

MINUTES OF BESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th January 2026 at Morley Village Hall 7.00PM

Present:

Cllr. T Watling (Chair - TW), Cllr. Julie Sanderson (Vice Chair-JS), Cllr. James Trounce, Cllr. Juliet Morter (JM), Cllr. Archie Eastoll (AE) and Cllr. Darren Peck and Angela Thornton (AT) – Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr. Garry Easter (GE).

No members of the public

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda

None at this point See item 7 Planning.

3. Public Recess

No issues raised by the public.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10th November 2025

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. All present agreed.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Councillors received a response to their request for annual maintenance costs of the defibrillator. Te All present approved ongoing annual grant to Besthorpe Parochial Church Council of £75 towards maintenance of the village defibrillator.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Accounts Payable:

It was proposed and seconded by all present that all items on the January 2025 payments list be paid. All present agreed.

Action: AT to set up payments for JS to authorise.

7. Planning

a. Applications and Decisions from 10th November to 5th January.

Cllr. T Watling declared an interest as a relative of the applicant of application PL/2025/1852/HOU. Cllr T Watling was not involved in any discussion.

All applications were considered there were no objections raised.

Decisions were noted.

b. Local Plan - No development is proposed in Besthorpe consultation is now open to the public.

8. Chairman's Report

The Chair reported the following updates:

- Dog Bin on Silver Street has been damaged (possibly during the Tractor Run) JT and TW to investigate and arrange repair.
- Flooding Working Party- further consideration of fields to hold a run off pond have been unsuccessful.
- Chair reported that he has written to Breckland on behalf of Besthorpe Parish Council stating that the Local Plan has classed Besthorpe as “Other” with no new housing development planned. This does not meet the development requirements of the village.

9. Parish Councillors’ Reports

JS reported that the remembrance service was well support with 25+ people in attendance. Royal British Legion will be approached to attend in future. JS happy to organise the remembrance service for 2026.

10. Parish Clerk’s Correspondence Received

Community Land Transfer Policy. No land identified in Besthorpe.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday March 2nd 2026 at Morley Village Hall, commencing at 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed:

T Watling - Chair