CLAXBY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of Parish Council
held in Village Hall on Tuesday 18th August 2026

Present: Chairman/Interim Clerk D.Lofthouse, Cllrs. B.Hunter, I.Cumber, J.Pilbrow. J.Lindley-Baker. J.Lofthouse

Meeting opened at 7:30pm followed by 10 minute public forum.

Two members of the public were in attendance, in addition Cllr T.Smith joined the meeting at 7:40pm and Cllr S.Bunney at 8:20pm.

1. Resolved to accept apologies for late arrival from Cllr S.Bunney due to attendance at another meeting.

2. Declarations of interest – none.

3. Resolved to co-opt David Nicholson onto Council following discussion of role and responsibilities in the public forum.

4. Resolved to accept minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026, approved and signed.

5. Resolved to accept Chair and Council comments.
Council informed that residents Graham Henson and Alan Smith had sadly passed away.
Issues re. potholes in the village particularly on Pelham Road raised with Councillor S.Bunney.
Current Policies and Councillor Responsibilities to be reviewed and updated.

6. Resolved to accept Interim Clerk's report.
Currently setting up "How to ……" folder for future clerks and updating accounts, email addresses and documents.
Broadband changed from EE domestic to BT business saving money and enabling VAT on bills to be reclaimed.

7. Resolved to accept WLDC and LCC Councillors updates on local government reforms.
Possible financial implications and service provision, eg waste management were highlighted.
W.L.D.C. Community Grant Funding scheme open.

8. Resolved to accept financial report from Interim Clerk.
Additional signatories to be appointed for both Lloyds and Unity Banks to comply with Financial Risk Management rules.
a) Resolved to accept and approve quarterly bank reconciliation as evidence of current transactions and financial situation, acknowledged as acceptable practice by Cllr T.Smith
b) Reported that Scribe Accounting software is working well and producing necessary reports including update to Asset Register.

9. Planning Applications - none.

10. Correspondence –
a) HMRC Penalty Notices from2023 to 2025, successfully appealed with no financial liability
b) Following discussion with senior management at Anglian Water a letter has been received by all properties in Claxby and Normanby-le-Wold re on going water issues.

c) Email from Octopus Energy confirming installation of new meter in village hall which should now result in accurate, not estimated, billing.
d) Emails from Northern Powergrid re planned power cuts due to replacement of poles in village.
e) Data Registration certificate received from ICO.
f) Reports from residents re camping and BBQ in Community Field.

11. Resolved to accept report from Village Hall.

12. Resolved to accept report from Community Field. Recent playground inspection report (RoSPA Playsafety) to be circulated to Council.

13. Code of Conduct Agreement – resolved to accept and councillors signatures obtained.

14. Resolved to revisit Communication Policy and update.

15. Resolved to revisit Electronic and Social Media Policy and update.

16. Resolved to defer support of restoration of St. Mary's Church until after consultation with parishioners.

17. Date of next meeting Tuesday November 10th 2026

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Community Field update to 18th August 2026

The boundary ditch on the wood side of the village field was cleared of much of the accumulated debris by the Highway volunteers on 15th July.
The Annual inspection of the play equipment is booked and will be taking place during August/September. No fixed date.
The email address on the main notice board at the field has been altered to the clerk's email address currently being used.
The field has been hired for a number of weeks – one evening per week- for football training for the junior Market Rasen team(s), using the field for u14's training 6:00 to 7:00pm Thursday evening at a charge of £10 per week, u11's also training at a further charge of £10
Hanging willow branch broken off by AL, ground beneath, very long grass, cut by DL

Village Hall update to 18th August 2026

Regular events
Yoga classes continue, Tuesday am and Thursday am.
Bell ringing Friday pm continues.
Ionian service first Tuesday afternoon in month continues.
Jigsaw Club first Saturday afternoon in each month raised £20 in first couple of months (June/July)
Various PC and committee meetings held.

Occasional events
St Mary's Restoration Group meetings (Thursday pm monthly)
Strawberry Cream Tea 8th July 2026 raised £61

Maintenance

H&S checks continue on weekly/monthly basis and recorded as required.

General
Various artwork displays continue.
New artwork display of Joan Mostyn Lewis paintings showing the history of Claxby and other Lincolnshire venues.
Foundation stone and time capsule installed by JC, thanked for the work.
Village games and marquee borrowed once.