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Annual Parish Meeting 21st May 2026

Thank you to everyone attending today's Annual Parish Meeting.

It has been a busy and productive year for the Parish Council. We currently have seven Councillors, with one vacancy. Every Councillor is fully committed to serving the Parish, and by working closely together we continue to look after our village and its assets to the best of our ability.

Clerk

We are extremely grateful to our Clerk, **Bonny Smith**. After a difficult period in which we struggled to retain clerks, Bonny having trained three previous postholders-kindly agreed to take on the role permanently. Her decision has brought much-needed stability after several years of upheaval.

Parish Rooms Working Party & Volunteers

The Parish Rooms Working Party is made up of Councillors and four residents-**Ian Taylor, David Stonehouse, Elena Fraser-Green and Jane Slaymaker**-who continue to give their time, energy and expertise to support fundraising for the Parish Rooms.

Alongside them, many other volunteers help with events, both in planning and on the day. Not all volunteers live in the village, but they use and value the Parish Rooms and support us where they can. User groups have also contributed generously.

Contractors & Support Roles

Our thanks go to:

- **Mick Holmes**, grounds contractor and general maintenance support.
 - **Beclean**, who usually clean the Parish Rooms weekly (contract temporarily suspended during building works).
 - **Sue Maddison**, our voluntary Bookings Clerk, who also provides invaluable help at fundraising events.
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District & County Councillors

We continue to work closely with **District Councillor Will Grover** and **County Councillor Phillip Roberts**. They regularly raise our concerns with East Lindsey District Council and other agencies, particularly regarding highways and planning matters. Their guidance and support are valued, and we are grateful for the grants received.

Communication

You may have noticed an increase in communication through leaflets delivered to households. Communication is key to keeping residents informed.

The Parish Council meets monthly, with a public forum before each meeting. Residents are welcome to attend or contact the Clerk at any time.

Council Teamwork

I am fortunate to be supported by a dedicated team of Councillors who give many hours of their time on behalf of the community. Everyone goes the extra mile when needed.

I work closely with my Vice-Chair, Councillor Maddison, and our roles rely heavily on collaboration. Each Councillor takes on specific tasks, and our teamwork is essential to maintaining a positive and effective Council.

Parish Rooms Project

Our biggest focus this year has been the **Parish Rooms refurbishment project**. Progress has been steady, though not without challenges. Rising costs and difficulty obtaining quotes have stretched our budget.

When work began, long-term water ingress proved more extensive than expected, requiring additional repairs.

Progress so far:

- New kitchen units, fridge-freezer and range cooker purchased.
- Drainage work completed.
- Electricians have installed the first fix for the kitchen.
- Roofing work due to begin shortly, weather permitting.

Grants from the **National Lottery** and **Lincs Wolds Community Grants** have enabled us to move forward more quickly.

Ian Taylor is managing the project superbly, and **David Biggadike**, our Architect, has generously given many hours of free time, saving us considerable costs.

Many others contribute behind the scenes, and their help is deeply appreciated.

Closing

That concludes my report. Thank you for attending today. If you have any questions arising from this report, please feel free to ask.

Lynette Corten-Miller

Chair of Hundleby Parish Council