

**Minutes of the Meeting of Filby Parish Council held on
Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7pm at Filby Club Room**

Present: Councillors Adrian Thompson (Chairperson), Karen Leftley (Minute taker)
David Shaw, Netty Hutchinson, Ian Richardson,
Louise Elms, members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Derek Nicker, Tracy Neave Clerk
2. **Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda:** none
3. **Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 7th January 2026:** agreed, proposed by Netty Hutchinson, seconded by Karen Leftly. Cllr Thompson confirmed that the water leak on Poplar Drive had been repaired and planning application The Oaks, selfbuild had been withdrawn.
4. **Public Forum**
 - a) Public:
 - It was questioned as to the progress of manhole covers and potholes. To be raised with Highways.
 - The drains are on an annual cleaning cycle.
 - The east side of Filby Bridge is a problem: to be raised with Highways
 - Drain and manhole cover outside of Muddy Paws/Old Rectory needs attention as the road surface around the hole has disappeared. Drain on Church Lane needs attention. There is a rough road surface at Ormesby Lane junction which will also need reporting. Clerk to deal with this.
 - An issue was raised in that speeding appears to be increasing through the village. Cllr Thompson explained the crossing will be installed in February 2027. Speed awareness data does not show an increase.
 - b) Borough Councillor/Cllr Thompson advised that Borough elections are back on. Filby is in a new ward for the next year all pending local government reorganisation with amendments determining an increase in government housing levels.
 - c) County Councillor: Not present.
 - d) Police: Not present. Next neighbourhood meeting on 30th April 2026 at the Rabbit Hutch, Caister.
5. **Planning**
 - a) New Applications: None
 - b) Applications considered between meetings: None
 - b) Decisions: None.
6. **Finance**
 - a) Finances 2025/26 To Date Current bank balances
No update available

b)	<u>Agreed payments</u>		
	i. T Neave	Salary – Jan and February	£655.26
	ii. T Neave	Working from Home Allowance	£10.00
	iii. Glasdon	Bike rack paid December	£215.40
	iv. CPP Planning	Completion Neighbourhood Plan	£3360.00

7. Correspondence

a) General Correspondence

- i) Survey request from The Caister and Rural Villages Community Alcohol Partnership distributed to all Councillors

8. Reports on Parish Assets

a) Allotments

- I. Cllr Shaw presented the costs and plans for the proposed new horse paddocks. A site visit is planned for Sunday 8th March at members of the public to attend.
Cost: Year 1: £5800 fencing posts and gates, seeding cost of field estimated at £400 plus labour
Year 2 £5800 for fencing posts and gates, small seed cost to recover cropped area, seeding of access track across to bridleway £600 plus labour
- II. It was agreed to adopt the arable plots allotments risk assessment. Cllr Hutchinson agreed to prepare the risk assessment for the horse plots

b) Drainage, Footpaths and Highways

Cycle rack has been delivered. Villag Hall committee to decide location of the bike rack.

Footpath at the back of church, Thrigby Road end needs wacking. Cllr Thompson to contact Broads Authority to complete this.

c) Claypits

Height barrier on the clay pits car park has been hit and broke. Matthew Wilson is already aware with this being repaired.

d) General Parish Council Assets

Clerk has contacted Northumberland Water Company regarding the bridge and awaiting further information.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

a) Update

The plan is under consultation until 20th March and if no contention it will move to the examination process.

10. Other Matters

a) Risk of flags on lighting poles no action to be taken

b) Move to gov.uk emails and regulated website agreed with RLS Computers being used as provider: (proposed Cllr Elms and seconded by Cllr Richardson.

ACTION: Clerk

11. Items for the next agenda

- New horse paddocks progress update
- Zipwire update on health and safety checks
- Mobile mast

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on **Wednesday 6th May 2026** at 7pm at Filby Club Room. Agenda items to the Clerk by Monday 27th April 2026

CHAIRMAN