

LAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Members of the Council

You are summoned to attend the meeting of **Laxton Parish Council** that will be held at the Village Hall, Station Road, Laxton, DN14 7TW on **Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 7:00pm** to transact the business set out below. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and may address the Council during the public participation section.

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Council

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items below.
3. To discuss potential VE Day Celebrations
4. To receive and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, 22 January, 2020 as a true and correct record
5. Public Participation - to temporarily suspend the meeting to receive questions from the public.
6. To agree to reopen the meeting following suspension
7. To receive an update from the Clerk
8. To receive an update from Parish Councillors
9. To receive an update from Ward Councillors

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10. To discuss the following correspondence:
 - i. Humberside Police, January Newsletter
 - ii. City Health Care Partnership ,Offer free defibrillator training
 - iii. ERYC, Advising of ongoing review of garages
 - iv. ERYC, Re Broad Lane Skelton.
 - v. ERYC, ERYC / T&PC Charter
 - vi. ERYC, Condition of public rights of way
 - vii. EA, Humber 2100 Strategy Newsletter
 - viii. ERYC, Funding to celebrate VE Day 75
 - ix. Network Rail, Invite to Information event re replacement of Gilberdyke Bridge, Thursday 27th February, 3:30pm – 6:30pm
11. To consider planning application for conversion of redundant agricultural building to form a holiday cottage and change of use of land for the siting of a camping pod in connection with the existing bed and breakfast/holiday cottage use of the site at Dairy Farm West Lane, Saltmarshe
12. To consider moving to internet banking
13. To raise any highways, dykes or drainage issues
14. To approve the schedule of accounts for payment:
15. To agree any agenda items for the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 25 March 2020

LAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

7.00pm 20 January 2020

PRESENT: Councillors Bray (Chair), Collins, Newton and Yarrow.

Clerk: Alan Bravey

Apologies were received from Councillors Goulden, Moore and Sweeting.

The Parish Council met at Victory Hall, Laxton.

1/20 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – Councillor Yarrow declared an interest in the item relating to the Laxton and Saltmarshe Charity and took no part in that discussion.

2/20 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 27 November 2020 should be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3/20 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** There were no members of the public present.

4/20 **CLERK UPDATE** – The Clerk has raised the issues about residue causing a slip hazard with both Northern Rail and Network Rail and was waiting for a reply. Another incident raised by Councillor Goulden of litter at the station following a bin bag being torn during recent strong winds had also been reported and resolved. The Village Hall and Church had both expressed a willingness to arrange VE Day celebration and had agreed to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council. ERYC cleared out the village gullies in November. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask about inspection pits. Yorkshire Water had repaired a leaking water meter but Councillor Collins advised that there was still clear water running from the end of St Peters Lane / Jubilee Avenue into the drain by the allotments. BT had provided the contract for the purchase of the telephone box and highlighted that box may have lead based paint and would likely require re-wiring should use of electricity be required.

5/20 **PARISH COUNCILLOR UPDATE** – Details of a pothole on Skelton Broad Lane and poor road conditions on Church Close raised by Councillors Moore and Newton respectively had been reported to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

6/20 **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** – Councillor Aitken had shared the video footage of the leaking flood wall in Saltmarshe with the Environment Agency. It was agreed that any other video footage or photographs would also be forwarded via the Clerk.

7/20 **CORRESPONDENCE - Resolved** – (a) that the following correspondence should be received by the Council:

- i. ERNLLCA, December Newsletter

- ii. Police and Crime Commissioner, Newsletter and invite to meeting with the PCC on the 3rd March, Shire Hall, Howden, 6pm – 8pm.
- iii. Yorkshire Water, Repair of leaking meter on Front Street / Back Street.
- iv. Approval of retrospective application to erection boundary fence and walls, 6 St Peters Lane Laxton East Riding Of Yorkshire DN14 7UA

8/20 **LAXTON AND SALTMARSH CHARITY TRUSTEES– Resolved** – That the Parish Council would re-appoint Susan Yarrow, Jane Thompson and Vivian Williamson as trustees to the Laxton and Saltmarshe Charity.

9/20 **USE OF INTERNET BANKING – Resolved** – To defer the item to the next meeting.

10/20 **HIGHWAYS, DRAINS AND DYKES– Resolved** – that i) the Council would ask ERYC what permanent repairs could be undertaken to the road surface at Skelton Broad Lane ii) that the Council would report overgrown hedges on Broad Lane, poor road condition underneath the railway bridge near Saltmarshe, pot holes in Howdendyke, blocked O&HDB drain at Chapel Lane and covered O&HDB outfall at Cotness Corner.

11/20 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – Resolved** – That cheques should be signed to pay the following accounts:

- i. Clerk , Salary – January and Renewal of Domain Name - November and December - £134.85
- ii. HMRC - PAYE – November and December - £32
- iii. BT Payphones – Purchase of Telephone Box - £1

12/20 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Resolved**– That VE Day commemorations and use of internet banking would be added to the next meeting agenda on the 26 February 2020.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Laxton Parish Council Correspondence Record

20 January to 18 February 2020

The Clerk will circulate correspondence when considered appropriate. If Councillors would like to see a copy of correspondence that has not been circulated, please notify the Clerk on laxtonpc@btinternet.com on 07932 016856.

Date Received	Attached?	From	Purpose of Correspondence
21 st January	Y	Humberside Police	January Newsletter
21 st January	N	City Health Care Partnership	Offer free defibrillator training for up to 12 people
24 th January	N	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Advising of ongoing review of garages and flower bed.
25 th January	N	ERYC	Advising that Broad Lane Skelton would be looked at again in the new financial year.
10 February	Y	ERYC	Seeking feedback on proposed ERYC / T&PC Charter and advising on ERYC dedicated page for T&PC more frequently accessed information: https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/council/councillors-and-members-of-parliament/parish-and-town-councils/information-for-town-and-parish-councillors-and-clerks/
11 February	N	ERYC	Responding to report of boggy conditions on Laxton's public right of way, advising that many pathways currently in similar conditions and not able to close as down to user to assess usability of path.
14 February	N	EA	Humber 2100 Strategy Newsletter

14 February	N	ERYC	Funding to celebrate VE Day 75 to open, with Parish Councils able to bid between £100 and £500 for projects able to demonstrate community interest / involvement
17 February	N	Network Rail	<p>“We are demolishing and replacing Gilberdyke Bridge. This will mean that the road will be closed from March whilst we undertake this work . We would like to invite you to an information event where you can find out more about our work. For further information about our work which takes place on the railway please visit</p> <p>www.networkrail.co.uk/livingbytherailway or call our National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41</p> <p>Gilberdyke Bridge Thursday 27th February, 3:30pm – 6:30pm The Old School, Main Street, Blacktoft, DN14 7YW”</p>



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Howdenshire - Update for January 2020

1. Crime and ASB

TFMV – Theft from motor vehicle

TOMV – Theft of motor vehicle

ASB – Anti-social behaviour

East Yorkshire-Howdenshire Ward	This year compared to last year			Last 12 months											
	Jan 18 to Dec 18	Jan 19 to Dec 19	% Change year on year	2019 Dec	2019 Nov	2019 Oct	2019 Sep	2019 Aug	2019 Jul	2019 Jun	2019 May	2019 Apr	2019 Mar	2019 Feb	2019 Jan
All offences	667	763	+14.4%	51	57	66	65	71	66	65	55	85	77	43	62
Burglary	75	89	+18.7%	4	8	10	11	4	14	7	8	9	9	3	2
Criminal damage	56	74	+32.1%	8	3	10	8	4	4	7	4	7	9	3	7
Drug offences	8	14	+75.0%	0	1	2	1	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	2
Shop theft	5	3	-40.0%	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Sexual offences	33	22	-33.3%	2	1	2	0	5	0	3	2	1	3	1	2
TFMV	19	12	-36.8%	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	1
TOMV	13	25	+92.3%	1	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	0	1
Thefts excluding vehicle and shop theft	86	76	-11.6%	5	5	7	12	8	5	1	6	10	7	5	5
Violence against the person	266	325	+22.2%	21	27	27	22	36	26	23	18	41	36	20	28
ASB	40	64	+60.0%	6	5	3	5	4	6	4	5	6	8	5	7

The figures show a 14.4% year on year increase in all offences. In real terms this represents small increases in the number of different offence categories. For example the 75% increase in Drug Offences appears alarming at first glance, but this is an increase of only 6 offences throughout the 12 month period. While any crime is not welcome, these levels of offences show that Howdenshire remains a really low crime area.

Detailed crime and ASB data for your area can be obtained by visiting www.police.uk and following the 'Find your Neighbourhood' link, also details of any particular crimes or series of crimes of note e.g. serious assaults, run of Hanoi burglaries.

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2. Crime issues of particular note

The following list shows some of the crimes that have occurred in the previous month in your area.

- A secure property in Saltmarshe was broken into and items stolen.
- A secure vehicle was stolen from Flaxfleet and was later discovered abandoned.
- A secure van parked at a property near North Cave was broken into and a generator and other items stolen.
- A wing mirror of a car parked in Bubwith was damaged.
- There was an attempted burglary of a property in Holme On Spalding Moor causing damage to a side window and the front door of a property.

3. Community Priorities.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team meets regularly with partners to ensure we have a multi-agency approach to local issues, individuals and problem solving. These meetings are attended by local partners, including Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Youth and Family Support, Housing Officers, Environmental Health and the East Riding Anti-Social Behaviour Team, among others. We share information and resources to deal with local neighbourhood issues, in particular, those identified as causing the most harm in the community.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Motorcycles – Holme Upon Spalding Moor

We have received a number of reports of Anti-Social Behaviour involving motorbikes/Quad bikes in the Holme Upon Spalding Moor area, persons have been seen riding on the footpaths through the middle of the village, on the Football field and on Beacon View, Holme Upon Spalding Moor.

As part of Operation Yellowfin local Officers will aim to prioritise activity around this issue, hi visibility patrols in will conducting the area in an attempt to discourage or identify offenders. We would like to encourage the local community to report any issues by calling Humberside Police on 101 (non-emergency number) or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Operation Galileo

Operation Galileo is the Humberside Police response to tackling and reducing the incidents of hare coursing across the force area. Over the next 4 to 5 months at this time of year there is a seasonal increase in Wildlife Crime, namely illegal Hare Coursing and Poaching.

As part of Operation Galileo dedicated Patrols will aim to prevent and detect this activity with planned days of action. In addition, local patrols will be conducted to deter this type of criminality and will take positive action to anyone caught committing these offences and use the full extent of the law to disrupt this activity as much as possible

4. Crime Reduction Advice

Telephone / Cold Call Scams

These 'cold call' scams typically involve fraudsters deceiving victims into believing they are speaking to a police officer, a member of bank staff, or a representative of another trusted organisation, such as the council or a computer company in order to steal money.

Always be on your guard if you receive a cold call and are asked for any of the following:

- Personal or financial information, eg full name, date of birth, address, passwords, bank details, security numbers etc.
- You are asked to transfer or withdraw money.
- You are asked to hand over your credit / debit card or cash to someone eg a courier who will call and collect it.
- You are told that the caller requires access to your computer as it needs an "update" adding or that the caller needs to validate your copy of Microsoft Windows.



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- You are told that you have won something eg lottery winnings or a competition and so the callers needs your bank details to arrange to pay your prize money. (If you haven't entered any competitions then you can't have won anything!)
- You are informed that you are owed a refund or have underpaid a bill (eg council tax) and therefore need to pay the balance over the phone to rectify the problem. Never give out your bank details over the phone even if the caller becomes difficult or aggressive towards you. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email address or phone number that can be found on an invoice.

The banks or the police will never tell you to take such actions or ask you for financial information. If you are asked to do any of these things, someone is trying to con you! If in doubt, call back the organisation on a number you trust, but do it on another phone or leave it at least five minutes before you make the call. This is important because criminals are able to keep the line open for two minutes after you put down the phone, which means you could end up inadvertently talking to the criminal or their accomplice again. Also do not ring on the number that they offer to give you as this could be a false number too.

For other hints and tips log onto the **www.actionfraud.police.uk** website, which lists an A – Z of different fraud types as well as tips on how to protect yourself from fraud.

5. News and Appeals

Please visit our website on the Internet. You can also visit us for more information and regular updates on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

<https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/howdenshire>

Facebook – Humberside Police – East Riding of Yorkshire West

Twitter - Humberside Police – East Riding of Yorkshire West - @Humberbeat_ERYW

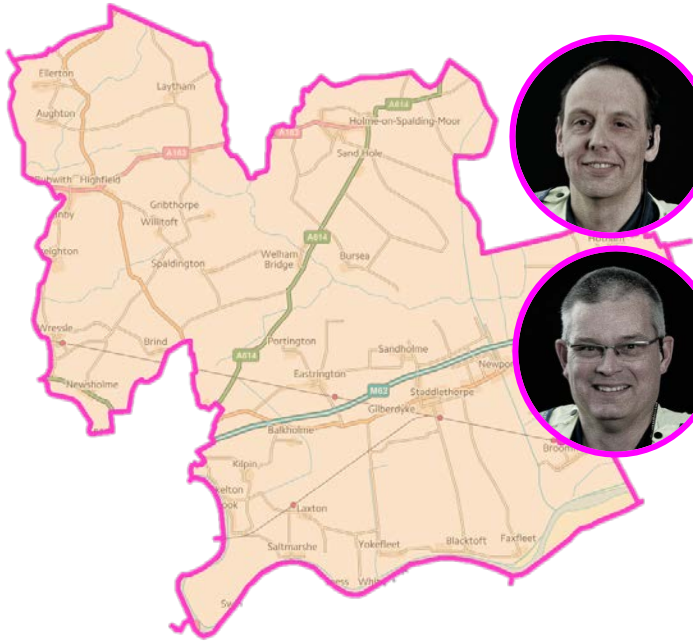
Community alerts is a new, free messaging system operated by Humberside Police, to help keep you updated about what is happening in your local area. Choose how you receive messages by phone or email, how often you want to hear from us and about the issues that matter to you. Sign up for free at: www.mycommunityalert.co.uk to start receiving real time updates now.



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6. Meet your officers

PCSO Simon Palmer is responsible for the Howdenshire ward and will be holding surgeries at the following locations:

Howden Town Council on:

Thursday 23rd January- 11:00am -12:00 noon

Friday 31st January -- 11:00am- 12:00pm

PCSO Bill Mell will be holding a surgery at the North Cave Village Drop in Café on the following dates:

Monday 17th February – 11:30am- 12:30pm

Monday 23rd March – 11:30am- 12:30pm

Monday 27th April – 11:30am- 12:30pm

TOWN AND PARISH¹¹ COUNCIL CHARTER

A charter for town and parish councils and East Riding of Yorkshire Council

[DATE]

Introduction

Town and parish councils in their current form have existed since 1894. Town and Parish Councils in the East Riding represent their local communities and, together with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, work in the interest of the people and communities of the area. Town and parish councils and East Riding of Yorkshire Council each have different powers, duties and responsibilities, but it is important that they work in close partnership to improve social, economic and environmental wellbeing in the East Riding.

This charter has been written in response to a desire for closer working relationships expressed both to and by East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Town and Parish Council Communication Review Panel (2019). It seeks to strengthen the relationships between town and parish councils and East Riding of Yorkshire Council by setting out their shared aims, values and understanding in order that work between the two tiers of local government in the area are characterised by professionalism and mutual respect.

Shared Aims

Every council in the East Riding:

- is democratically constituted to serve and represent its residents;
- wants to serve its local community to the best of its ability;
- wants to use its powers to make a positive difference to local people's lives;
- endeavours to work with other councils, public sector organisations and local businesses in service of local communities.

Shared Values

- selflessness;
- integrity;
- objectivity;
- accountability;
- openness;
- honesty;
- leadership.
- professionalism;
- mutual respect;
- inclusion;
- directness.

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Shared Understanding

While there are similarities between the services delivered by councils in the East Riding, the combination of services offered by each is different. Many residents do not understand this at the first point of contact but, ultimately, each council will recognise that they serve the same residents and will help them to speak to the right person to address their needs. Before East Riding of Yorkshire Council suggests that a resident call their local town or parish council, its officers will check the relevant council's website to consult its list of offered services.

Different, too, are the services offered by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. While East Riding of Yorkshire Council delivers some services which are similar to those offered by town and parish councils, its services are delivered and prioritised on a different scale, taking into account the whole of the East Riding. This can cause differences in perspective between East Riding of Yorkshire Council and town and parish councils in relation to issues such as planning and the prioritisation of repair and maintenance works. Every council in the East Riding will maintain an awareness of its own priorities and those of other councils in relation to all matters it deals with. The term, 'mutual respect', is used in this charter to mean that each type of council, while undertaking different duties at different scales, will recognise that any other council should be treated as equal.

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Communication and Respect

East Riding of Yorkshire Council and town and parish councils need to communicate efficiently to ensure that each is providing the best possible service to residents and to one another. East Riding of Yorkshire Council appreciates that the main point of contact with a town or parish council is likely to be the clerk, and that many clerks are employed for a limited number of hours. East Riding of Yorkshire Council will endeavour to respond to clerks' enquiries quickly, and town and parish councils will, where possible, address their enquiries digitally so that communication can be efficient, measurable and not reliant on everyone involved being available at the same time. East Riding of Yorkshire Council will communicate in 'plain English', avoiding the use of technical terms without proper explanation, and it will explain its responses and decisions.

Sometimes, it is important to meet one another in person. East Riding of Yorkshire Council will hold town and parish member network meetings across the East Riding in order to facilitate discussions between town and parish councillors, clerks, ward councillors and council officers about issues relevant to the East Riding and to local communities. East Riding of Yorkshire Council will welcome town and parish councillors and clerks to observe any of its public meetings, and town and parish councils will welcome their local ward councillors to their public meetings. Town and parish councils will endeavour to attend meetings that are relevant to them and to engage with East Riding of Yorkshire Council's consultation processes.

Ward councillors are recognised as important conduits for communication between East Riding of Yorkshire Council and town and parish councils. Councillors at both the ward and parish tiers are committed to working effectively with one another for the benefit of local residents.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council and town and parish councils understand that, despite their best efforts, individual councils may remain unsatisfied with certain outcomes or decisions. Town and parish councils will make use of East Riding of Yorkshire Council's complaints and feedback systems and relevant appeals processes to highlight their concerns. East Riding of Yorkshire Council will treat complaints seriously and respond to them according to the timelines agreed in its procedures. In order to avoid this sort of situation, this charter promotes 'directness' as one of its shared values. What this means is that each type of council will be candid with the other; open and frank in its reasoning.

While each council in the East Riding has adopted codes of conduct, according to which its members and officers are held accountable, this charter seeks to go further; to encourage an active effort to cultivate positive, forthcoming and productive relationships between councils. Representatives of all councils in the East Riding will address one another with respect and in accordance with the shared values set forth in this charter.

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Managing the Charter

The aim of this charter is to make sure that East Riding of Yorkshire Council and town and parish councils are committed to working together effectively for the benefit of all residents of the East Riding. This final version has been written following a period of consultation with town and parish councils, but East Riding of Yorkshire Council continues to welcome feedback on the effectiveness of this charter. The charter will be reviewed, taking into account any feedback received from town and parish councils, at least once every four years.

We, the undersigned, commit to working together in accordance with this charter:

Caroline Lacey

Chief Executive of East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Councillor Richard Burton

Leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Councillor **** *

Chair of ***** Council

**** *

Clerk to ***** Council



East Riding of Yorkshire Council Wards

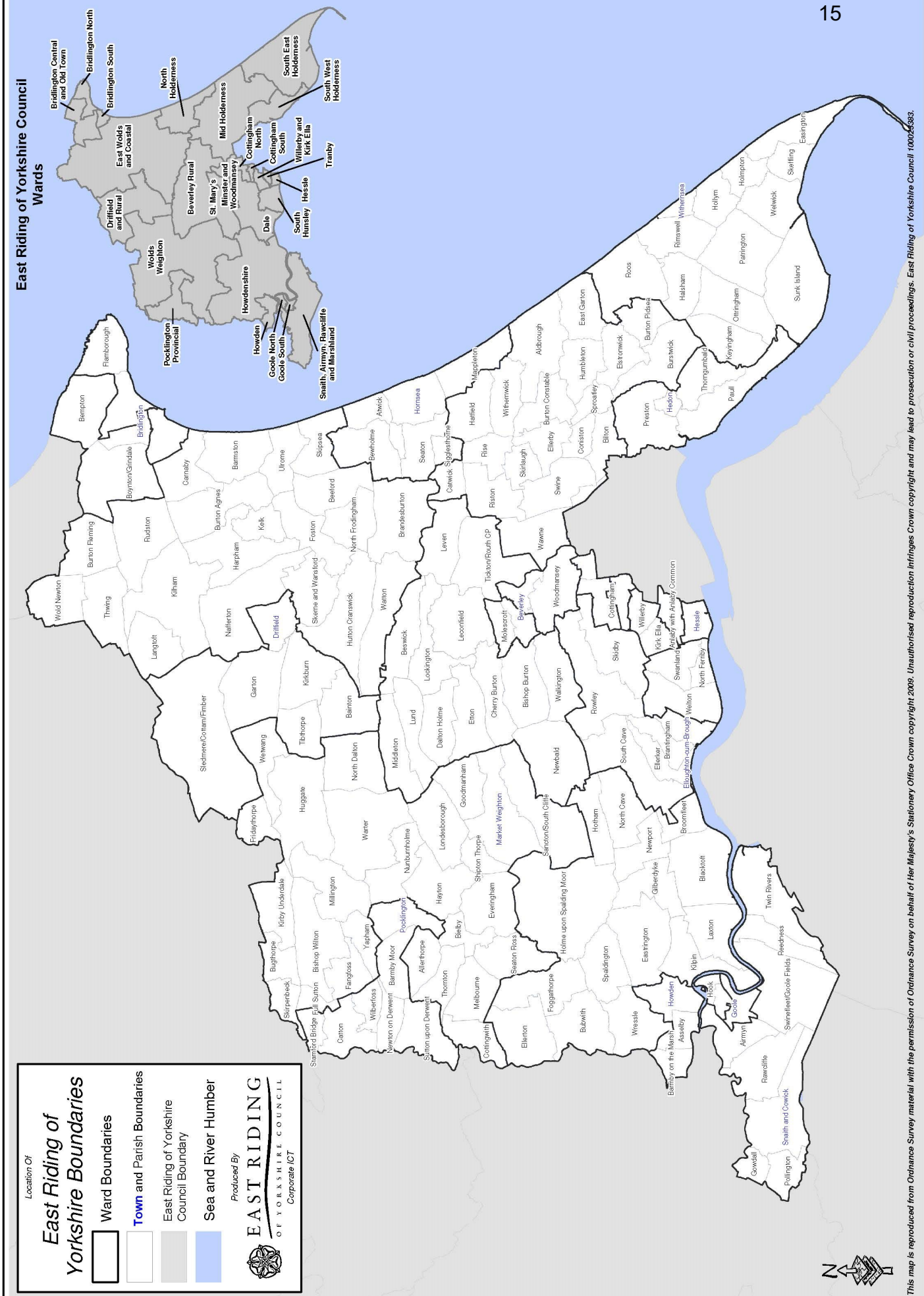
Location Of

East Riding of Yorkshire Boundaries

- Ward Boundaries
- Town and Parish Boundaries
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council Boundary
- Sea and River Humber

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Humber – keeping you informed

February 2020

This newsletter provides an update on work we are doing to develop a new strategy for managing tidal flood risk on and around the Humber and also lets you know about some key flood schemes/projects going on around the estuary.

New Humber Strategy

The Environment Agency, 12 Local Authorities around the Humber and the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership are working together, with support from the Internal Drainage Boards (IDB) and Natural England, to produce a new strategy for managing tidal flood risk around the Humber Estuary. This also includes rivers where tidal flow is the main source of flood risk, over the next 100 years.

For more information please visit our storymap on the Humber 2100+ strategy arcg.is/1WC8vn2



Key points & work undertaken September – December 2019

- During September we ran a public survey to help us understand public views and thinking around key topics to help feed into our work on the new Humber Strategy. We had a really good response rate, with the results helping to inform our future engagement. It was interesting to see how the public perceive flooding responsibility, who should pay for it and what we should do in the future. It was also a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of tidal flooding and the potential impacts, not just in coastal areas but also further inland. If you provided a response, then thank you very much for your input. We will be using this information to help inform our options development. A couple of key findings below:

Less than half of the people affected by flooding around the Humber took action by moving belongings to a safe place

90% of the people who responded to our survey thought reducing the risk of tidal flooding was 'important' or 'very important'

- During autumn 2019 we developed our approach to economic assessment which will enable us to build in future growth, development and take full account of the indirect impacts of flooding. This will enable us to build a regional case for investment. We have also gathered further modelling results to help us define the potential impacts of different flood scenarios on an estuary wide scale.

- At the end of October 2019 we held a series of landowner workshops in order to raise awareness of the Humber 2100+ Strategy within the agricultural/landowner community. The workshops were chaired by the vice president of the NFU, Stuart Roberts, and were very successful. Attendees welcomed the early engagement and the importance of working closely with the agricultural/landowner community was very clear. Key issues raised were around flood storage, influencing future policy and valuation of land. The events really solidified attendees' understanding of the Environment Agency's position on these issues. We are currently looking at the next steps and planning how we continue the momentum with landowners.
- The Humber Strategy programme remains on track to complete the draft strategy by the end of December 2021, which will then be put forward for approval.



Coming Up

We are preparing to run three Scenario Development Workshops which will be taking place at the end of February, and the beginning of March 2020. The workshops will involve a range of Environment Agency colleagues and partners, external stakeholders and representatives from other organisations, who will use their expertise and knowledge to help us shape potential future scenarios for tidal flood risk management. Following these workshops, work will continue to determine whether the final scenarios are achievable.

Our first Public consultation will look at the scenarios that will be taken forward for full appraisal, this consultation will take place in early autumn 2020. We will be working to develop the details of this consultation over the coming months. Further information on how you can give your views will be made available on our Humber 2100+ Information Page - <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/humber/strategyreview>

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report – Tell us what you think

As part of the development of the new Humber Strategy, we are carrying out a Sustainability Appraisal (SA), to make sure that key social, economic and environmental factors are considered. As part of this work and to provide context for the SA, we've developed a scoping report which helps us identify issues of particular importance that should be taken into account. This report is due to be updated ahead of the final public consultation in 2021, but in the meantime we'd like to give you the chance to comment on the work carried out to date. Please look out for the report which will be available for comment mid-February here: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/humber/strategyreview/>

Scheme Updates

Humber Hull Frontage Improvements

This £42 million tidal flood defence scheme will reduce the risk of flooding to 113,000 homes and businesses. The scheme will improve around 7km of tidal defences through the city of Hull.

Construction started in January 2019 at St Andrew's Quay Retail Park. Construction is also now underway at Victoria Dock Village in the eastern and western sections, St Andrew's Dock and Albert Dock. Planning permission has been secured for the works at Victoria Pier which will commence in early 2020. Work on the scheme will be complete by the end of 2020.

Donna Nook

The Donna Nook Managed Realignment project is now almost complete, and a breach has been cut in the front line of the tidal defences at Pye's Hall sluice. We will need to return to site to complete the breach, as several piles that lie below the water (where Pye's Hall sluice once sat). We need to remove these remaining piles to ensure that the necessary volume of water can flow onto the site.



Port of Immingham Sea defence improvements

This is a project led by North East Lincolnshire Council in collaboration with Associated British Ports (ABP). The Environment Agency provides technical advice and grant-in-aid funding support. The total costs estimate is £10.3m.

Phase 1, to replace the outer lock doors and restraining system, was completed in 2017. Phase 2 to improve the static defences across the port frontage continues with further development, design and cost estimations being carried out by ABP.



South Ferriby and Winteringham Ings Sea Defence Improvements

The South Ferriby Flood Alleviation scheme contract was awarded in Feb 2019, when enabling works started on site. The scheme will reduce the risk of tidal flooding to 150 homes, businesses and the CEMEX plant.

The strong partnership developed over the years between the Environment Agency, CEMEX, North Lincolnshire Council and the local community has flourished. The partnership has enabled the contractor JBAB to undertake the works without any complaints from industry, the farming and local community.

By the end of November JBAB had transported from the CEMEX stockpile and built the new 1,100m long set-back embankment. This means that for the first time since Dec 2013 the community of South Ferriby will be less worried about flooding from the Humber. The contractor has demobilised now from site and will be back in spring, finishing works to the bank – trimming, top-soiling and grass seeding will take place in spring 2020. The design will be progressing at pace now for the demountable defences across the A1077 and the embankment west of South Ferriby Sluice, expected completion for the west embankment is 2020.



Skeffling Habitat Compensation and Defence Scheme

Planning consent was received in August 2019, and work is ongoing to provide information required for the planning conditions set by East Riding Yorkshire Council (ERYC). A workshop was held in October with key stakeholder organisations to agree designs for an area of habitat creation and mitigation within the scheme boundary which will increase the range of habitats to be created on site. Following this event, the plans are being updated and will be submitted to East Riding Yorkshire Council for approval once complete.

Contractors JBA Bentley, carried out further ground investigation during October and November to enable them to undertake the detailed design of the site.



Are you prepared?

Although flood defences reduce the likelihood of flooding, the risk can never be removed entirely. Flooding can happen at any time and we advise people to take simple practical steps to help reduce the impact of flooding to their homes or business.

To find out how you can be better prepared for flooding, check your flood risk and sign up to our free flood warning service, visit www.gov.uk/flood or call Floodline on **0345 988 1188**



<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/humber/strategyreview>



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incident hotline
0800 80 70 60

floodline
0345 988 1188
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LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION**

Advisory Note	052
Subject	Changes to cheque signatures and other controls
Date of last review	May 2013

The introduction to the Department of Communities and Local Government consultation paper *Payments by parish and community councils and charter trustees* (issued 20 July 2012) states: “new guidance on payments procedures will be issued by the sector which will help the councils to comply with their existing general statutory duties to make proper arrangements for their financial affairs and to have a sound system of internal control”.

In a written Ministerial Statement of the same date, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government informed Parliament as follows: “*Today we have published a consultation paper proposing the removal of an outdated rule that limits the ability of parish and community councils to use modern methods of payment. The rule requires all cheques and other orders for the payment of money to be signed by two members of the council. It applies to all parish councils in England and community councils in Wales, as well as some charter trustees in England. As the rule is contained in primary legislation the paper proposes that the reform should be implemented by a legislative reform order made under the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006. The paper sets out the robust yet flexible control framework that will take the place of the two signature rule; this framework has been developed by the local council sector*”

In summary if councils wish to make payments, by means other than by cheque, they will be able to do so but appropriate controls must be in place. It is for each council to determine its own control measures but ERNLLCA recommends that councils should continue to apply the principle that where payments have to be authorised by a committee or by councils, the Clerk should continue to submit a schedule of accounts for payment to be agreed by council (or committee) and following resolution to agree the schedule of payments, that document should be signed by two councillors present at the meeting as confirmation that council has resolved payment. The Clerk, or Responsible Financial Officer, then has the necessary authority to make payment by means of electronic banking. Clearly the signed schedules will have to be kept for audit purposes. Clerk (or Responsible Financial Officers) will maintain hard copy records of all electronic bank transactions for audit purposes.

Please remember the above applies only to payment mechanisms that do not involve the use of cheque payments. If it is the council's intention to continue to use cheques as a means of making payment, you should maintain your existing control systems.

ERNLLCA awaits formal confirmation from the Government that it has carried out its commitment to make the necessary changes.

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Laxton Parish Council**Accounts for Payment****February 2020**

Payee	Details	Total	VAT
Alan Bravey	Salary – February	£127.56	
HMRC	PAYE – February	£31.80	