

NEW HOLLAND PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting of New Holland Parish Council on **Wednesday, 17th September, 2025** held at New Holland Community Centre, Barrow Road at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr L Hudson (Chair), Cllr N Woodhead (Vice Chair), Cllrs K Baker, D Eagle, S Roberts
Ward Cllrs P Clark, R Hannigan, D Wells
Clerk to the Council A Boulton
PCSOs T Dyas and R Lawson
Five members of the public

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Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair referred to the passing of Cllr Alan Rank and paid tribute to the work he did for the village and thanked him.

2509/01 To note apologies for absence.
None

2509/02 Public Participation

To resolve, if necessary, to temporarily suspend the meeting for a period of no more than 15 minutes to allow for a period of public participation. Members of the public may raise subjects, which they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Items relating to matters on the agenda will be taken first and any decisions will be made when the meeting is declared open.

-PCSO Lawson has been talking to young people who ride cycles around Danesgate and introduced Finlay who asked the PC if they would be willing to provide a bike jump track. He said that the bikers would be willing to contribute and that it would stop anti-social behaviour. It would be suitable for all ages and skills and the more experienced ones would help the others. They would be happy with anything that was suitable for bikes – all they want to do is to have fun. At the moment boys from New Holland have to go to Barton. They would be happy to build the jumps and would even set up a Go Fund Me page to raise money. His father also spoke in support of the project.

Cllr Hannigan said that it had to be done properly and there may be funding available. Structures could be made out of pallets or logs. There are four boys involved at the moment.

It was agreed that Finlay would liaise with Cllr Woodhead in the first instance to find a suitable site

-The PC were asked if they knew what was happening with the Magna planning application. Ward Cllrs don't know when it will be on NLC's planning agenda.

509/03 Declarations of Interest

- a. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared. ***None***
- b. To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below ***None***

2509/04 Minutes of Previous meeting

To approve Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 16th July, 2025

Resolved: To approve and sign the Minutes.

2509/05 Ward Councillors' Reports

To receive reports from Ward Councillors:

Fostering, which NLC support, is going well – more foster-parents are needed.

Local Government Re-organisation – NLC wish to stay as they are as the council has been rated “Outstanding”.

From next year, residents will just have three wheelie bins for waste and recycling and no boxes.

2509/06 Delegates Reports

a) Flood Resilience Advisory Group – ***Cllr Hudson has not received notice of the forthcoming meeting. The Clerk will inform the Flood Alleviation Group.***

b) NATS – ***no report***

c) BCCRP – ***At the moment, the PC has no representative.***

d) ERNLLCA – ***All correspondence has been forwarded to councillors***

e) Assertion 10 (re generic emails) – ***from next April, it will be mandatory for councillors to use their gov.uk emails***

f) Local Government Re-organisation – ***this has already been covered by Ward Cllrs.***

g) Community Centre

The cleaning duties have been clarified.

Several events have been planned including a Halloween party, a Christmas Craft Fair, a New Year's Eve party with curry and hot food and an evening with Medium Joe.

Posters will be put on notice boards and an appeal for help with events posted.

Jay at New Holland stores will be a point of sale for tickets.

Grandma's Pantry will be asked to move the unused fridge out of the storeroom. The karate mats are still there and the Clerk will request that they are collected.

The handyman is going to be asked to paint the walls where areas have been missed.

2509/07 Parish Council vacancies

To discuss filling current vacancies for Parish Councillors

Resolved: To deliver leaflets to all the village. It was suggested that the boys with the bike jump request might help.

2509/08 Highways

a) To receive an update on matters reported to Highways.

None

2509/09 CCTV

To update installation of CCTV

It was agreed that Cllr Woodhead would sign the necessary policies to enable the application to go ahead.

2509/10

Recreation Ground

- a) To discuss monthly play equipment inspections
Resolved: As Cllr Woodhead is attending the play inspection course in October, he will do the inspections in future.
- b) To update tree problem affecting Jubilee Place
Resolved: The Parish Council had the problem bushes/tree/shrubbery cut back by Birtwhistle Landscaping. It was felt that the fence in question was rotten and the PC will not be paying for a replacement
- c) To update Japanese knotweed problem
Anglian Water are looking into this and updates are awaited.
- d) To discuss request for bike jumps in the village
This was discussed during public participation and it was resolved that Cllr Woodhead would be the liaison.

2509/11

Events

- i) To receive reports on recent events
The VJ Day tea with Barrow Band was very successful. Attendance at the film afternoon was very disappointing. A Memorial tea for Alan Rank attracted less people than expected.
- ii) To update future events
See earlier Community Centre report
- iii) Resident's proposal for Halloween party
The resident was thanked for the offer but the Parish Council are planning their own.

2509/12

Projects

- a) Update on lease of land for clothing bank
Cllr Hannigan will check on this
- b) Parish Council Facebook newsletter
Two newsletters have been published so far.
- c) Chair-based exercise classes
Cllr Eagle has been put in contact with people who are involved. Courses may be run by NLC.

2509/13

Planning

An application that was received after the agenda was distributed was discussed.

PA/2025/1047 Planning permission for the partial conversion of the former Christchurch, Barrow Road, New Holland to form one residential dwelling.

Resolved: To reiterate the flood authority objection.

2509/14

Community Centre

- i) To discuss fire door work.
It is estimated that the materials for the necessary works will cost around £500.
- ii) Defibrillator training
Resolved: That St John Ambulance be asked for dates when this can take place.
- iii) Update on change of sanitary bin contractor
The current contract expires in April so there will be no changes until then.
- iv) Update on flea treatment

The treatment has been completed. The fleas were either from cats or dogs.

- v) Update on electrical inspection for damage in loft.

The Clerk is waiting for a quote.

- vi) Use of electricity for fish and chip van

The Parish Council supports a fish and chip van coming to the village, but if it is to use the Community Centre for electricity, it would have to be treated as a booking as the hall couldn't be used for anything else during that time. Councillors agreed that they would like to see the van stop at the other end of the village.

- v) To discuss new contract for energy supply

Resolved: To stay with EDF on a two-year contract.

2509/15

Finance

- a) To approve accounts for July and August

Resolved: To approve the accounts

- b) To consider internal audit report for 2024/25

All councillors have had copies of this report and the matters raised are receiving attention.

- c) To agree payments for September: EDF: Electricity 109.62, Gas 70.78; Tesco mobile 26.83; Grove Groundworks (PROWs); NLC annual alcohol license £180; Waste Managed 59.56; Clerk's expenses £106.50; Clerk's salary & HMRC.

Resolved: To agree the payments

2509/16

Minor Items

- a) To take any points from members.

- ***It was agreed to ask Arbor Forest if they would fund a Christmas tree***
- ***No request has yet been received from the Christmas Hamper charity but if one arrives it was resolved to donate £150.***
- ***£150 will be donated to MacMillan cancer in memory of Alan Rank.***
- ***The Clerk will contact the school regarding a possible Christmas party between 15th and 19th December.***

- b) Matters of correspondence for information which arrived after the agenda was posted.

2509/17

Agenda items for the next meeting: Events; Christmas;

2509/18

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 19th November at 7pm

2509/19

To consider exclusion of public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of items for discussion.

- i) To update previous progress on land for allotments ***This is ongoing***

- ii) To approve increase in Clerk's salary as notified by NALC

Resolved: To approve the increase

- iii) To discuss council finances and budgeting.

A discussion took place regarding what is allowed under the Financial Regulations