Foxholes with Butterwick Parish Council

Website: foxholesbutterwickpc.co.uk

Meeting held on 28th July 2025

PRESENT:	**Chair**	**Cllr D Eddy**	**Cllr S Parker**
		Cllr A Scruton	**Cllr T Walker**
		Cllr D Clark	
		Cllr R Parsons, Burniston PC	
		Cllr C Topham, Burniston PC	
		13 members of public	
	Clerk	**Mr C Adnitt**	

25/58 The Meeting was opened at 19.30 hours.

25/59 Apologies for Absence
Apology was received from Cllr P Warters.

25/60 Declarations of Interests
Declarations of interest were received from Cllr A Scruton and Cllr S Parker on item 25/68.

25/61 Election of Vice Chair
Cllr S Parker proposed Cllr D Clark, seconded by Cllr T Walker and was elected unanimously.

25/62 Presentation from Burniston Parish Councillors
Cllrs R Parsons and C Topham volunteered to come to the meeting in order to provide an overview of how they responded to a fracking application in their parish, given that a drilling application was expected in Foxholes in the near future. They explained how they formed a working group with the assistance of local experts to provide guidance on a variety of issues. They also highlighted that a community group raised funds to pay for expert advice on technical issues. Their final submission ran to 10500 words. They also explained that the drilling company made challenges on the comments made and tried to counter them all. The need to get the local MP and County Councillor on side was essential as they are required to represent local public opinion.

25/63 Public Comments
A number of questions were asked about the drilling application. A question was asked about the planning application, to which it was highlighted that the Egdon application had not yet been issued by NYC. It was noted that at Burniston Europa had already applied for environment permits ahead of the planning application being determined by NYC.
The number of HGV journeys over an access road that was not wide enough for such

vehicles was highlighted by a member of public. He also expressed his concerns about the damage such vehicles would cause to the road surface and the risk to other road users and pedestrians.
A question was asked about Seismic surveys. It was assumed that such surveys would be undertaken by Egdon at some stage in the local area.
A resident highlighted the experience of residents near Fleetwood who experienced a "5.2 earthquake" as a result of fracking operations in that area with concerns raised that it could happen in Foxholes. It was understood that the local operation would be at 9000psi which is lower than that used in the Fleetwood area.
Several people expressed their concerns about drilling operations causing damage and pollution to the water table which supplies drinking water throughout the local area and beyond.
It was understood that the Government was producing a new "Climate Plan" with the details awaited.
A question was asked about why an EPA survey had not been done. It was highlighted that this had been requested from NYC, but they had rejected this and it has been upheld by Secretary of State.

25/64 Co-option to fill Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr J Gibb a vacancy for a parish councillor now exists to be fill by co-option. To date no-one has come forward.

25/65 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2025 were approved by all those who were present and signed by the chair.

25/66 Matters Arising.

(25/51) The purchase of the phone box in Butterwick has now been completed with the Parish Council now being the owners.

25/67 Speeding through Village

There was no update to give at that time. It was noted that the Police speed camera van had been seen recently in the area. It was possible that the traffic management plans for the drilling site way have an impact.

25/68 Website Update

A specification was under development and when completed, quotes would be obtained from suppliers for its development, hosting and ongoing support.

25/69 Planning Applications

No planning applications were received.

25/70 Accounts to Pay & Financial Considerations

The following accounts were presented for payment: Nycil Payroll Services £189.05 x2, Clerks Expenses £53.28, BT Payphones £1, Neil Tomlin (Website Hosting) £229.23, Foxholes Community Hall (Room Hire) £34, William Grey (Grass Cutting) £800, and S Parker (Expenses) £47.43, which were approved by all.

No payments were received.

25/71 Frequency of Council Meetings

A discussion on the frequency of future meetings took place. It was felt that with various local matters that remain on-going additional meetings may be required. It was agreed that extra meetings would be held as required to deal with future events.

25/72 Correspondence

A few emails were received expressing views on the forthcoming drilling application which have been forwarded to councillors for their information.

25/73 Exchange of Information

No issues were raised.

25/74 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting was to be held on Monday 15th September 2025 in the Village Hall.

25/75 The meeting was closed at 21.05 hours.