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and delivered to all households in the parish.***

Airmyn Parish Council aims to inform the community and the wider local area about what is happening within the parish through as many communication channels as possible to share important news and information. The parish council recognises that electronic communication (email), social media and the use of its website allow it to communicate efficiently and effectively, facilitate and encourage informed comments from interested individuals and groups and promote a community spirit. However, the challenge for the council is to inform those residents who do not use the world wide web to access information.

The council consciously does not flood the Airmyn News with too much information to ensure that the publication is not monopolised by the council. The Parish Council Chair's update is often lengthy.

Communicating effectively has been one of the many challenges associated with the redevelopment of the former bowl club site. There is no one size fits all approach to communicating.

Therefore, the council gives a commitment to ensure that information that is posted digitally is, wherever possible, pinned in the village noticeboard too.

Thank you

Airmyn Parish Council would like to inform its residents that Ruth Lowe has recently resigned as a councillor. On behalf of Airmyn residents and the parish council, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for Ruth's dedicated service to our parish. Ruth's commitment, time, and energy have made a real difference to our community, and her efforts have not gone unnoticed.

From championing local projects, supporting residents' concerns and improving community facilities, Ruth's willingness to listen and act on behalf of the people she represented has shown true dedication to the role.

Ruth's work has helped strengthen our community spirit and improve the quality of life for many. The parish council is deeply appreciative of the care and thought Ruth has brought to every decision and action.

Thank you once again for your service, leadership, and the positive impact you have made. The parish council wishes you every success and happiness in the future.

Ruth will continue to be a member of the Airmyn Community Association and continue to enthusiastically chair the village Events Committee.

Community Hub Development

At the 11 February 2026 meeting of the parish council, it was great to see several residents in attendance, with almost all the attendees wanting to listen, observe and participate in the agenda item on the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. Following the conclusion of the debate, it was agreed that the council would write to every household to clearly explain their decision making with regards to the former Airmyn Bowls Club site.

I will apologise at this point as this is likely to be a long piece!

In the May 2024 edition of the Airmyn News, I informed residents that the parish council had received formal notice that, despite the best efforts of several volunteers, the former Airmyn Bowls Association would not be re-forming and lawn bowls would no longer be played in the village. This was desperately disappointing news as the council was acutely aware of what a fantastic asset the bowls club and its immaculately kept grounds were to the village.

Consequently, the council held a public meeting on 10 August 2024, to which all residents were invited, to discuss the future use of the site. Unfortunately, there were only ten residents who attended the open day, despite it being advertised extensively in the parish. Several suggestions were also submitted to our Clerk following an article in the Airmyn News, which included allotments, football pitch and the site being opened as a public space. At that time there were no offers of support to manage and maintain the site by residents in a voluntary capacity.

At the September 2024 meeting of the parish council, members agreed to instruct Screetons Commercial to market the site and invite expressions of interest from sporting clubs or other organisations who may wish to lease the site. The hope was that an organisation would enter into a lease agreement with the council to manage and maintain the site.

On the 15 April 2025 I informed residents that there was an agreement in principle to lease the former Airmyn Bowls Club site to a bee farmer. Whilst the preferred tenant had signed the lease I, on behalf of the council, had not signed the legally binding document. This was because the council's Caretaker had not yet completed the significant works requested by the preferred tenant. However, the council had allowed the preferred tenant to move his hives on to the site before the lease had been signed. This was a goodwill gesture on behalf of the council but also allowed the council to

monitor the bees behaviour, with the site being so close to the playing field. Whilst the council was not made aware of any issues with the bees, relations with the preferred tenant became strained, to such an extent that the Clerk was informed that the tenant deemed the lease to be "null and void". Despite the tenant subsequently informing the council that their previous correspondence was "hasty", council discussed the lease at its May meeting and unanimously agreed that the Chair, on behalf of the council, would not sign the lease. Consequently, Sreetons Commercial again advertised the site for lease.

Councillors Goddard and I spent many hours liaising with interested parties, meeting them at the site and discussing the content/clauses that were likely to be included in any draft lease and/or contract. This was in addition to the excellent work undertaken at the site by our former Caretaker. I am sure some residents may well be asking 'why bother?'. In my opinion, the site is too important to neglect and leave to waste away. Whilst the former Caretaker and currently the Community Payback operatives maintain the site, it could offer so much more. Consequently, the council continued to explore all options for the future management and maintenance of the site. Leasing the site would allow it to be managed and maintained at zero cost to our residents, whilst also providing an opportunity for a tenant to provide a service that was for the betterment of the village and surrounding area.

In September 2025, the council was informed by Sreetons Commercial that it was in receipt of an expression of interest to use the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. Consequently, the interested party was invited to attend a parish council meeting to discuss their proposal.

At the 12 November 2025 meeting of Airmyn Parish Council, members received a verbal representation from Mr Andy Ullathorne who expressed his and his investors interest in leasing the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. The proposal presented to the council was for a community hub, café and two Padel courts with associated changing facilities, to be operated from the site. The proposal would see two Padel courts installed on the western boundary of the former bowls club site. The proposal would also see the outbuildings modernised and refurbished, to include changing facilities, a café and a place for users to socialise. Mr Ullathorne circulated initial artist impressions of the site, as well as a timeline for its development (the images were still pinned to the notice board at the Memorial Hall). I must stress that this was only the very early stages of the proposal being progressed. No decision was taken on the future of the site. Similarly, no draft lease was agreed nor did the council formally endorse the community hub proposal.

The following day, (13 November 2025), I hand delivered a letter to the residents of Woodland Way informing them of what had transpired at the council meeting the evening before. The letter was also pinned in the village notice board and published on the council's social media channels.

Whilst I am Chair, the parish council will conduct all its business in an open, honest and

transparent manner. That is why it was so important that residents were informed of the community hub proposal. However, I did make an error of judgement in not circulating my letter further afield than Woodland Way which I am happy to and will continue to apologise for. Whilst an error, the circulation of the letter was done in good faith as I wanted people to know at the earliest opportunity what the council has discussed. The letter was, as previously stated, published on the council's social media channels and pinned in the village notice board.

In the December edition of the Airmyn News, I gave a commitment that the parish council would convene a meeting and invite the interested party to discuss their proposal. The event was scheduled to be held on 13 January 2026, to which all residents would be invited. An invitation was also pinned to the parish notice board, as well as posted on the council's social media channels.

The event was held at the Memorial Hall and was attended by 19 residents, four parish councillors and representatives of the interested party who wished to operate from the site. Several questions were directed to the interested party from residents, with concerns being expressed about the increase in vehicle movements in and around the Memorial Hall, proximity of the site to residential properties, saturation of Padel Courts in and around Goole, noise emanating from the playing of Padel, loss of a village amenity, effect on wildlife, inappropriate location for the Padel courts, hours the site would be open to the public, parking, impact on the security of the Memorial Hall car park and dangers of additional car movements in and around a popular playing field and children's play area.

On 14 January, the council held its first meeting of 2026. Included within the agenda was a request from a member of the public to address the council following the consultation event held the previous evening, as well as the future of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. The member of the public spoke passionately about their concerns, both on behalf of themselves and the wider village. The member of the public also submitted a petition signed by 50 residents objecting to the community hub proposal. Representatives of the interested party were also in attendance and spoke enthusiastically about their proposal, including what mitigating measures they would implement to alleviate residents' concerns.

A lengthy discussion then ensued amongst the councillors on the future of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. The council acknowledged that the future of the site was clearly an emotive subject. Understandably, homeowners who lived adjacent to or close to the site were concerned about how the development may impact them. Councillors were presented with several online articles that reported occasions where Padel Courts had been unsuccessful or adversely impacted residents by such a development. However, in the interests of fairness, there were also many articles praising Padel courts and the positive impact they had made, both from an environmental perspective but also a health and leisure point of view.

Following the discussion, the council agreed to commence formal negotiations on the terms of a draft lease, to potentially allow the interested party to use the council's land. Consequently, professional legal counsel would be appointed to commence those negotiations on the terms of the lease, on behalf of the council.

However, whilst the council agreed to negotiate on the terms of the lease to allow its land to be used, the council had not seen nor received any plans, other than artist impressions, for the site. This was evidenced by the interested party's architect attending the 'open day' to measure up the site in preparation for drawing up the plans. Therefore, contrary to several posts that had been published on social media, the council had not nor cannot have approved the plans for the development of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site as it hadn't seen any plans.

I am sure that many parishioners will be aware that, following the proposal submitted for the redevelopment of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site, a resident's group was established called the Protection of Airmyn Green Spaces (PAGS). On behalf of the council, I have been in regular communication, both in person and via email, with representatives of PAGS on the village green spaces.

On 4 February 2026, I received details of a proposition by PAGS (submitted by a group representative) for volunteers to manage and maintain the former bowls club site. The proposal would see wildflowers, trees and shrubs planted as well as a pond installed, with the proposal being at zero cost to the parish. Consequently, at the council meeting held on 11 February council agreed to meet representatives of PAGS to discuss both their proposal and their thoughts, opinions and observations on the other green spaces in the parish. This meeting was held on Monday 23 February. In attendance were six representatives of PAGS and four parish councillors, with the meeting diligently chaired by East Riding of Yorkshire Councillor Liz Sergeantson. The meeting saw representatives of PAGS speak passionately about why their group objected to the redevelopment of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. The meeting also allowed the parish council to correct much of the mis-information that had been circulated on social media. PAGS also requested that the council undertake a formal parish consultation prior to any lease being signed. This request was discussed at the council's next meeting on 11 March 2026. Understandably, the former Airmyn Bowls Club site dominated the meeting. It was therefore agreed that further meetings be held to discuss the other green spaces in the parish. The representatives of PAGS also accepted the invitation from the parish council to formally submit their own proposal for the management and maintenance of the site.

Prior to the meeting with PAGS I, alongside several of my fellow council members, attended an 'open day' at the site initiated by the interested party. The event was held on 7 February 2026 and saw a number of residents attend. The interested party attended and was available to speak to/answer residents' questions.

At the 11 February meeting of the parish council, members heard from two residents

who formally requested to address the meeting and share their concerns about the redevelopment of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. A discussion then ensued with the speakers, as well as several of the other members of the public who were in attendance. Following the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed that the council write to Mr Ullathorne, respectfully requesting that no planning application be submitted for the change of use at the former Airmyn Bowls Club site until a lease had been agreed between both parties, as well as requesting that the interested party provide various assessments relating to the installation of the community hub and Padel courts (noise assessment, light assessment, protected species survey).

At the 11 March meeting of the Parish Council, a representative of PAGS formally submitted a business proposal for a new Community Garden, located at the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. The proposal seeks to create an inclusive, shared green space for the residents of the parish. The garden would provide opportunities for individuals and families to grow food, share skills, build relationships and connect with nature in a welcoming and supportive environment. The proposal was fully costed, and contained a commitment from PAGS to manage and govern the site, assisted by approximately 30 volunteers. The council had no opportunity to formally discuss the written proposal due to it being circulated during the meeting.

At the same meeting, the parish council set Mr Ullathorne a deadline of 31 March in which to submit to the Clerk his formal proposal for the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. The council also requested various assessments (noise, lighting and ecology) that would assist the parish council in evaluating the proposal. I can confirm that Mr Ullathorne has formally submitted to the parish council the required documentation.

The parish council will now evaluate both proposals.

The parish council and I have, and continue to liaise, respond or converse with every resident who has made formal contact. I have also responded to requests for interviews from BBC Look North, BBC Radio Humberside and the Goole Times.

In my opinion, the council has listened, responded to and actioned requests from several residents as discussions progress over the use of the former bowls club site. This demonstrates, in my opinion, that the council is effective (in meeting the needs and expectations of the people involved); efficient (by being well informed and properly planned); and fair (by giving people with an interest an equal opportunity to participate). I would also like to thank East Riding of Yorkshire Councillor Liz Sergeantson for her support, advice and time over the past three months.

If any resident has a question or query, or simply wants further information, then please feel free to contact either the Parish Clerk at clerk@airmynpc.org.uk or email myself at cllr.nundy@airmynpc.org.uk

To conclude, it is important that I take the opportunity to clarify several points that have

been raised at meetings or on social media about the redevelopment of the former bowls club site.

The interested party wishes to install two Padel Courts at the site, as well as changing rooms, shower facilities and a café. You may have heard rumours of up to six courts being installed at the site. This is simply not true, and I do not believe that the council would support this over development of the site. In fact, a clause would be inserted into any draft lease as to how many courts could be built on the site.

It had been insinuated that the council was a partner in the project and would enter into a profit share agreement with the interested party. Again, this was not true. The council would simply be a landlord. Neither I nor the council had any interest in entering a business partnership with the interested party, except as the landlord, which was the same arrangement the council operated with the former tenant before they relinquished the lease or with the Airmyn Bowls Association. Were the project to proceed, the council would simply collect a monthly rent from the tenant. All risks, costs etc lay with the interested party, and not the council. Similarly, included in any draft lease would be measures the interested party would have to implement were he ever to leave the site i.e. removing the courts etc.

It had also been alleged that the council needed a revenue stream. This was not the case. As was stated separately in this newsletter, and despite increasing the precept slightly for 2026-27, the council finances were in a very healthy position. The driver for the lease of the former Bowls Club was to have it managed and maintained by 'AN Other' to remove the responsibility from the council. My councillor colleagues and I, alongside our former Caretaker, have spent many hours working at the site which, in the long term, was not sustainable. What makes the community hub proposal so intriguing was it would provide additional leisure facilities into the village by way of a café, outside leisure space etc. I do completely accept though that there are several other alternative uses for the site but, in my opinion, they all required either money or volunteers to manage and maintain. I honestly don't believe it's an efficient use of the precept just to maintain a site and keep it hidden away. Assumptions had been made that Community Payback operatives or volunteers could manage the site. Unfortunately, the Payback project was at full capacity, and they cannot currently commit to more work on the site.

Airmyn already had an excellent volunteer network, who often go above and beyond on behalf of the village. But asking volunteers to manage and maintain the site would not be without its own challenges. Similarly, I would be concerned that to open the site up and allow it to become an extension of the Memorial Garden may well attract anti-social behaviour due to its secluded design.

It was stated on social media that the council disregarded a proposal to convert the former bowls site into a community garden in favour of the community hub and Padel courts. This again is simply not true. As was stated earlier, the council (albeit informally) received the PAGS proposal to convert the site into a wildflower garden on 4 February,

some three months after the council first received the interested party's expression of interest in the site.

The potential impact of a Padel Club on house prices had also been suggested as a reason to not progress any development of the site. However, whilst clearly important to the homeowners, house prices were not a material consideration in any planning process. Availability of other Padel courts in and around Goole had also been mentioned as a reason not to progress this development. Competition was an issue for the interested party and not the parish council.

It had also been suggested that the council was putting income generation over road safety and congestion. I and my councillor colleagues are unequivocal in our aspiration that all vehicles travel through the village in a safe and timely manner. That is why, as part of the budget setting process for 2026-27, funding will be applied for, which the council would match fund, to support the installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras in the village as part of the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme. If successful, the cameras would be strategically placed to monitor drivers passing through the village, ensuring compliance with speed limits and weight restrictions for heavy goods vehicles.

The council was also encouraged to hold a Referendum on whether it should progress discussions with the interested party. Whilst I can understand the thinking behind the suggestion, the council cannot justify the costs for such an event which, having liaised with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, could cost in excess of £3,000. A cost which would be met by the parish council.

Please contact myself by email cllr.nundy@airmynpc.org.uk, or the Parish Clerk on telephone number 01405 947117, mobile number 07557 166909 or email clerk@airmynpc.org.uk if you require any further information on the redevelopment of the former bowls club site.

Volunteers



Airmyn Parish Council wishes to place on record its grateful appreciation to all the local volunteers who have dedicated their time and efforts within the parish. Whether this be volunteering to cut grass, provide grounds maintenance, litter pick, deliver the Airmyn News, this newsletter or clear dykes and water courses in the parish. The monetary value which can be attributed to the volunteers who give their time and hard work in such a way simply cannot be measured.

The parish council thanks you all.

Playing Field

As we are sure many residents are aware, following the receipt of substantial grant monies, a major drainage project was undertaken to resolve the issue of flooding in the playing field and children's play area. Following several site visits by councillors, the council is happy to report that the project appears to be successful. However, the playing field, children's play area and the community orchard areas currently look unsightly. Consequently, councillors have met the contractor on site to discuss the levelling off and re-seeding of all affected areas during March.

The council has been made aware from several concerned residents that they had been informed that the playing field and associated areas was not a public space. I wish to reassure residents that the playing field, children's play area and the dog walk are very much community assets and can be enjoyed by all residents. Signage is currently on display advising users not to use the playing field until the drainage channels have been levelled off and reseeded. However, we anticipate those areas being available for public use in time for the Spring Gala in May, if not before.



Important Update about the new ERYC Local Plan

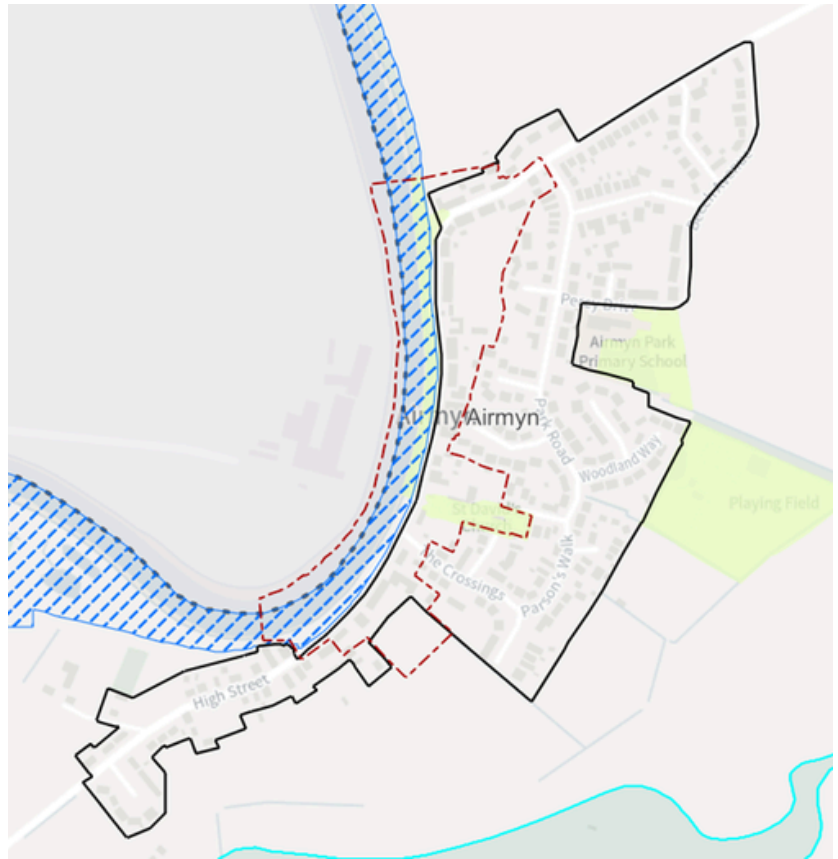
Parishioners may be aware that the UK government intend to build 300,000 new homes per year across the UK. What people may not be aware of is that this equates to 1,900 new dwellings per year in East Riding (previous targets were 1,100 per year).

The UK government have also published a Draft National Planning Policy Framework (December 2025) which puts a focus on faster decision-making (using national not local policies for determining planning applications). This means that if a proposed development is within an existing settlement boundary the principle is that the development should go ahead and the presumption is in favour of development. The Draft NPPF also has a focus on supporting growth around well-connected rail stations and brownfield-first (NOT Brownfield Only). It has minimum housing density policies and encourages a more diverse mix of housing. It is intended to reduce the burden for SME builders (10-49 dwellings) and streamlines the standards on energy efficiency and biodiversity net gain.

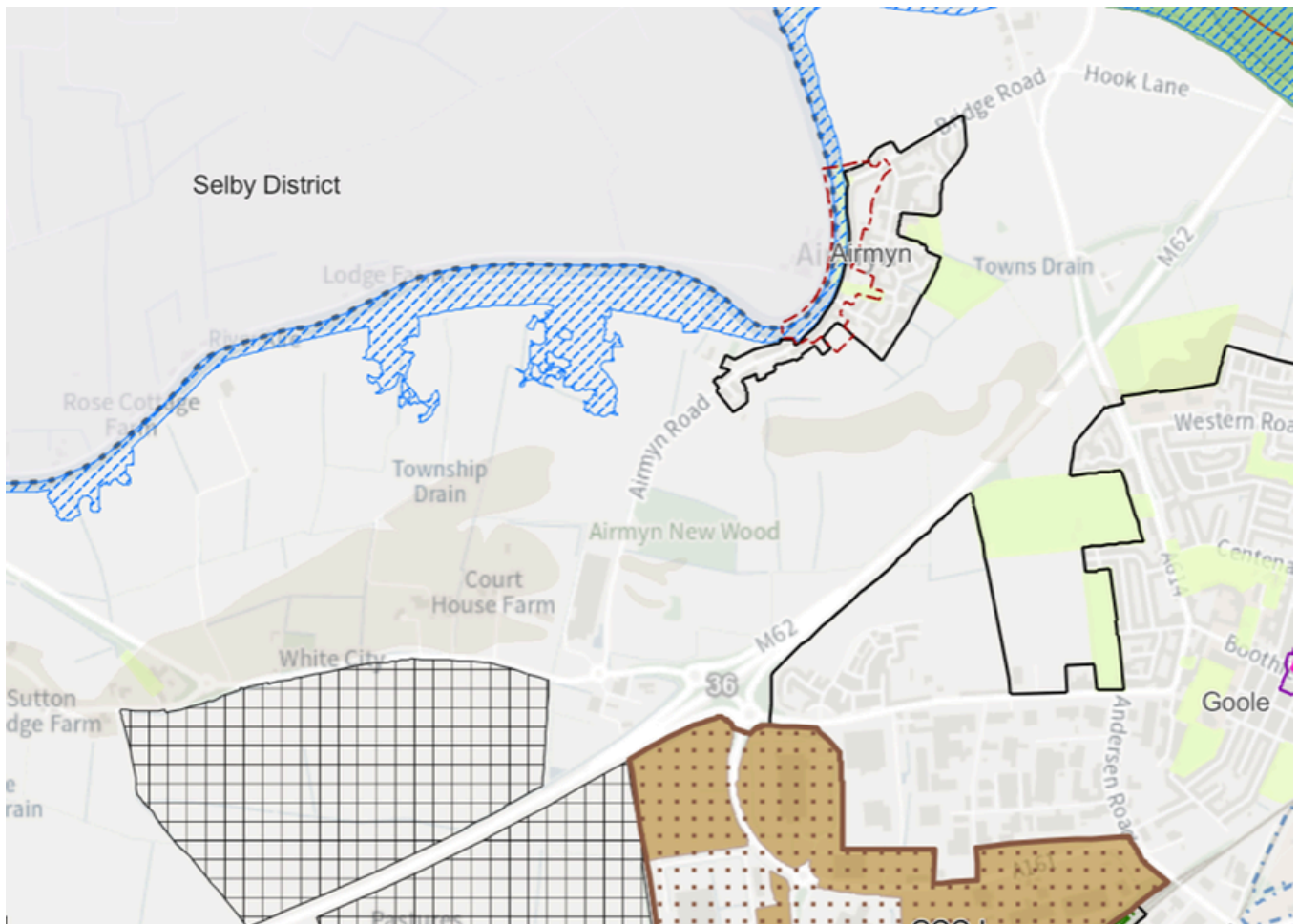
If a proposed development is outside of the defined settlement boundary then the decision to award planning permission will need to be considered in line with the ERYC Local Plan (not automatically preferred under the NPPF).

The main reason for including this information in this APC newsletter is that ERYC are in the process of generating a new Local Plan and that the development of this will be a 30-month process that must have started by 31 October 2026.

On the right is a snip of the current settlement boundary for Airmyn Village as per the ERYC Local Plan April 2025



Below is a snip of the wider map including the wider Airmyn Parish as per the ERYC Local Plan April 2025: The squared area is the Freeport Tax Site (EC1).

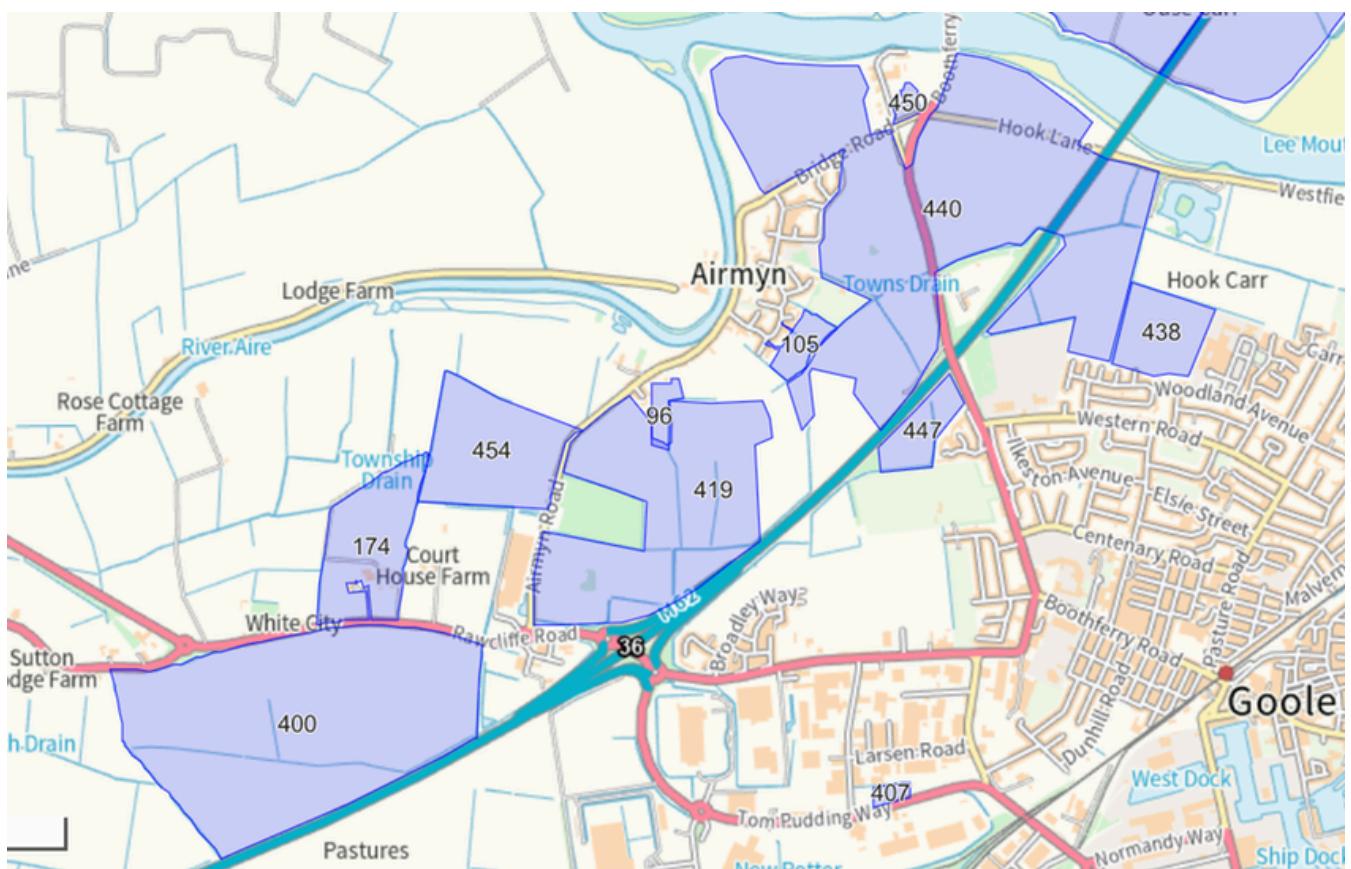


Please note that all of this information is publicly available via the ERYC website: <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/planning-permission-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-the-local-plan/east-riding-local-plan-update/#policies-maps-update> which you can access via this QR code.



ERYC are officially at the “Before you give notice” part of this Local Plan development process and opened a “call for sites” between August and November 2025.

The map (and link) below are publicly available and show the land parcels in Airmyn Parish that have been submitted (by the landowner, developer or third party) to ERYC for inclusion as development land in the new ERYC Local Plan. This information has been made publicly available by ERYC to assist in transparency.



Note: The inclusion of a site on this map does not in any way represent an endorsement from ERYC over the suitability of an individual site for allocation in the Local Plan and/or its development.

An assessment of sites will be undertaken by ERYC as part of the Local Plan preparation process and various stages of public consultation will be undertaken to seek views from the public and other stakeholders including Airmyn Parish Council.

The Hull and East Yorkshire Mayoral Authority also have responsibility for developing a local growth plan and this will also impact upon the ERYC Local Plan.

Key ways in which APC will be consulted under the new system include:

- **Scoping Consultations:** At the start of the 30-month plan-making process, local planning authorities (LPAs) must conduct a scoping consultation to invite feedback on how to engage with stakeholders and what the plan should contain. This is the current stage for ERYC.
- **Two Rounds of Public Consultation:** The new process includes two formal rounds of public consultation. The first will focus on the draft vision and spatial strategy (including initial draft policies and evidence), while the second will focus on the proposed plan, policies map, and site allocations.
- **Digital Engagement:** New digital services are intended to make it easier for parish councils to engage with the plan-making process without needing to review hundreds of pages of physical documents.
- **"Gateway" Assessments:** The Planning Inspectorate will conduct three "Gateway" assessments to ensure the plan is sound, with the second and third gateways offering opportunities for key issues to be considered early and for the plan to be refined based on feedback.
- **Active Involvement in Examination:** Parish councils can continue to submit representations on draft plans, appear at public hearings, and potentially obtain "Rule 6" status to act as a formal party to public inquiries where applicable.

Key Changes in the New System:

- **Increased Focus on Local Evidence:** Parishes will be encouraged to contribute to the evidence base that informs the Local Plan, particularly regarding site allocations.
- **Transition Period:** A transition period will operate during 2026, where both the existing and new systems will run in parallel, with the last date for submissions under the old regulations being 31 December 2026.
- **Stronger Neighbourhood Planning Integration:** The new, shorter local plans are intended to provide a faster, more robust framework for neighbourhood plans, with the new system emphasizing collaboration between the community and the Local Planning Authority. Note: Airmyn does not currently have a legally binding Neighbourhood Plan in place. It typically takes 2 years from start to finish to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and there is significant cost in terms of time and technical expertise.

APC will continue to represent the interests of our community and welcome members of the public to attend our monthly Parish Council meetings (second Wednesday of the month).



A printed colour version of the maps above will be available on the parish noticeboard and the council's website

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/planning-permission-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-the-local-plan/call-for-sites/>

Parish Precept 2026/27

At our first meeting of the year, held on 14 January 2026, the parish council approved its budget and precept for the financial year 2026–27 following a detailed review of anticipated income, expenditure, and reserves. Sitting around a table and discussing what you, our residents should pay as a contribution towards the running of the parish is always an extremely difficult decision. The financial year 2025-26 has been extremely challenging for the parish council, following our former Parish Clerk being absent from work, due to ill health, for a little over eight months. Following the decision to appoint an Interim Parish Clerk, the costs of running the council increased dramatically. However, due to prudent financial management, the council was able to reduce its planned expenditure within the parish, to ensure that our overspend was as minimal as possible.

For 2026–27, the council has set a precept of £28,775.00, which will meet the forecast day-to-day running costs of the council while allowing it to continue delivering its statutory duties and local services. This equates to an increase of 3.8% on the parish precept for 2026-27. In real terms the precept will increase by £3.48 a year for a Band D property, or 7 pence a week. Planned expenditure for the year has been carefully assessed against known commitments, with due regard given to affordability and value for money. The budget also takes account of the council's current financial position, including the use and protection of reserves, ensuring that the authority remains financially resilient while avoiding unnecessary pressure on council taxpayers. Members were mindful of ongoing cost pressures affecting local government generally and have sought to strike a balanced and responsible approach, maintaining essential services while keeping the overall budget under close control.

Despite experiencing a challenging financial year, the council delivered on its drainage project at Airmyn playing field. Initial impressions are that the scheme was a huge

success and the playing field and play area can continue to be enjoyed for generations to come. The council also allocated resources to the clearance of dykes and watercourses in the parish to ensure excess water can exit the village quickly and efficiently, as well as continue to maintain the riverbank and ensure it continues to look neat and tidy.



Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme

The council is continually exploring what, if any measures it can implement to manage the ever-increasing volume of traffic that passes through the village. Consequently, it has included within its 2026-27 budget monies to apply for speed indicator devices from the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme.

The scheme offers traffic management solutions which reduce vehicle speeds and create safer and cleaner roads. Of particular interest to the parish council was the opportunity to purchase and install AutoSpeedWatch ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras. The cameras would target speeding motorists and HGVs not abiding by weight restrictions in the village.

Consequently, the council will apply to the Police and Crime Commissioner for two ANPR cameras to be installed in the village. The Commissioner would provide 50% of the funding and the council would match fund the remaining 50%.

Any award of monies would depend on the council's application being successful when assessed by the Police and Crime Commissioner and East Riding of Yorkshire Council allowing the cameras to be placed on the highway.

The council will keep residents updated on the application process.

Parish Clerk Update

As many residents will be aware, January 2025 saw our Parish Clerk and Charity Administrator signed off from work. What we initially hoped would be a short period off work manifested itself into nine months absence, which ultimately resulted in Alison leaving her employment with the council and the Airmyn Community Association. Airmyn Parish Council is quite unique, in that all the councillors work full time. Traditionally councils consist of predominantly retired people, but not Airmyn. With all your councillors having 'day jobs', trying to manage the operation of the council with no Clerk has proved to be quite a challenge. Once it became evident that Alison may be absent for a prolonged period, the council unanimously agreed to appoint an Interim Clerk to assist with the operation of the council and the Community Association. Whilst in my opinion it was entirely necessary to make this decision, it was inevitable that the council finances would be stretched whilst in effect two Clerks were being employed. Yvonne, or Vonny as many of you will know her by, has been employed on an interim basis for nine months and steadied the ship as the council and Charity Association sailed through some extremely choppy waters. The council proactively utilised the services of a HR Consultant to advise the council on compliance with employment law during the Clerk's absence.

Following the extensive advertisement of our vacant Parish Clerk position, Councillor Matthews and I interviewed our preferred candidate on 12 January 2026. Following an excellent interview, the position was offered and accepted by the candidate, Sarah Nelson. Sarah is a hugely successful business woman who brings to the role extensive experience of operating in and managing successful businesses.

Our Interim Clerk Vonny has done a tremendous job whilst in post and I thank Vonny for everything that she has done. There will inevitably be a handover and period of transition while our new Clerk settles in.

If you have any comments on this newsletter, or on how the council can communicate more effectively, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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Due to part time hours, you may not receive a response straight away, but please leave a clear message.

The warm welcome I have received so far in Airmyn has been lovely and I'm really pleased to have been given the opportunity to work with you all!

Thank you so much for your patience while I get up to speed with everything there is to know about the village.

Sarah Nelson



*The date of the next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7:00 pm.***

*Airmyn Memorial Hall
Woodland Way
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Residents are welcome to attend

