

NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
27 APRIL 2026

PRESENT: Councillors Hookem (Chairman) J.Abraham, M.Abraham, Dennett and Knight

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk J Haslope, Ward Cllr Corless, Ward Cllr Hopton and 4 residents

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – RESOLVED –That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 April 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the annual Chairman’s Report for 2025/2026.

This past year, the Parish Council has managed to provide a new publicly accessible defibrillator for the village which has been installed on the northern platform of Ferriby Station, bringing the total in the village to 3, the other two being outside the Village Hall and the Methodist Church. (This is in addition to one at the Playing Fields). Each defibrillator covers a radius of around 600m, which means there are still a few areas of the village that fall outside this coverage, predominantly along Ferriby High Road. The Parish Council continues to work on ways to increase the coverage, but is limited to sites that have access to a permanent power supply.

During the year, and continuing with our biodiversity policy, the Environment Committee have, amongst other things, planted 96 new hazel trees on the Riverside Walkway and provided a further 20 trees in the verges around the village.

We continue to welcome all new residents to the village, the majority of whom are now moving into Ferriby Meadows it would seem on a fairly regular basis. Unfortunately this new development has not been without some disruption, mainly affecting traffic and especially for those of us living along Ferriby High Road who had to live with the complete closure of the road for approximately 6 weeks in the summer, which meant that there was no public transport, and residents needed to complete an approximate 7 mile driving detour just to reach the village centre.

As has been previously reported in our Village News, the Parish Council continues to attend quarterly meetings with Amazon which, gives us a chance to raise any problem matters such as HGV parking, noise, light pollution, etc. If you are impacted by any such issues, please pass your concerns on our Clerk, who can then forward them on to the relevant department at ERYC, or, you can email Amazon direct on dsa2-community-liaison@amazon.com, with a copy to our Clerk, as obviously problems do not exist if no-one is ever made aware of them.

In May there was a week of shared celebrations to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, including an Act of Remembrance at All Saints Church, raising of the VE Flag at the War Memorial, a ‘Street Party’ at the Social Club, and on 8 May itself Church bells were rung in celebration of peace and people gathered in the Village Hall to see VE Day footage. North Ferriby Primary School joined in by dressing up in wartime uniforms and performing classics from the era which was enjoyed by all and received much praise. This was then followed by lighting of the beacon on Riverside Walkway.

Also in May the Ferriby Festival was held again at the football club, and many locals were pleased to see that it had returned to its more family friendly roots, and as such was a huge success selling out. The Festival returns to the football club once again later this year at the end of May, and it is hoped to be just as successful.

In July the North Ferriby Gardeners’ Club held their Village Show highlighting our residents’ various talents, especially their green fingers!

November saw our traditional Remembrance Parade followed by a moving Service of Remembrance at the church, in December we had the lighting of the Christmas Tree and on the last Wednesday before Christmas, Carols Round the Lychgate – although this year due to the weather, this event had to be held in the Church, but was no less enjoyable.

In March a second very successful Know your North Ferriby was held in the Village Hall providing residents with the chance to see the large number of local diverse activities, clubs, societies and associations that are available to us.

Also in March, under the Northern Rail station adoption framework, a volunteer group including residents, members of the Parish Council and the Ferriby Shed, adopted North Ferriby Railway Station in order to enhance the station's appearance with activities such as planting and artwork, and we look forward to seeing their work over the coming months.

Looking forward again, from 10 – 14 June, our French friends from our twinned village of Le Pellerin will be visiting us, so if you meet any around the village, please do not hesitate in giving them a cheery bonjour!

Once again we have been lucky enough to be able to allocate a number of grants from the Wind Farm Fund, and as usual, the number of applications outweighed the funds available and so difficult decisions had to be taken. However this year the beneficiaries were, and in no particular order, North Ferriby Ladies Choir, North Ferriby Cricket Club, North Ferriby Social Club, North Ferriby Village Hall, North Ferriby & Swanland Girl Guides, Anne Turner Memorial Allotments, North Ferriby Riding for the Disabled and North Ferriby & Swanland Scouts. This could be the final time that the Parish Council is able to allocate these grants, as once the two new wind turbines are operational, it will be up to ERYC to determine how the Fund is allocated. If you would like to apply in the future, please keep an eye on our Newsletters and Notice Boards as well as our website and Facebook page where you will find details of how, when and where applications should be sent.

And just to ring the changes, this year I have left my many thanks until last, but they are no less heartfelt. As always thanks must go to all my fellow Councillors for their continued hard work and support over the past year, ensuring the smooth running, not only of general Parish Council matters, but also that of the individual committees, covering the environment, planning and the Village playing field. Many thanks must as always also go to our Clerk, Jo Haslope, for her continuing commitment and enthusiasm for the role of Parish Clerk and also to our Ward Councillors for their support in our Parish matters. Thanks also go out to the many other volunteers who give their time freely in numerous and varied ways for the benefit of the village including our wonderful band of litter pickers who you may see around the village and along Ferriby High Road, equipped with their distinctive pink bags. This help is always really appreciated and never taken for granted, and you too may wish to thank them in person if passing.

Thanks also go to the volunteers who this year helped clear the Reed Pond, the area around Blasket Pond and the area of the Riverside Walkway which enabled the new trees to be planted. Thanks must also go here to those residents who have helped establish our newly planted verge trees by watering them during the dry weather.

Thanks also go to Ferriby Shed who provide the festive decorations in Coronation Gardens at Christmas and Easter, and to those extremely talented and inventive knitters whose decorations suddenly appear atop village post boxes and which always manage to raise a smile. It is the action of all these volunteers that makes North Ferriby such a wonderful community in which to live.

Finally, as usual, I would like to remind everyone that the Parish Council is here for residents, and we are always happy to see you at any of our Council Meetings, the details of which can be found on the Village Notice Board in Coronation Gardens and on our website.

Belinda Hookem (Chairman)

North Ferriby Parish Council

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PUBLIC FORUM – The first question raised was about the condition of the verges, especially those on Riverview Ave, Derwent Ave and Southfield Drive. It was noted that ERYC have committed to repair one damaged verge on Southfield Drive, and it was agreed that the matter will be included in the next newsletter and discussed by the Environment Committee. The second question raised was regarding the noise from the air conditioning units. The results from the post build noise survey are due shortly and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Amazon asking for a date for the next Liaison Meeting. With no further questions the meeting closed at 6.50pm