

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present: Pauline Bramley Richard Bramley
John Garner Caleb Pell
Tom Percy Zena Richards

In Attendance: Fiona Hill – Parish Clerk

Public Present: 2 including Alison Gammon - Church Treasurer

Public session matters raised: Mrs Gammon spoke about the rationale behind planning application 24/02143/FUL

24/286 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:

*Parish Councillors David Blacketer, Bev Heap and Rose Hilton
City of York Councillor Kate Ravilious

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

*Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

24/287 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

24/288 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 21 January 2025

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

24/289 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

- Meeting Room:

-- Roof works – Project Management

Resolved / The Parish Council accepted the quotation from WA Hare dated 22 January 2025 (5 votes in favour, 1 abstention) and will be asked for a project Pre – Commencement meeting.

All stakeholders will be updated on the acceptance and timing of the works, which is scheduled for mid-July to August. They will be advised that the PC will provide further details closer to the time.

A programme of works along with risk assessments would be requested nearer the time.

- Access Audit – The Meeting Room Committee had updated as follows:

- 1 External access. This is to be negotiated by the PC and Cordula, the owner of the driveway.
- 2 Accessible toilet. The pull cord alarm has been moved, and the hand drier moved, as advised. The contrasting colours on the H and C haven't been done, and we decided against moving the stoma bag to a new shelf, moving the soap dispenser to the right of the sink [where it'll be the wrong side of the tap and drip on the floor], and changing the cistern to a paddled operated one, lower down
- 3 Women's toilet. No action. The cubicles and toilet are too small for the recommendations to be implemented, and the cubicle walls too insubstantial to fix grab rails to.
- 4 Hearing loop. No action. While the room would benefit from improved acoustics and less echo, in my experience wall hangings wouldn't make a noticeable difference. Sound absorbing panels [eg Echophon] would do the job but would have visual implications if fixed to the walls or

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ceiling.

5 Meeting Room. The threshold 'trip hazard' will be fixed shortly.

6 Kitchen. A portable ramp, to be hung on the FE door, will be made and installed shortly.

Regarding point 1, the Parish Council understood that this had been resolved with assistance from Mr Allen. The Clerk will contact the Meeting Room to confirm this is the case.

- Safer Crossing Outgang – Cllrs reported that the road edge had been cleared in preparation for double yellow lines.

- University of York – Student Buses, Antisocial Behaviour – Currently, no issues

- The Coronation bench is now in situ.

24/290 To receive report from Ward Councillor:

Cllr Ravilious had emailed as follows -

Local Plan – this has now come back from the inspector and is with the CYC legal team for checking. It will be coming to Full Council for adoption at the end of February or early March.

Response to the Local Plan query raised by Rose Hilton during the December PC meeting: The wording set out in our 'Local Plan Consolidated Main Modifications Schedule' (EX/CYC/141) are those modifications previously agreed with our Inspectors and consulted on during 2023/2024. We have not asked for any further modifications of this policy and could not at this stage without likely incurring further consultation. However, we have made the Inspectors aware of suggestions submitted by the public to our consultations; these have been sent directly to the Inspectors and we await their consideration of these in their final report. This wording may therefore be tweaked in the final policy, subject to their view.

The reason provided for changing this particular wording of Policy SS13 is: Drafting improvements to aid effectiveness and enhance clarity for decision making purposes in line with paragraph 154 of NPPF 2012.

I hope to reassure Ms Hilton that in my view, this revised and more succinct wording is more helpful as it is clear that existing access along Langwith Lane is required to be retained as opposed to requiring further discussions to agree this in the future; this is a clear steer and parameter to working with as we progress with the developers and colleagues in progressing the Garden Village. Although this says 'premises', I would expect this to include landowners or farmers which need to access land from this route.

Quickline – I am in contact with Jessica Dixon (Stakeholder engagement manager at Quickline) to understand the options for getting the pole installed. My understanding is that the preferred parking arrangements of a resident is preventing the pole from being positioned optimally. I have asked our team at the council if we need to look into using a traffic regulation order. If this isn't reasonable or feasible then the pole can be installed in a less optimal position. Quickline have applied for planning permission and are waiting for a decision to be made.

Ward committee meeting. I held a ward committee meeting with my Fishergate ward colleagues on Monday 20th Jan at the Christian Science Church. The meeting was well

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attended and useful discussions ensued on the future use of the 'mast field' (at the bottom of Broadway West) once the masts are dismantled, improvements to bus services and various issues raised by residents. The CYC warmer homes team were also in attendance. Holiday activities. I'm pleased to confirm that through a combination of Fishergate and Fulford & Heslington ward funding we're able to provide school holiday sports activities (run by York City Knights) on Tues 18th Feb (Fulford Parish Field) and on both Tuesdays in the Easter holidays.

Ward drop-in. My next ward drop in will be on Weds 19th March from 11-12 at the Deramore Arms in Heslington

Ward funding. This year the ward funding for Fulford and Heslington is supporting the following activities and items: Heslington Village Trust – printing of local history booklet to raise funds for the Big Community Lunch, Heslington Village Trust – contribution towards the Big Community Lunch, St Oswald's Church – installation of a handrail alongside the ramp into the church hall, Fulford scout group – seating and firepit in their outdoor area, Fulford Parish Council – contribution towards insulation improvements to the parish hall, Holiday activities provided by the York City Knights, Winter warm packs

I anticipate a similar amount of ward funding to be available next year (£5447) and will be accepting applications from April onwards.

24/291 To receive updates on the City of York Council Local Plan:

Latest news circulated to Cllrs

24/292 To receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllrs agreed who would update and proof-read the 3 sections that require amendments.

24/293 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning applications:

- 24/02143/FUL - Churchyard extension to include new boundary hedge and gates @ Heslington Church, Field Lane

Resolved / Support (Unanimous)

- 25/00167/TCA - Fell 1no. Apple tree in a Conservation Area @ The Pinfold, 28 Main Street
Resolved / Neutral (Unanimous), subject to guidance from the City of York Council Tree Officer

- 25/00249/TCA - Fell 1no. Hazel tree; Crown Reduce 2no. Walnut trees in a Conservation Area @ Little Hall, Main Street

Resolved / Neutral (Unanimous), subject to guidance from the City of York Council Tree Officer

- 25/00251/TCA - Fell 1no. Plum tree and 1no. Cherry; Shape canopy of 1no. Cherry and 1no. Elder; Crown reduce and shape canopy of 1no. Crab Apple - tree works in a Conservation Area @ Lowfield House, Main Street

24/294 To note planning decisions received:

- 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 – Approved

- 24/02239/FUL - Erection of detached stable and storage building to rear following demolition of existing building @ Pippin House, Bridge Garth - Approved

24/295 To discuss financial matters:

- Bookkeeping for current year to date - Report to follow

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- Financial Management:
- Policies –

Website Management Policy:

The Parish Clerk is responsible for managing the information on the website.
A Parish Council website has two main functions:

- To communicate all of the legally required information as indicated in the Transparency Code for smaller authorities 2014. In simple terms, this includes Agendas, Minutes and designated financial information.
- Secondly, if the Parish Council wishes, to communicate other information relating to the Parish which is not legally required – but is helpful.

Website Accessibility statement

The Parish Council is constantly working to make our website as accessible and usable as possible.

Our website has been developed to best practice coding conventions.

A consistent heading structure has been used so that page information is compatible with access technology.

A number of browsers, including Internet Explorer and Google Chrome have been tested for compatibility.

If you would like a publication in an alternative format please contact the Parish Council
The Parish Council is always happy to receive feedback and you can contact the Parish Council on heslingtonpc@outlook.com

Risk Assessments will be worked on ready for the next meeting

Resolved / Adopted (Unanimous)

- Payment Approval:

Parish Clerk/Lengthman Salary/PAYE

Resolved / Adopted (Unanimous)

24/296 To discuss correspondence received by the council:

- YLCA – guidance/information received and forwarded to Cllrs
- Good Neighbours – Meeting on Tuesday 04 March 2025
- North Yorkshire Police report (January 2025) – No received

24/297 To receive matters raised by members: None

24/298 To confirm the details of the future meetings:

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

Important Dates:

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

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