



## Skidby Parish Council Chairman's Report

### May 2025

Parish Councillors for the 2024-25 municipal year were

P. Browning  
G. Foster  
K Haslam  
T. Hasnip  
S. Hooker  
L Kendall  
P. Roustoby  
L. Varey

There continue to be three vacancies.

### Parish Council Meetings

During the year the Parish Council has continued to meet on the first Tuesday of every month (apart from October and November when the meeting moved to the second Tuesday). We have considered a range of local planning issues and our comments have been forwarded to ERYC. 24 planning applications have been considered including infrastructure associated with various renewable energy proposals.

A number of residents have attended our meetings to raise specific concerns, and we have received representations in relation to flooding, speeding on Riplingham Road, Raywell and Main Street, overgrown hedges, fly tipping and fly grazing, progress with Skidby Mill, odours from Wastewise and cycling and pedestrian access during the A164 works. The Parish Council has welcomed this resident involvement and has done its best to address the concerns raised, liaising with other agencies where necessary. We have received presentations from GRAHAM about the A164 works, RWE and Orsted about renewable energy proposals, ERYC Rural Housing Enabler about affordable housing and ERYC Director of Culture and customer services about Skidby Mill.

In addition to issues raised by residents, we have responded to consultations on a wide range of topics including:

#### **Committee on Standards in Public Life**

Accountability in Public Bodies

#### **DEFRA**

Hedgerow management consultation

#### **East Riding of Yorkshire Council**

East Riding Local Plan – Consultation on Post-Hearing Notes

Rural Housing Needs Survey

ERYC – Survey on communication with town and parish councils

Council Tax Support Consultation

**Draft East Riding Design Code Consultation 2024 – East Riding Communities**

#### **Local Government Boundary Commission for England**

ERYC Ward Boundary Review

**MHCLG**

Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings

Consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities

**National Association of Local Councils**

Consultation on the proposed reform of the National Planning Policy

**Natural England**

Proposed Yorkshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – Consultation Document

**RWE**

Peartree Hill Solar Farm

**SSE**

Dogger Bank D Offshore Windfarm – EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation

During 2024-25 the Parish Council has made concerted efforts to identify actions to mitigate flooding on Riplingham Road and has held regular meetings with ERYC officers to develop a scheme that is acceptable to both ERYC and adjacent landowners. Proposals are now at an advanced stage and it is anticipated work will be undertaken in July 2025.

The Parish Council liaises with various departments at ERYC on issues including maintenance of roads, footpaths and verges, flooding, speeding vehicles and parking. We have actively pursued the return of the sails to Skidby Mill and pressed for flood mitigation works across the parish. We also continue to pursue pupil safety issues and have liaised with Humberside Police to carry out speeding and parking monitoring outside the Primary School. During 2024-25 we have been successful in getting the Half Moon registered as an Asset of Community Value and obtaining grant funding from KCOM to replace the community library box. We were also pleased to receive a generous donation from a local family in memory of their late father. The donation will contribute to improvements at the Playing Fields.

Members of the Council have welcomed ERYC Ward Councillors Gill and Meredith to our Parish Council meetings. The Ward Councillors have continued to offer their support and have provided valuable updates on a range of issues, including the combined authority, Wastewise, car parking charges, the ward boundary review and ERYC priorities. They also liaise with ERYC on our behalf and in particular this year we have worked with them to implement speed limits on Westfield and Eppleworth Roads, address odour issues from Biowise, pursue the return of the sails to Skidby Windmill and to pursue solutions to highways issues at Skidby roundabout and on Riplingham Road, Raywell.

The Parish Council has also been pleased that PCSO Dale and PC Kelly Edgar from Humberside Police have attended our meetings this year to report on crime, anti-social behaviour or traffic offences and have been able to reassure the Council about the generally low levels of crime in the parish. Police officers have monitored parking issues near the school to provide advice to parents and carers who were parking inconsiderately and are investigating accident hotspots at Comberdale Hill and Raywell.

**Parish Priorities**

The Parish Council agreed a number of priorities for 2024-25 including completion of the natural play area and the development of flood mitigation proposals for Riplingham Road. Priorities for 2025-26 include completion of the flood works, improvements at the cemeteries and repairs to assets.

## Cemeteries

Improvements have continued to be made in the Cemeteries during the year including replacement of hedging. Further work has been identified and will be prioritised in 2025-26.

## Playing Fields

We have continued to progress plans for the new natural play area and we are grateful to GRAHAM's, Streetscape, Landplan, G O Foster and Mr E.M. Wilkinson & Son for their help and support. Councillors have been organising a rota to keep the new turf watered and we hope to be able to open the new play area for the summer holidays once the turf and grass seed has taken.

Kingswood and Bransholme Cricket Club continue to be based at Skidby and in 2024 Hull Zingari 3<sup>rd</sup> XI also made Skidby their home. Two further cricket teams have played a number of games on mid-week evenings. Beverley Town Football Club have based their youth teams at the Playing Fields and play regular games at weekends. We are also working with the U3A to investigate the possibility of them developing two croquet lawns at the Playing Fields.

## Events

Whilst not holding a major event, we helped celebrate D-Day in June 2024 with the installation of bunting around Church Green and on each statue.

In November, Councillors attended the Remembrance Service held at the War Memorial at St. Michael's Church in the presence of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant. Councillor Varey laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

We held our annual Christmas lights switch on event at the end of November to coincide with the Christmas Craft Fair at the Village Hall and enjoyed excellent entertainment from Skidby School Choir, members of the East Riding of Yorkshire Band and Elsa and Albert Hardy. We raised funds for the Playing Fields by providing mulled wine and mince pies for attendees with the help of volunteers at St Michael's Church.

In February 2025, Councillors and friends supported Humber Forest in planting more than 300 trees at the Playing Fields and also started the development of a community orchard on East Green.

## Committees

Detailed work is carried out through a number of Committees and I would like to thank members for the work they have done this year driving the Council's work forward.

<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>Playing Fields Committee</b>
Cllr L. Varey (Chair) Cllr P. Browning Cllr G. Foster Cllr K Haslam Cllr T. Hasnip Cllr P. Roustoby	Cllr S. Hooker (Chair) Cllr P. Browning Cllr T. Hasnip Cllr L. Kendall Cllr P. Roustoby Cllr L. Varey
<b>Cemeteries Committee</b>	<b>Personnel Committee</b>
Cllr T. Hasnip (Chair) Cllr P. Browning	Cllr P. Browning (Chair) Cllr K. Haslam

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<b>Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group</b>	<b>Events Working Group</b>
Cllr T. Hasnip Cllr S. Hooker Cllr L. Varey	Cllr P. Browning Cllr K Haslam Cllr T. Hasnip Cllr S. Hooker Cllr L. Kendall Cllr L. Varey

Cllr T. Hasnip represents the Parish Council on the Skidby Village Hall Committee and he has also undertaken the role of defibrillator guardian, checking and resetting it after each use.

Cllr L Varey and Cllr P Browning represent the Parish Council on the ERNLLCA District Committee.

Cllr L Vary represents the Parish Council on the Dogger Bank Liaison Groups

Cllr K Haslam represents the Parish Council on the Biowise Liaison Group

### **Administration**

During 2023 - 2024 we have continued to review policies and the Clerk has produced procedures for key activities. We support the work of the joint NALC, SLCC and ONV project on promoting civility and respect in the local council sector. We also encourage and support members to undertake training.

We continue to operate a small grant scheme for projects and activities in the parish, but have received no applications this year.

Audit reports were submitted during the year for the 2023 -24 financial year from both Internal and External auditors with the accounts found to be well maintained and free from material error.

In conclusion I would like to give my profound thanks to my Vice Chairman, Councillor Linda Varey and all my fellow councillors, and also to our ward councillors from ERYC for their continued help and support during my year as Chairman. I'd also like to thank the Clerk, Jane Price for her work in supporting the Parish Council throughout the year.

**Councillor Paul Browning, Chairman**