

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00PM

Councillors Present: David Blacketer Pauline Bramley
Richard Bramley Tim Clark
John Garner Zena Richards
Charles Stewart

In Attendance: Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

Public Present: 0

Public session matters raised: None

24/434 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:

*Parish Councillors Bev Heap and Tom Percy

City of York Councillor Kate Ravilious

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

*Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

24/435 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

24/436 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 20 January 2026

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

24/437 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

- Village Welcome Signs – The Parish Clerk would contact Cllr Percy for an update.
- University of York – No issues
- Street furniture restoration – A quote had been obtained for restoring the four benches on Main Street. Another quote would be obtained for just restoring the two newest benches. The older two – Coronation bench and Des’s bench – may be beyond economical repair, so Cllr Stewart would inspect them. Cllr Stewart would also inspect the Alms House bench and the Parker bench.
- Concrete base extension behind the Meeting Room
Resolved / The Parish Council accepted a quotation of £1617.00 from Simon Prince (Unanimous)

24/438 To receive report from Ward Councillor:

Cllr Ravilious reported by email as follows:

1. *Patch House. CYC officers have checked and the footpath is not a public right of way so we are not able to enforce regarding the fence being in the wrong place. TJ Mudd who manage the land on behalf of Holmefield are aware of the issue and have instructed the developer to take the fence down and reposition on the other side of the hedge. I’ve also alerted the university as I wasn’t sure if they might be the landowner.*

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2. *Bus Shelter outside Hes Hall. Residents have alerted me to the seat in the bus shelter collapsing. I've told the university (who own this bus shelter) and they are looking into getting it repaired.*
3. *ResPark enforcement. I've had reports of drivers without ResPark permits parking for long periods within the ResPark zone, particularly around lunchtime. I've asked our enforcement teams to do some spot checks around lunchtimes in the coming weeks.*
4. *Illuminated sign in the village shop. A resident asked me if the shop has planning permission to have the illuminated sign in their window. CYC's planning team are looking into this.*
5. *Ward funding. The budget was passed at Full Council last Thursday and includes the continuation of the current ward funding arrangements. Fulford & Heslington ward will be granted a similar sum to previous years (around £5500) and we'll be inviting applications from April onwards.*
6. *Great British Spring Clean. I've organised a Great British Spring Clean litter pick on Saturday 14th March. Meeting at 10am outside Budgens on Thornton Road at Germany Beck. Litter pickers etc provided. I'll try and get some posters soon to advertise the event.*
7. *Ward drop-in. My next ward drop in event is on Weds 25th Feb from 10-11am at St Oswald's church hall café. I have a poster for the next series of ward drop ins and will share with David so he can put on the PC noticeboard.*
8. *No licensing applications in the ward currently*
9. *No new consultations beyond the ones I mentioned at the last meeting.*
10. *Replacement bin outside Browns – forgive me, I've forgotten what the ask was here. Please can you remind me and I'll look into it.*

The Parish Council expressed concerns regarding Patch House and offered its support to reach a satisfactory conclusion.

24/439 To receive updates on the City of York Council Local Plan 2017: Nothing to report

The Parish Council would write to Persimmon Homes, inviting them to a future meeting, to give an update on the Minster View development.

24/440 To receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan:

Resolved (Unanimous) the dates were agreed as follows:

W/c 23Feb26 - Residents letters (500) and business letters (300) would go to printers

W/c 02Mar26 – Letters would be collected from printers

W/c 09Mar26 – Residents letters would be delivered (as per newsletter delivery system).

Business letters would be delivered (Method TBC). Statutory bodies to be emailed (Parish Clerk). University of York had been most helpful and would circulate to staff and students (Cllr P Bramley). The website would be updated (Cllr P Bramley)

26 April 2026 at 5.00p.m. the six-week consultation period ends

Resolved (Unanimous) All publicity suggestion accepted (Cllr Heap)

Resolved (Unanimous) Up to £500.00 was agreed to spend on printing and publicity.

Resolved (Unanimous) It was agreed that a small mail box would be purchased (Cllr P Bramley), which the University of York had kindly agreed to fix next to the Parish Council noticeboard.

Cllr Stewart kindly volunteered to collate the responses.

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24/441 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning applications:

- 26/00109/FUL - Display of 8no. campus welcome signs @ University Of York, Heslington Hall, University Road
Resolved / Objection, Comments

All permanent signage locations must be situated outside the boundary of the University of York Campus West Grade II Registered Park and Garden and also outside the Heslington Conservation Area and ensure no adverse effect on Heslington heritage assets or their settings.

Scale must be both proportionate to the individual settings and non-illuminated format. Section 66 (1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 states that in considering whether to grant planning permission for a development which affects a listed building or its setting, the local planning authority shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.

Also, the locations are adjacent to the boundaries of the Heslington Conservation Area. Thus, the Local Planning Authority has a statutory duty under section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to consider the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character, setting and appearance of designated conservation area. (Unanimous)

- 26/00119/FUL - Installation of a sculpture to the grounds of Block B Derwent College @ University Of York, Heslington Hall, University Road
Resolved / Neutral, No Comments (Unanimous)
- 26/00154/FUL - Variation of condition 2 of permitted application 24/01377/FULM to alter the approved plans and elevations @ 5 Main Street
Resolved / Neutral, No Comments (Unanimous)

24/442 To note planning decisions received: None

24/443 To discuss financial matters:

- Bookkeeping for current year to date -

A bank reconciliation totalling £23750.25, along with an income and expenditure report was circulated around Cllrs.

- Financial Management – Internal Controls - These were conducted by Cllr Richards and all was in order.

Payment Approval:

Parish Clerk/Lengthman	Salary/PAYE	
TG Cutt & Son	Meeting Room Fire Extinguisher Service	£83.58
Bernardes Trading Ltd	Padlock & Key	£1.25

Resolved / Adopted (Unanimous)

24/444 To discuss correspondence received by the council:

- North Yorkshire Police Report January 2026 – Report noted and shown at end of minutes.

- Website now gov.uk and will fulfil requirements for the new AGAR assertion.

- Health care messages to share with Parish Council across Humber and North Yorkshire – Received/noted

- CYC Nature Walks and Rides with York Bike Belles - Received/noted

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24/445 To receive matters raised by members:

- Heslington Dental Practice (24/01571/FUL) New front door
Resolved – The Parish Council would contact the CYC Conservation Enforcement Officer as follows – The Parish Council are concerned that the recently installed fully-glazed entrance door is incongruous and harms the setting and character of the Heslington village conservation area. This door design neither preserves nor enhances the appearance of the conservation area and asks that it be assessed and reviewed.

Whilst any individual change may not, in itself, be dramatic, it's important to not let seemingly small details such as this go unchallenged. The accumulation of these small changes will forever compromise the village appearance and character and can result in establishing a precedent.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THIS APPLICATION STATE:

“...Any new or replacement window to the front elevation shall have a timber frame. Reason: So that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied with these details, due to the conservation area location.”

Approval of the application clearly intends that the building works give proper regard to the fact that the building, lies within the vicinity of Listed Buildings and is within the Conservation Area.

[Section 66 (1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 states that in considering whether to grant planning permission for a development which affects a listed building or its setting, the local planning authority shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses. Additionally, the Local Planning Authority has a statutory duty under section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to consider the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of designated conservation areas.]

Votes – 6 In Favour, 1 Against (Cllr R Bramley)

- Neighbourhood Caretakers

The Parish Clerk would contact Cllr Ravilious to find out if this scheme is available for Heslington.

24/446 To confirm the details of the future meetings:

2026 – 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
ASB- Nuisance	York University 18/1	Youths causing a nuisance in the area	2
	York University 30/1	Youths causing a nuisance in the area	
ASB- Personal			0
Burglary	Church Lane 9/1	Attempted access to café via rear door. No entry gained	1
Drugs			0
Vehicle			0
Theft	Nisa - University Rd 21/1	1 x incident - 1 female arrested	1
Violence			0
Criminal Damage			0

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