

Minutes of the Wressle Parish Council meeting held on 21 July 2026 in the Village Hall

Present: David Hunt (Chair), Helen Blacker, Tom Davies, Jane Breach, Guy Longbottom, Coleen Millward, Chris Ross

Apologies: Rob Falkingham, Dan Sweeting

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There were 5 members of public present for the public session

Diane Heritage reported that the Punjabi supper and line dancing had gone well and other plans are being made for community events

Guy Longbottom had arranged attendance from Michael Breslaw from AMPYR which is the company constructing and managing the (ex-BOOM) solar farm which has planning permission for a large area that includes some of Wressle parish.

Michael took time to explain his company, three of the major people in the company lived locally and were therefore available to meet again as construction starts in 2027 ready for going live in September 2029. The company is currently putting plans together to meet all of the conditions in the planning permission. The construction will be exactly as laid out in the planning permission. AMPYR currently has 2 UK operating projects with 13 more in construction or planning states, Michael stated that during construction there would be 25 HGV movements per day plus 50 tractor & trailer movements per day over the whole solar farm, the HGV movements mainly affecting the compound areas. Work would be carried out between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday and up to 1pm on Saturday with no transport movements during rush hours. People asked about the noise of piling and he understood that as the posts for the panels would be metal posts that this would not be too loud. The panels will have a maximum height of 3 metres and any problems found in construction would be addressed as soon as they are evident so water pipes, land drainage, pollution and road surface issues would be picked up quickly and repaired, a phone number will be available for people to report issues. There will be security lighting during construction but the only lighting on completion would be at the compounds, solar fires should not happen as batteries are not being used and the fields with panels will have access paths for fire engines in case of fire. Wildlife will be catered for and badger holes etc will be built into the fencing. Other sites in the UK have not suffered vandalism and the end of life plans for the scheme will be paid for with a bond being put together during the life of the scheme, community benefits will be available once the scheme is commissioned

25/26 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 19/5/26, approved and signed by the Chair

Declaration of Interest. To record any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest by any Member in respect of items on this agenda, nil

26/26 Matters arising

- Village Hall, digester now installed, the permit has been received from the Environment Agency, David Hunt reported that the first years' service was free and would be £170 annually after this

- Village Hall, closing of the old charity and transfer of assets is with the Charity Commission. Chris Ross offered to make the resolution for the land around the hall. A request for a contribution to the next fish and chips supper was discussed and it was decided that a subsidy for the fish and chips was now not needed. The original subsidies were to encourage the community to come together post covid. Concerns at the recent rental price increase were discussed and a request from Yoga for a reduction (in return for running Wellness events) was not allowed as it was felt that a £5 increase, the first in 10 years, was not out of order.
- Wressle Bridleway No 2 definitive map, still waiting for decision
- Wressle Churchyard upkeep, an email from Sarah Falkingham was considered and it was decided to discuss this again when the precept for 2027/28 was decided

27/26 Planning applications, nil

28/26 Planning decisions as advised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, nil

29/26 Accounts, balances £3,946.67 current, £15,038.76 saver

Bank statements were considered without comment

Payments confirmed;

£110.46 VH cleaner salary Jun, £44.00 HMRC tax on salary, £201.96 Clerk salary Jun, £85.54 waste collection VH, £180.00 septic tank empty, £35.94 sundries VH, £75.00 PAT testing, £36.00 extra work on website, £72.00 Autela payroll support, £318.00 Mayfair fire testing VH

Payments approved £211.86 Clerk salary Jul, £110.46 VH cleaner salary Jul, £44.00 HM R&C tax on salary, £5323.20 Allerton for the digester (this was paid from a grant), £73.63 Business stream water bill

30/26 Reports

- It was resolved to apply to Drax for a grant to cover Christmas lights, tree and the social evening, the evening is to be offered to Friends of VH to run once a grant has been achieved
- Helen Blacker to send Clerk info about hire costs/booking form to be added to the website
- Guy Longbottom reported on attendance at a Nature Recovery meeting
- Jane Breach reported on attendance at Gas Network Pipeline meeting
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31/26 Correspondence, nil

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting of Wressle Parish Council in Wressle Village Hall will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 September 2026