

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY 15 JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM**

Councillors Present: David Blacketer Pauline Bramley
Richard Bramley John Garner
Bev Heap Caleb Pell
Zena Richards

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

Public Present: 0

Public session matters raised: None

24/351 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:

Parish Councillor Tom Pearcy

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

Resolved /Approved (Unanimous)

24/352 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

24/353 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 17 June 2025

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

24/354 To discuss the casual vacancy resulting from the resignation of Rose Hilton

Vacancy notices would be displayed on notice board and website.

24/354 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

- Meeting Room Roof works – Project Management

Work would commence 21/22 July 2025.

- Meeting Room Access Audit – Nothing to report

- Meeting Room Terms of Reference – Nothing to report

Cllr Blacketer was working on a grant application for the Mayoral Fund

There would be a meeting with the Management Committee on Tuesday 19 August 2025 at 7.00 p.m. Agenda items would include – Roof Works, Access Audit and Terms of reference.

- University of York – Student Buses, Antisocial Behaviour – No issues due to summer vacation. Arrivals in September would be spaced out over several days.

- Village Welcome Signs – information sent to the Village Trust, awaiting response

24/355 To receive report from Ward Councillor:

Cllr Ravilious had emailed as follows:

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- Quickline – awaiting update on Thursday
- Dip in road – Yorkshire Water have checked and there is no sewage build up, so the case has been referred back to Highways.
- Post Office – there has been little interest. Cllr Ravilious would ask the Post Office to do some promotion and she would speak to the MP.
- Licensing – No applications within the parish. She was not aware of the recent application at the Sports Centre, as it is outside her ward.
- ST15 Development – there would soon be a consultation regarding the infrastructure and the Parish Council were a Key Consultee
- Boundary Review – there would be a consultation in the autumn
- Summer holiday activities – details would be circulated
- Ward drop in – tomorrow, 1000, St Oswalds

In response to the Parish Councils email about The Hive, Jonathan Kenyon, Principal Officer Development Management (Large scale sites, major and commercial), CYC had responded as follows:

If the parish want to challenge the decision they would need to proceed with a judicial review.

The points being made about the site allocation in the plan were covered in the committee report and they were debated at the meeting – the speakers raised exactly the same points as they have put in their email to you & they were addressed at the committee. They were considered by members before they made their decision.

The Parish Council would take no further action.

24/356 To receive updates on the City of York Council Local Plan 2017-2033:

Nothing to report

24/357 To receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan:

The agreed comments/amendments would be incorporated into the documents, as soon as time allowed, then sent to Directions Planning. Then a meeting would be arranged with the consultant.

YLCA have provided a model letter for parishes who are affected by withdrawal of government funding for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan, to send to their MP. In additional there is a draft motion to consider.

Heslington Parish Council acknowledges that:

- Neighbourhood planning empowers local communities to shape the development and growth of their areas through the creation of Neighbourhood Plans.
- The preparation of Neighbourhood Plans requires significant time, expertise, and financial resources, often placing a burden on parish and town councils.
- Neighbourhood Plans contribute to more democratic, locally-informed planning decisions and support the delivery of sustainable development aligned with community needs and aspirations.

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for their information. In response to a recent blockage and build up of sewage in the drains segment nearest to the Village Meeting Room, we are proposing to conduct a jet wash and camera inspection of the drains network beneath the access road. We have approached two relevant contractors for a quote, only one of which has issued a quote, see attached. The cost comes to £340, which we propose to split in equal parts by the involved parties, so 25% = £85 each for number 35, 36, 37 and the Parish Council. Can you please raise this with the PC for approval?

Resolved / The Parish Council discussed this matter at their meeting and agreed that a camera would be useful but are concerned that jetting old drains could cause more damage. Is it possible to see a copy of the survey report? (Three votes in favour of resolution, three votes against resolution and one abstention. The Chairmans casting vote was in favour of resolution, so it was carried.

- Georgian Recreation Hall at The Retreat - Possible community collaboration
The Parish Council would invite them to a future meeting

- North Yorkshire Police report (June 2025) forwarded to Cllrs

24/362 To receive matters raised by members:

- The Lengthsman appraisal would be held on Friday 18th July 2025
- Post Office Asset of Community Value – the Parish Council agreed in principle for it to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.
- Bird spikes – the Parish Council would ask the University to replace them above the noticeboard.
- Cannabis Use – the parish council had been made aware of this issue and parishioners were advised to contact North Yorkshire Police about illegal/suspicious behaviour and the University if on their property.

24/363 To confirm the details of the future meetings:

2025 – 19 August*, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November, 16 December

* 7.00 p.m. – Joint Meeting with Meeting Room Management Committee

* 7.30 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

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	University of York 7/6	Youths on bicycles riding in and out of university buildings	5
	Wentworth Way 13/6	2 youths with catapult firing at wildlife. X2	
	Baird Lane 21/6	Youths causing a nuisance in the area	
ASB- Personal	Ron Cook Hub 24/6	Youths on bicycles causing a nuisance on campus	0
Burglary	New Building 18/6	Possible attempted burglary, window smashed, alarm sounding. CCTV from PH available	1
Drugs			0
Vehicle			0
Theft	Lakeside Way 4/6	Theft of electric bicycle locked to bike rack at rear of Piazza Restaurant	8
	Philip Brockbank Ct 7/6	Theft of bicycle sometime in the last 2 months	
	Greggs	2 x incident	
	Berrick Saul Bld 11/6	Theft of bicycle from storage area. Lock left insitu	
	York University 16/6	Theft of drinks from a vending machine	
	Seebholm Bld 23/6	Theft of bicycle sometime in the last 2 months	
	York University 24/6	Theft of bicycle from behind Environment dept.	
Violence			0
Criminal Damage	Berrick Saul Bld 11/6	Bicycles locked in secure storage hve been tampered with, brake cables cut. Possible CCTV	1

North Yorkshire Police Report (May 2025), which were missed from previous minutes

Type of Incident	Time and Location.	Heslington Report made and action taken by NYP	Total calls for Month
ASB- Nuisance			0
ASB- Personal			0
Burglary			0
Drugs			0
Vehicle			0
Theft	University of York 7/5	Theft of bicycle from bike racks	6
	University of York 11/5	Theft of bicycle from bike racks outside the Goodricke building	
	John West Taylor Court 28/5	Theft of bicycle from bike racks lock left in situ	
	Alcuin College 28/5	Theft of bicycle locked to railings. Lock cut	
	Anne Lister College 28/5	Theft of bicycle from bike racks	
	Sports Centre 29/5	Theft of 2 lacross sticks from the pitch at sports centre. Possibly seen for sale on EBAY	
Violence			0
Criminal Damage	Ox Close Lane 28/5	4 windows of a static caravan kept in a field have been smashed	1

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