

**HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM**

**TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM**

**Councillors Present:** David Blacketer Pauline Bramley  
Richard Bramley John Garner  
Bev Heap Rose Hilton  
Caleb Pell

**In Attendance:** Fiona Hill – Parish Clerk  
City of York Councillor Kate Ravilious

**Public Present:** 0

**Public session matters raised:** None

**24/260 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:**

Parish Councillors Tom Percy and Zena Richards

**b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:**

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

**24/261 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None

**24/262 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 19 November 2024**

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

**24/263 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:**

- Meeting Room – the minutes of the joint meeting had been circulated to Parish Councillor and the Management Committee Chairman/Secretary -

-- Roof works – Project Management

The Parish Council emailed Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) as follows: “It would not appear that the least disruptive time to conduct the roof works would be during the summer holidays 2025. Obviously, I note that one of the conditions of the grant award was that works was completed by 31 March 2025. I apologise for the inconvenience caused, but would it be possible to arrange for an extension to you most generous grant award”.

The response was: “Unfortunately not, the Platinum Jubilee Villag Hall Fund closes on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. No grants will be paid out after that”.

The Parish Council would ask if it could be used to pay the deposit.

--Driveway Dispute

The Parish Council was awaiting an update from the Management Committee.

-- Access Audit

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- Safer Crossing Outgang – Jonathan Pickles, City of York Council had emailed an update as follows:

“Relocating the existing Stop sign closer to the Stop line – I’ve left instructions on this with our maintenance team for them to programme in the works. I’d hoped it would be done before Christmas, but it should be done shortly. I’ll check progress with the team. Hedge clearance for the Playground sign on southern side of The Outgang – our Highway Regulation team have written to the landowner (Halifax Estates) and requested that they cut back the hedge that’s partially obscuring the sign. If they don’t do that within a stipulated time, then Highway Regulation will arrange for trimming the hedge and charge their costs back to the landowner.

Speed limits are not a maintenance responsibility, and Highway Regulation were originally notified regarding the speed limit sign anomalies. I understand that they’d done some work (and I was led to believe that this was completed), but if there’s anything outstanding, you’d need to speak with them.

Double yellow lining refurbishment – this work rests with our Basic Maintenance team. As I understand it, parts of the adjacent verge need to be sided out / cut back to reveal the edge of carriageway before any lining can be applied to the road surface. At this time of year, the road surfaces are usually wet / damp, so it’s not an ideal time of year to undertake line marking works”.

- University of York – Student Buses, Antisocial Behaviour – Cllrs recorded very little anti-social behaviour in recent weeks.

- Tree Maintenance – Main Street – Lewis Tree Surgery York Ltd will be in touch with a work date in the New Year.

- Nature Recovery Areas – Future Plan – The Parish Council had been unable to get a response from Natural England, so Cllr Ravilious would try and find another contact.

- V.E. Day – Cllr Martin Rowley had emailed as follows – “CYC have no formal plans for either VE Day in May or VJ Day in August. However, we have been involved in the early planning of a City wide commemoration service marking the 80th Anniversary of the ending of WW2 which will take place at York Minster on Saturday 6th September 2025. More details will follow shortly”.

- Quickline – Roy Grant, City of York Council had emailed as follows:

“Lot 8 - York is part of the Lot 8 Group within central government funded UK wide project Gigabit programme, which initially has approximately 4000 premises eligible for a broadband upgrade in our area. Lot 8 and other regional schemes were on hold as DCMS/BDUK are currently reviewing the options to potential rework and extend the number of premises/targeted coverage area due to a reduction in requirements within other part of the Gigabit programme. We and the other Councils within the Lot 8 areas have been actively engaged with DCMS/BDUK as they’ve undertaken this review, and we will be in a position at the start of 2025 to confirm the next stages of the build programme within the York boundary.

Voucher Scheme’s - DCMS/BDUK are also funding a voucher scheme with an aim of helping to support homes and businesses in both urban and rural locations. These vouchers

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are designed to support the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections when part of a group project which meet the following criteria:-

- existing available broadband download speeds are less than 100Mbps.
- a gigabit-capable network isn't likely to be built to that area commercially soon.
- there is no government-funded contract planned or in place to improve your network already.

So once our remaining Lot 8 premises/targeted areas have been confirmed and the commercial/private sector have firmed up their build plans for York, we can then start to apply for vouchers to help fund the required network expansion to facilitate access to improved broadband services”.

Cllr Ravillious would be asked to chase up lack of action.

**24/264 To receive report from Ward Councillor:**

Cllr Ravillious gave an update on Ward Funding and her drop in’s

**24/265 To receive updates on the City of York Council Local Plan:**

The Parish Clerk had checked the CYC website and no further updates available since the last meeting.

Cllr Hilton pointed out that Langwith Stray was still missing from the list of roads having access for existing residents to Heslington along Langwith Lane, which Cllr Ravillious would raise with CYC Officers.

**24/266 To receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan:**

A grant of £4,375.00 had been received.

**24/267 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning applications:**

- 24/02133/FUL - Construction of 203 no. car park spaces with associated planting and landscaping works to reinstate existing 70 no. car park spaces to grass land @ Pool Bridge Farm, Wheldrake Lane, Crockey Hill

Resolved / Objection (3 votes in favour of resolution, 2 votes against of resolution and 2 abstentions)

A response would be drafted including the points as follows:

1. Greying the Green Belt
2. Mitigation for loss of grassland
3. Ambiguity in the Planning Design and Access statement
4. Impact on Wheldrake road safety
5. There is no reference to sustainable transport options
6. Impact on adjacent SSSI Heslington Tilmire
7. Inadequate data to support statements
8. Interaction RoW with paypoint

- 24/02161/TCA – Crown reduce 1no. Beech (T1) by 20% and crown clean 1no. Apple (T2) - trees in a conservation area @ Charles XII Inn, Main Street

Resolved / No Objection, subject to guidance from the City of York Council Tree Officer (Unanimous)

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- 24/02176/FUL - Change of use from dwelling house (use Class C3) to Large House in Multiple Occupation (Sui Generis) for up to 8 occupants @ Springfield, Common Lane Resolved / Objection (5 votes in favour of resolution and 2 votes against of resolution)  
The Parish Council is concerned about the safety issue of the house, so close to an unlit road, with no footpath. The communal area are small for so many people. Heslington does not need any more student housing/HMOs, but it does need family housing.

- 24/02239/FUL - Erection of detached stables and storage building to rear following demolition of existing building @ Pippin House, Bridge Garth, Heslington  
Resolved / No Objection (Unanimous)

**24/268 To note planning decisions received:**

- 24/00601/FUL - Single storey outbuilding to rear following demolition of existing shed @ 39 Main Street - Approved

- 24/01691/FUL – Erection of compounds for air source heat pump and associated plant room following demolition of existing structures @ Skipkko Arts Team, 1 Innovation Close - Approved

- 24/01735/TCA – Fell 1no. Spruce (side garden adj to Hall Park) - tree in a conservation area @ Highfields 11 Hall Park - Consented

- 24/01783/ADV - Display of 1no. non-illuminated fascia sign @ Barclays, 11 - 12 Main Street - Approved

- 24/01795/FUL - One and a half storey side/rear extension following demolition of existing single storey side projection @ 4 The Crescent - Approved

**24/269 To discuss financial matters:**

- Bookkeeping for current year to date:

Parish Councillors had received a bank reconciliation totalling £67969.98, along with linked income and expenditure.

- Financial Management:

-- Budget 2025-2026

The draft was discussed briefly and a decision would be made at the January 2025 meeting.

- Payment Approval:

Parish Clerk/Lengthman          Salary/PAYE

**24/270 To discuss correspondence received by the council:**

- CYC – Online consultation regarding the introduction of a citywide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – Noted

- CYC – Polling District Review – Noted

- North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Promoting the Mayor’s consultation on funding for policing and fire and rescue services in York and North Yorkshire

- Noted

**24/271 To receive matters raised by members: None**

**24/272 To confirm the details of the future meetings:**

2025 – 21 January, 18 February, 18 March, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November, 16 December

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**Important Dates:**

Asset of Community Value, The Deramore Arms Public House, Renewed 12 October 2023, Expires 11 October 2028

## North Yorkshire Police Report November 2024

Time and Location.	Heslington Report made and action taken by NYP	Total calls for Month
University of York 16/11	Youths causing a nuisance in the area	
Ron Cooke Hub 22/11	Female being verbally aggressive and refusing to leave Atrium. She is not a student.	4
Goodricke College 23/11	Female being verbally aggressive and refusing to leave Atrium. She is not a student. Police attend and female taken to the train station	
Alcuin Way 27/11	Youths jumping on cars, drivers side window smashed on Toyota	
		0
Heslington Court 19/11	Possible theft from property over a period of time. Person old and vulnerable. Family to be spoken with.	2
James College 28/11	Cannabis and grinder found in student accommodation by staff	
		0
Lawrence Court 3/11	Theft of bicycle from bike rack. Lock also taken	
Lawrence Court 4/11	Theft of bicycle from bike rack.	
University of York 6/11	Theft of bicycle from under the stairs in college block	
Psychology Block 8/11	Theft of bicycle from bike rack.	8
University of York 14/11	Theft of bicycle from bike rack. Lock also taken	
Deramore Lane 24/11	Attempted robbery, assault with shot from a catapult	
University of York 25/11	Theft of bicycle from bike rack. Lock also taken	
Pizza Hut 30/11	Theft of e-bicycle from bike rack. Lock also taken. Possible CCTV	
Sussex Road 19/11	4 males with BB gun shooting at rabbits. Shot at passer by	1
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