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An Ordinary Meeting of Fridaythorpe Parish Council was held on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026** in the offices of Cranswick PLC, Thixendale Road, Fridaythorpe.

Present: Cllrs Hemesley (Chair), Falkingham, Morrish and Pearson  
Ward Cllr Cary  
The Clerk  
1 Member of the public

The Minutes from this meeting appear below.

## **Minutes**

The Meeting opened at 7:00pm.

### **2026.31 Chair's Welcome**

Cllr Hemesley welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

### **2026.32 Apologies**

- apologies had been received from Cllrs Armitage and Smith, which were noted
- apologies had also been received from Ward Cllrs Hammond and West

### **2026.33 Declarations of Interest**

- (a) There were no Declarations of Interest
- (b) There were no Grants of Dispensation

### **2026.34 Minutes**

- (a) The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were agreed to be a true and accurate record and were signed by Cllr Hemesley
- (b) *To review each of the Action Points from the Minutes of the above Meeting*
  - an update is still awaited from the Ward Cllrs regarding the existing crossings in Bainton, Middleton-on-the-Wolds and Stamford Bridge
  - ACTION:** Clerk to carry this item forward to the July Meeting
  - ACTION:** Ward Cllr West to investigate potential road safety measures for the village and how a number of suggestions can be progressed, reporting back at the July Meeting
  - the Clerk had contacted the Community Speed Watch representative and an update will be provided under Agenda Item 2026.43 (b)
  - the Clerk had obtained full details of the grass cutting by ERYC from 2023 to the present time, and an update will be provided under Agenda Item 2026.42
  - the Clerk had paid the 2025-26 grass cutting invoice from ERYC, and an initial cut of verges and of the Village Green had been completed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

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- the Clerk had also paid the ERNLLCA invoice and had then transferred a suitable amount from the Current Account to the Savings Account
- the Clerk had politely declined the request for a study of great-crested newts in the village pond
- an update is still awaited from ERYC regarding the ash die-back on Thixendale Road  
**ACTION:** Clerk to continue chasing for this update
- an update is still awaited from the Ward Cllrs regarding repairs to footpaths in the village  
**ACTION:** Clerk to carry this item forward to the July Meeting
- items had been added to the Agenda for this Meeting under umbrella item 2026.43

**2026.35 Public Participation**

There was no suspension of the Meeting as the member of the public did not wish to address the Parish Council under this item.

**2026.36 Ward Councillors' Reports**

Ward Cllr Cary advised that there were no updates to relay, but that he would take forward the above Action Points with his fellow Ward Cllrs

**2026.37 Finance**

- (a) The Accounts, Bank Statement and Bank Reconciliation were reviewed and approved by Cllrs Hemesley and Pearson
- (b) The Schedule of Payments was reviewed and approved by Cllrs Hemesley and Pearson

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| ERYC    | Grass Cutting 2025-26                     | £1,984.50  |
| ERNLLCA | Membership Fee 2026-27                    | £332.88    |
| Clerk   | Clerk's Salary (May)                      | (redacted) |
| Clerk   | Clerk's Working From Home Allowance (May) | £24.00     |

**2026.38 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR)**

*To receive the Annual Internal Audit Report from the 2025-26 AGAR.*

The Annual Internal Audit Report had been completed, with the only recommendation being to ensure that VAT reclaims are brought up to date and are then completed annually.

**2026.39 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR)**

The Certificate of Exemption from the 2025-26 AGAR was reviewed and then signed by Cllr Hemesley and the Clerk.

**2026.40 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR)**

Section 1 Annual Governance Statement from the 2025-26 AGAR was reviewed and then signed by Cllr Hemesley and the Clerk.

**2026.41 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR)**

Section 2 Accounting Statements from the 2025-26 AGAR was reviewed and then signed by Cllr Hemesley and the Clerk.

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#### 2026.42 Village Green Grass Cutting

*To receive updates on the cutting of grass on the Village Green by ERYC and to consider whether to move to an alternative contractor.*

The Clerk had obtained copy invoices from ERYC for the years 2023-24 and 2024-25, and updated Members on the costs between 2023 and the present time. ERYC had advised that the cost for 2026 is expected to be £1,719.90 plus VAT (£2,063.88 including VAT).

In 2025, ERYC had stated;

*"However, in the future we will not charge according to the number of cuts. The fee for 2025 will be a fixed fee of £1,653.75 (plus VAT). This will be the cost for providing approximately 8 cuts during the season".*

*"As previously stated, our grass mowing teams are scheduled to carry out cuts once every 15 working days which equates to a 3-weekly cut. Therefore during the 26-week cutting season we would look to achieve 8 cuts, however, changing weather conditions don't always make this possible".*

The Clerk noted that the change from "per cut" to "per season" had made the notional cost for each cut significantly higher than it had been in the two previous years.

RESOLVED: Cllr Hemesley proposed a change from having the Village Green maintained by ERYC to using a local contractor who has been able to offer a better price. Seconded by Cllr Morrish. All in favour.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contract ERYC and request to leave the existing arrangement as soon as possible. Clerk to also request the withdrawal of the charge for the cut of the Village Green made on 18<sup>th</sup> May due to a number of errors on the part of ERYC.

#### 2026.43 Parish Matters

- (a) *To receive an update on the application to the "Do It For East Yorkshire" grant scheme*

A grant application is being drafted for improvements to the village pond. As a first step, the pond will need to be cleaned, and these works will be included within the grant application although it is unclear whether or not they meet the grant criteria. If they fall outside the grant criteria, the clearing will need to be undertaken quickly in order to meet the grant deadline for completing the other improvements, which include the installation of aeration equipment and the addition of new plants to improve water quality

RESOLVED: an Agreement in Principle was established that if the pond cleaning falls outside of the grant criteria the cleaning works would be funded by the Parish Council from its reserves, subject to the required quotations being obtained.

**ACTION:** "Do It For East Yorkshire" grant application to be completed and submitted.

- (b) *To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch scheme*

- two Councillors have completed the online training
- five people have volunteered for the scheme, including the two Councillors
- support is also being provided by the Wetwang Community Speed Watch Group
- five sites have been selected in consultation with the Community Speed Watch representative from Humberside Police
- Cllr Pearson will be the Co-ordinator for the Fridaythorpe Group
- three people are needed for each Speed Watch session, which can be arranged online
- initial sessions will be organised, with a view to being fully up and running ahead of the National Day of Action for Community Speed Watch on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

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**2026.44 Date of next Meeting**

(a) **RESOLVED:** The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026** at **7:00pm** in the offices of **Cranswick PLC** on **Thixendale Road, Fridaythorpe**

(b) *To note any items for inclusion on the Agenda for the July Meeting*

**ACTION:** Clerk to receive items for inclusion and add them to the Agenda

- "Do It For East Yorkshire" grant application
- Community Speed Watch updates

The Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signed to confirm that the above Minutes are a true and accurate record of the Meeting:



Date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Cllr Alison Hemesley, Chair of Fridaythorpe Parish Council

*PP. Paul Smith*