (until 7.45pm), Mrs M-A Sardeson (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Absent Councillors:

Cllr B Lord, Cllr C Issitt, D Broadberry (Vice-Chairman), E. Drayton

38/26 Welcome – Cllr Scott welcomed all those present.
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Lord, Issitt and Broadberry

39/26 Notes of the previous meeting – the draft minutes of the Council meeting held on the 29th July 2026 were approved and signed.

40/26 District Councillor's Report
Cllr Head provided an update on local government reorganisation, confirming a revised timetable with shadow unitary elections expected in May 2028 and new authorities operational from April 2029. No immediate changes are anticipated for parish councils, although longer-term implications remain uncertain. He also outlined recent planning reforms, expressing concern over reduced councillor involvement in planning decisions. Cllr Head reported on the approval of the Anwick biogas plant and the possibility of a legal challenge by Anwick Parish Council.
The Council thanked him for his report.

41/26 Matters arising from previous meeting
Michael Scott Memorial Bench – expected March 2027; Cremated Remains Policy approved and published; first interment completed; Winchilsea Graves rent review – decision expected December 2026; Evedon hedge cutting in hand; hedge at 27 Main Street cut; Beacon Fen report circulated; playground warning sign and Field Lane salt bin installed, further salt awaited; playground hedges cut.
Banking: Following a review of alternative banks, the Council resolved to remain with Lloyds. £4,000 has been transferred to an instant-access savings account earning 0.5% interest partially offsetting annual bank charges.

42/26 Matters Arising**:**
Playground Safety Inspection Report RoSPA report reviewed. No urgent remedial works were identified. E.A. Dring Farms Ltd agreed to undertake medium-risk remedial works. The Council thanked the company for its continued support.
Litter Picking Council agreed that an organised event was unnecessary. Cllr Marshall offered to undertake litter picking during his volunteer day and was thanked.
Dog Fouling Signage Additional signage discussed. Cllr Marshall to arrange improved signs; Clerk to forward examples.

43/26 Receipts and Payments

i. Mrs Sardeson shared the receipts and payments. The balance in the bank of 02/11/26 is £8,139.57
ii. **Receipts:** Cemetery £325.00; CHS Farms £1,000; Interest £2.85. **Payments:** Playground Inspection £138.00; Playground speed safety sign £39.79; Bank Charges £ 12.75; Clerk wages and expenses £150.

44/26 Planning Matters:
PL/0016/25 Biogas plant, existing site – ongoing.
26/0971/HOUS 22 Main Street, single-storey replacement extension. On-going.

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45/26 To receive Correspondence

i. 20/08 Decision notice on Ewerby Waithe
ii. 21/08 Cedar Trees works
iii. 06/09 Playground Inspection
iv. 24/09 Giant Tree Circle Request
v. 30/09 Beacon Fen consent

46/26 Any Other Business

i. **Church Clock** – Responsibility rests with the Church Council, which will be approached.
ii. **Precept 2027/28** – Initial discussion held. Current level proposed for 2027/28, with a possible 25% reduction in 2028/29.
iii. **Grass Cutting** –£400 increase to the annual grass-cutting contract approved.
iv. **Village Christmas Tree** – Installation on village green approved. The Clerk has applied for £200 towards the lights from District Cllr East's Community Fund. The Council expressed its thanks for his support.
v. **Exclusive Rights of Burial** – Clerk to investigate extending period to 100 years and report back.
vi. Playground Hedge – Council thanked J.C. Sardeson for cutting the hedges.

DATES OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd February 2027

Wednesday 12th May 2027

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

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