



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Monday 12 May 2025** **commencing at 7.00pm** in the Methodist Chapel Hall. The business to be dealt with at the meeting is listed in the Agenda below.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2024.**
- 3. Matters arising.**
- 4. Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**
- 5. Public Forum**

All Residents of North Leverton and Hablesthorpe are welcome to attend this meeting to hear about and comment on what your Parish Council has achieved during the last year.

M Ferguson
Chairman
North Leverton with Hablesthorpe Parish Council
29 April 2025



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD MONDAY 13 MAY 2024

Present: The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr M Ferguson, and seven members of the public including the District Councillor and five parish councillors

24.01 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs. Sands and Sykes and the Police.

24.02 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2023.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr M Ferguson

Seconded Cllr. Baker

All in favour

24.03 Matters arising.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

24.04 Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Chairman gave the following Annual Report:-

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2024

The last 12 months have seen a few changes of personnel. I can report that Zoe Sirrell has stood down from the Parish Council and we welcomed two new councillors, Jake Sands and Alan Sykes. On behalf of my fellow councillors, I would like to thank Zoe for her contributions and wish her well for the future. Meanwhile both Jake and Alan have settled in well to their roles. This of course means that the council has a vacancy for one person. If anyone feels that they may like to join the Parish Council, please contact our Clerk whose contact details are on our website. Unfortunately during this last year our long serving village handyperson John Taylor passed away after a lengthy illness. John was a larger-than-life character who would help anyone at moment's notice if required. He is and will continue to be sadly missed.

Moving on to the Parish Council's achievements for 2023.

I am pleased to report that we have acquired the plot of wasteland in Hablesthorpe. We are currently having a full ecology survey undertaken and, once we have studied the reports, we will finalise consultations with residents and commence the task of bringing this long-abandoned piece of land back into the community. Obviously, any proposed development will have to take on board any environmental restrictions that may be encountered and fully comply with Bassetlaw District Council's restriction that no permanent building works will be permitted.

As part of our ongoing obligation regarding the upkeep of the blacksmith's playing field we have completed a refurbishment of the memorial garden, the relocation of the keep fit equipment and the provision of lighting. After detailed discussions with the police and BDC's anti-social behaviour department it was determined that the lighting would be beneficial to help reduce (and hopefully eradicate) the rise in anti-social behaviour on the field. If this fails to be the case, then the installation of CCTV is an option!

Again I am pleased to report that a second defibrillator has been installed in Hubblesthorpe Close and is fully operational. It was considered that the installation of a second facility at the bottom of village would be highly beneficial to the entire community but in particular, to the residents of the households in that area.

The Parish Council Newsletter, website and Facebook page continue to be well received. My thanks go all those involved for their help in running these services and to all those that contribute, by doing so they ensure that these forums help promote the work of the Parish Council and to keep the parish informed of the events that are such a fundamental part of community life.

Now some final mentions regarding the Parish Council.

I would like to offer my personal thanks to our Clerk Anne Pallet who has continued to be a professional asset to the council. Her advice has proved to be invaluable throughout the last 12 months and has help steer us through several legal situations. My thanks also go to both District Cllr. James Naish and County Cllr. John Ogle for their continued support and look forward to continuing our productive working relationship.

Our new village handyperson Steve Foster has settled in well and is helping to reduce the amount of litter in the village together with helping to maintain many items of our street furniture. This work, although not the most glamorous, is essential for the general upkeep of the village. Steve is now working alongside his son Jack who has continued his role as village lengthsman. As usual Jack has continued to deal with the numerous tasks that are asked of him. My thanks go to both Steve and Jack for their enthusiastic approach to their work.

Turning my attention to a long-term issue within the village – that of speeding traffic! The last 12 months have been no exception! Indeed, there is compelling evidence that the problem is getting worse!

A few figures of note are.

- Total number of vehicles checked since April 2023 - 924
- Total number of speeders - 94 (10.17%) [last report 8.5%]
- Average speed of vehicles caught speeding – 42mph [last report 37.1mph]
- Fastest speed recorded – 48mph [last report 48mph]

These figures will be passed onto the Police as evidence of our ongoing problem in the hope that they will increase the number of visits they make. I would like to take this opportunity to remind local drivers that the 30mph speed limit is there for a reason and politely ask them to observe the legal requirement before someone is seriously hurt or even worse killed! My thanks go to the entire team of Speedwatch volunteers for their continued efforts, in tirelessly undertaking this invaluable initiative.

Finally, I would like to offer my personal gratitude to my fellow Parish Councillors who have all helped and aided me over the last 12 months – thank you all.

M Ferguson (Chairman of NLPC)

24.05 Police Report

No representative present. Cllr. M Ferguson read out the Police Report..

24.06 Public Forum

A member of the public raised a point that a council worker had taken up some bulbs on verge on Mill Close.

The meeting closed at 7.17 pm

*I declare that this is a true account of the meeting
(approved at the Annual Parish Meeting 12 May 2025)*

Signed
Chair North Leverton with Hablesthorpe Parish Council

Dated

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