

REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, REETH on Monday the 25th February 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor Bearpark (Chairman), Councillor B. Rutter (Vice-Chair), Councillor G. Frankland, Councillor Terry, Councillor Longden, Councillor Y Peacock and L. Bridge (Clerk).

1. **Apologise for absence** – Councillor Dawson (working away) and Councillor Longstaff (ill health)
2. **Approve reasons for absence** – All Councillors approved.
3. **Declarations of interest** – There were no Declarations of Interest
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 20th January 2025**
 - 4.1. The Minutes of the two meetings on the 20th January, having been circulated were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Councillor Rutter and seconded by Councillor Terry.
5. **Public Session.**

Two members of the Upper Dales Community Land Trust, Stephen Stubbs and Annie Wallace, and one member of North Yorkshire Rural Housing Enablers, Janine Ledger. Stephen Stubbs introduced the group explaining their history, current project and future intentions. He then passed to Janine who explained the need for the survey, purpose of the survey and the qualifying criteria. All the Councillors supported and approved the survey of the residents.
6. **North Yorkshire Police**
 - 6.1. To note that no Police attended.
 - 6.2. The report was noted.
 - 6.3. The parking complaint was noted.
7. **Lord Peel and the Green Agreement/Contract.**
 - 7.1. This was considered after a long discussion and Councillor Rutter proposed proceeding with the Drafting of the new Agreement and Councillor Terry seconded with all Councillors voting in favour.
8. **Aspirations of Expenditure for 2024/25:**
 - 8.1. It was noted that the clerk is still waiting for the Bridge Engineering team to arrange a meeting to discuss the river works. Councillor Peacock said she would remind them.

8.2. Matrix sign

8.2.1. It was noted that the speed traps could be cancelled on the day if the weather turned bad. The traps have been organised.

8.3. Honesty Box Signs

8.3.1. It was noted that this is on hold until the Agreement between Lord Peel and the Parish Council is completed.

8.4. Contactless Honesty Box Donations

8.4.1. It was noted that this is on hold until the Agreement between Lord Peel and the Parish Council is completed.

9. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide on further action where necessary:

9.1. Playground

9.1.1. Due to an increase in prices from North Yorkshire Council for the playground inspections and grass cutting it was considered whether to continue with the inspections when we already have an annual inspection by ROSPA. Councillor Terry requested that the insurance was checked to see what they require and the decision was moved to next month.

9.2. Memorial Benches.

9.2.1. It was noted that there was nothing to consider.

9.3. The Green and Market

9.3.1. **Chetwynd Land** – It was noted that no further progress has been made on this.

9.3.2. It was noted that there had been no serious offers for the grass mesh that is for sale on Facebook Marketplace.

9.3.3. Nick Caldwell's request for a donation towards the replacement of the information board between the bus shelter and the public toilets was considered. As the Parish Council has a number of expenses coming up and limited resources, it was decided that they were unable to commit to anything else at the present time.

10. To consider and decide upon the following planning application.

10.1. Planning application R/07/378 for Leaholme, Reeth was considered and all supported the improvements in this application.

11. To receive the following planning decisions/information

11.1. It was noted that there were no Protected Tree Applications or Decisions for Week 3.

11.2. It was noted that there were no Protected Tree Applications or Decisions for Week 4

11.3. It was noted that there was no Protected Tree Applications or Decisions for Week 5.

11.4. It was noted that there was no Protected Tree Applications or Decisions for Week 6.

11.5. It was noted that there was no Protected Tree Applications or Decisions for Week 7

12. Matters requested by Councillors

12.1. There were no items to consider.

13. Matters requested by the clerk

13.1. It was considered whether to approach the residents to see how they would feel about a car boot sale on the Market Square once a month. The Councillors asked that the clerk check if a license was required from North Yorkshire Council. There were also concerns expressed about loss of revenue from the car parking but the clerk should see what the response was from the residents.

14. Financial Matters

14.1. No items to consider.

14.2. To resolve to make the following payments*

Person	Purpose	Amount
L. Bridge	Salary February	£402.50
Memorial Hall	Invoice for January meeting	£16.00
EDF	DD Collection February	£45.55
Cancer Research	Carols Round the Tree collection money.	£48.12
Eyecatching Signs	Deposit for new Honesty Box signs.	246.00

***Note** – Councillor Rutter proposed and Councillor Longden seconded the payments, and all voted to approve.

To note the following Credit accounts

GB Sport	Credit note 16109	£77.58
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(To stay on the Agenda until used.)

To note the following receipts

Market	January	£0.00
Honesty Box	January	£200.00

Bank Account Balance as of 17th February 2025 **£14,425.58**

15. Market Report and Honesty Boxes

15.1. Councillor Frankland reported that he had collected and banked from the Honesty Boxes, £405.00 in February.

15.2. Councillor Longden had nothing to report.

16. Highways

16.1. It was noted we are still waiting for a stone Waller to assess the wall but Councillor Rutter saw two men who seemed to be examining it the week before the meeting.

17. Streetlights

- 17.1. It was noted that the clerk had sent an email to Streetlight regarding concerns expressed about the more modern fittings on streetlights, the LED bulbs which are disturbing peoples sleep and the proposed shutdown times.

18. Footpaths

- 18.1. It was noted that the following footpaths will be temporarily shut for repairs; Footpaths 27, 38, 39, 40 and 54 and Bridleways 23, 24, 36 and 55.

19. Correspondence

- 19.1. The proposal from HarBus was considered and all the Councillors liked the linking of their routes and asked the clerk to submit their support to North Yorkshire Council.
- 19.2. The Yorkshire Dales National Parks invitation to a Planning Webinar was considered and would if they were available.
- 19.3. The Yorkshire Dales National Parks invitation to attend their Spring Parish Forum but without knowing the locations for each date the Councillors did not know which one to plan to attend. The clerk was asked to request this information.
- 19.4. The latest updates from the Lithium-ion Batteries campaign was noted.
- 19.5. The letter received from Rishi Sunak about School Transport was noted.
- 19.6. The Green bins explanation was noted.
- 19.7. The skip request from Walpardo, Anvil Square was noted.
- 19.8. The North Yorkshire Council Cultural Newsletter was noted.
- 19.9. The North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison Parish update for January was noted.
- 19.10. The North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison Public Convenience consultation was noted, Councillor Peacock advised it would be worth keeping an eye on this.
- 19.11. The North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison Local Plan, regarding call for sites was noted.
- 19.12. The North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Recovery Strategy, draft was noted.

20. North Yorkshire Council Report

Councillor Peacock reported that Ouseweb will be attending the Sustainable Swaledale meeting on the 6th March at the Arkengarthdale Hub to tell people about their flood modelling efforts amongst other things. There are new household waste bins coming. The second homes council tax will be starting soon and all the money raised will be going towards low-cost housing. Finally, the Locality Budget has been cut from £10,000 to £5,000 for this financial year, but we are on the list for the river works (refer 8.1)

21. Housekeeping (for time sensitive item such as Payments, Planning and Complaints)

- 21.1. Planning application R/07/223E (received on 19/02/2025) for Park Lodge, Healaugh was considered and all Councillors approved the improvements in the application.

22. Future Meeting – Monday 24th March 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting finished at 8.04 pm.