

**HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2026 AT 7.00PM**

**Councillors Present:** David Blacketer Pauline Bramley  
Richard Bramley John Garner  
Tom Percy

**In Attendance:** Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk  
City of York Councillor Kate Ravilious (Arrived late/left early)

**Public Present:** 1 – Tim Clark

**Public session matters raised:** Sam Russell and Matthew Thompson from University of York spoke to the meeting about the proposed Geothermal Facility (25/02434/FUL)

**24/420 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:**

Bev Heap, Zena Richards and Charles Stewart

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

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

**24/421 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None

**24/422 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 16 December 2025**

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

**24/423 To discuss the casual vacancy:** Tim Clark was coopted onto the Parish Council

**24/424 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:**

- Village Welcome Signs – Cllrs R Bramley and Percy will arrange for the remaining sign to be taken down, so it is not a health and safety risk. A resolution for correcting the design was still to be found.
- University of York – the new term has started and to date there are no issues of note.
- Boundary Review – The Parish Council would submit a response as follows:

*To improve electoral equality and better reflect the identity, interests and issues of the local community, the following minor amendments to the north-west boundary of the Fulford & Heslington ward are proposed:*

- 1. Extend the ward boundary westward along Heslington Lane (West) to include the following properties: 1 & 2 Barn Grove, Hesketh Almshouses (6 dwellings) and Dalham House.*
- 2. Extend the boundary south of Heslington Lane (West) to include the following residential properties: Sycamore Cottage, Eden Court, Spring Barn Cottage, Spring Barn, Cherry Tree Cottages, Peel Close and Turner's Croft.*
- 3. Include Heslington Church (St Paul's) Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) within the Fulford & Heslington ward.*

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*Rationale*

*The current boundary arbitrarily divides the cohesive Heslington village community, placing part of the village in an adjacent ward. The proposed changes would ensure that the village is contained within a single ward and represented by the same councillor. Heslington Village has a well-established and recognised social, historical, and geographical identity. Residents of the proposed inclusion areas use the same Parish Council, attend the same village events and share access to the same amenities, including the Heslington Village Post Office, Village Hall, conservation area and St Paul's Church. A boundary aligned with a clear and recognised residential settlement is more logical, intelligible, and administratively efficient than one that bisects a village. It also reduces confusion for residents regarding ward boundaries and elected representation.*

**24/425 To receive report from Ward Councillor:**

Cllr Ravilious reported as follows:

- Ward funding – budget for next year expected to be similar to this year
- Bird Flu – there is a case within the parish
- Big Spring Clean 2026 – a litter pick with the primary school is planned
- Patch House – CYC Planning Enforcement believe the development is in line with the approved application, however there is a query with the boundary fence alongside the right of way.
- CYC Current consultations – Right to challenge car parking charges (Bishopthorpe Road, Micklegate, the Groves and Heworth), Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Survey, Garden Waste Collections Survey, Age Friendly York, Your views on Raise York – Your Family Hubs Network

**24/426 To receive updates on the City of York Council Local Plan 2017:** Nothing to report

**24/427 To receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan:**

Cllr Blacketer proposed that as the Parish Council does not have the capacity to do a deep consultation, but as the amended plan is materially the same, a simpler consultation could be considered.

Cllrs R Bramley/Pearcy would put together a list of businesses and farms.

Cllr Heap would be asked to put together a list of places for advertising and publicity.

Cllr P Bramley would contact the university to ask for their assistance in contacting staff, students and businesses in university properties.

Cllr P Bramley would update the website as necessary.

The Parish Clerk would email the statutory bodies.

The Parish Clerk would contact the Meeting Room Committee asking if their mail box could be used for those wanting to respond to the consultation in writing.

Cllr Garner would regularly remove responses from the mailbox if the Meeting Room Committee would agree to providing one.

Cllrs would deliver the residents letters using the same delivery process used for the newsletter.

Cllr Blacketer would liaise with the printers regarding the residents letter and hard copies of the plan.

The consultation dates were pencilled in as starting 0900 hrs 16 February 2026 and ending 1700 hrs Sunday 26 March 2026.

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**24/428 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning applications:**

- 25/02434/FUL - Construction of a geothermal facility to include the drilling of 3no. deep geothermal wells and new cycle track to existing disused velodrome area @ York Sports Village, Lakeside Way  
Resolved / Support, No Comments, 5 votes in favour of resolution, 1 abstention
- 25/02462/TCA - Fell 1no. self-set Walnut - tree in a Conservation Area @ Heslington Church, Field Lane  
Resolved / Neutral, No objections subject to guidance from the City of York Tree Officer, 5 votes in favour, 1 abstention
- 25/02542/FUL - Installation of 2 no. shipping containers to a parking lot @ Biology Department Wentworth Way  
Resolved / Objection, this would result in a loss of crucial parking spaces and loss of amenity, 5 votes in favour of resolution, 1 abstention

**24/429 To note planning decisions received: None**

**24/430 To discuss financial matters:**

- Bookkeeping for current year to date -  
A bank reconciliation totalling £25779.27, along with an income and expenditure report was circulated around Cllrs.
- Financial Management – Budget/Precept 2026/27  
Resolved / A precept of £23784 was agreed (Unanimous) The budget totals £23784.
- Financial Management – Internal Controls - These were not conducted.

Payment Approval:

Parish Clerk/Lengthman	Salary/PAYE	
Hello Technology	Website Hosting/Domain	£135.00
Directions Planning	Work Done	£750.00

Resolved / Adopted (Unanimous)

**24/431 To discuss correspondence received by the council:**

- YLCA information – had been received by the Chairman/Clerk as usual and the Chairman had forwarded to Cllrs. Cllr Blacketer advised that Cllrs could chose to receive the information directly and as he had done so, was now receiving the information twice. It was agreed that Cllrs, who wanted to receive the information, should enrol with YLCA. The Chairman/Clerk would continue receiving the information, but would not forward to Cllrs, however, any matters relevant to the Parish Council would be formally raised via the agenda.
- North Yorkshire Police Report November 2025 – Report received
- Community Bookshop Box Scheme

Resolved / The Parish Council did not want to proceed with adopting the phone box, as the loss of the public phone box would not be desirable, the phone box would be a liability to have to maintain, the parish already has three defibrillators in the vicinity and the creation of a library could be risky, as books would be difficult to keep in a good condition.

**24/432 To receive matters raised by members:**

- The Lengthsman reported occasional cases of parked cars affecting his ability to secure his wheel barrow. Cllr Garner would arrange for an additional paving slap, with fixings at the other side of the storage container.
- The Parish Council would obtain quotes for applying varnish to the noticeboard/two

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**24/433 To confirm the details of the future meetings:**

2026 – 17 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November, 15 December

**Important Dates:**

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

Type of Incident	Time and Location.	Heslington Report made and action taken by NYP	Total calls for Month
<b>ASB- Nuisance</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>ASB- Personal</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Drugs</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Vehicle</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Theft</b>	Wentworth College 3/12	Theft of bicycle from bike shed. Lock left insitu	
	St Lawrence Court 4/12	Theft of bicyce from bike storage rack, lock had been cut and left insitu	
	Garroby Way 5/12	Theft of bicycle from bike shed. Lock cut and left insitu	
	Innovation Centre 5/12	Theft of bicycle from bike rack	
	Garroby Way 6/12	Theft of bicycle from bike shed. Lock cut and left insitu	<b>9</b>
	David Kato College 7/12	Theft of bicycle from bike rack	
	Wentworth College 7/12	Theft of bicycle from bike storage area. Lock also taken	
	Wentworth College 7/12	Theft of an electric bicycle from a locked compound	
	David Kato College 9/12	Theft of bicycle from bike shed	
<b>Violence</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	University of York 23/12	4 youths cause kick locked internal doors causing damage. CCTV available. Mag lock pulled away from door frame	<b>1</b>

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