

Eakring Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: Eakring Parish Council Meeting
Date and Time: Tuesday 13th January 2026, 7pm
Venue: Cator Hall, Kirklington Road, Eakring NG220DA

Present: - Cllrs Foster (Chair), Holmes and Reay

Apologies: - Cllrs Peet, Penney and Tift

Members of the public are invited to attend in person.

The Parish Clerk welcome members of the public to come along for an informal chat, prior to the meeting from 6.30pm.

Minutes

- 25/01/83 Welcome by the Chair and any announcements**
The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present
- 25/01/84 Apologies for absence**
Reasons were approved unanimously
- 25/01/85 To accept co-option of New Councillors – if required**
No applications received
- 25/01/86 To receive any declarations of interest**
Members are hereby reminded of the provisions of sections 26-34 and Schedule 4 of the Localism Act 2001
NONE
- 25/01/87 Minutes of previous meetings**
87.1 To approve Minutes of Parish Council 19th November 2025
Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair
- 25/01/88 Matters arising**
A resident reported on the recent meetings concerning the Great North Road Solar Farm. The deadline for comments is midnight on Friday 16th January 2026. **Clerk and Chair to respond on behalf of the Parish Council particularly around the cumulative impact on the landscape.**
- 25/01/89 Opportunity for questions from Councillors and Members of the Public – (max 15 mins as per standing order)**
Resident reported the hedge opposite Greenfield Row is considerably overgrown. It is now so wide that it is blocking the pavement resulting in pedestrians having to walk in the road. This has been reported many

times to NCC/VIA and despite the forestry team visiting the site, no action has taken place. **C/Cllr Gamble to follow up on resident's behalf.**

Resident reported the heating issues in Cator Hall and asked whether the radiator covers could be removed or altered to allow the heat to circulate. **Chair and Clerk to investigate**

Resident reported the missing tablecloths and glasses have now reappeared.

Resident reported the website is extremely out of date. **Agenda item 25/01/26**

Resident reported there are lots of whip tubes dumped on the Eakring to Bilsthorpe Road. **Clerk to report to NSDC**

Resident reported cardboard dumped in the layby on the Eakring to Bilsthorpe Road. **Clerk to report to NSDC**

Resident asked whether a litter pick would be taking place in early March and, if so, can the date be provided for the Eakring Echo. **Clerk to make enquiries**

Cllr Holmes reported the poor condition of the roads around Eakring. **C/Cllr Gamble to raise with VIA**

25/01/90 Chair's Report and Announcements

The Chair has been working hard to bring activities to Cator Hall. So far there is interest in: -

Pilates / Keep Fit Classes

Dog First Aid

First Aid for Adults and Children

Sensory Classes for Toddlers and Babies

Please contact the Parish Council if you have any suggestions.

25/01/91 County Councillor Report on items relevant to Eakring

C/Cllr Gamble attended the Solar Park meetings and will be commenting by the deadline.

A resident had reported leaves around the village – these were reported and the road sweeper has swept the village.

25/01/92 District Councillor Report on items relevant to Eakring

None in attendance

25/01/93 Finance Matters –

93.1 Summary Income & Expenditure to 31st December 2025

No items of concern. Noted and approved

93.2 To agree Precept for 2026.27

The Chair proposed a 0% increase to the precept for 2026/27.

Seconded Cllr Raey. **Approved unanimously – Clerk to inform NSDC**

93.3 Bills for payment - to be approved.

Approved unanimously

93.4 Late bills for payment (to be circulated)

None

25/01/94 Planning applications

None

Decisions

25/02019/TELNOT Notification of the intention to install 1 x Light Pole
Telecommunications Pole, Church Lane

Decision: No Objection

25/01/95 Matters relating to Cator Hall

95.1 To agree hire charges to start April 2026

The Lettings Secretary proposed the following charges (after researching other Village Hall prices in the local area.)

Regular Users - £8/hour

Village Residents - £10/hour

All Other Users - £15/hour

Day Rate (Commercial) - £150 (Over 8 hours)

Day Rate (All Others) - £100 (Over 8 hours)

Unanimously Approved

25/01/96 To discuss new website proposal

The village website is considerably out of date. A quote has been received –

Design Cost - £450 + VAT

Annual Management Cost (after the first year) - £17.50 per month

Approved unanimously. **Clerk to place order**

25/01/97 To review recent playground inspection

A recent inspection report has highlighted some non-urgent but necessary maintenance for the playground. Previous inspections by Sovereign did not raise these issues. **Clerk to contact Sovereign to discuss.**

The ‘creeping turf’ around the play surface was reported. **Clerk to request works.**

25/01/98 Village Christmas Lights 2026

The Clerk is arranging a meeting with a Christmas light company to explore the possibility of some village Christmas lights for 2026. **Agenda item February**

25/01/97 **To report on ongoing and potential projects from previous meeting (if applicable**
None

Meeting closed 1945hrs

Prepared by: Alice Dunn Clerk to the Council

14/01/26