

REETH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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DRAFT MINUTES
of
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held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 28th April 2025 at 7pm

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Longstaff and Councillor Dawson who were unable to attend due to work commitments.

1. The Notice convening the meeting was read out.
2. The Council's Statement of Accounts for the year 31 March 2025 and the Clerks Statement (see end)
3. The Memorial Hall Accounts were produced and approved. Their income remained like the previous year; however, their Maintenance Improvements were higher due to replacing roofing tiles where required, removal of the chimney and redecoration.
4. The Chairman's Report – It has been an interesting year with the merger of the Richmondshire Council and North Yorkshire County Council, which is still going through its adjustment phase. Mainly, I want to thank the Councillors for all they do and especially Councillor Frankland for all the work he does, seen and unseen. Also, thanks to the clerk for all the work she does. Finally, thanks go to Councillor Peacock for all her help throughout the year. Sadly, we have not been able to finalise the new agreement with Lord Peel which means there are outstanding projects we are carrying through to the new financial year.
5. There had been no written resolutions received by the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 7.08 pm

Clerk Statement

Flood works

We have not spent any monies on flood works this year. So, there is still £2k left to spend of the grant from Reeth Sporting Society. However, we are going to spend this soon as we rearrange the stones near the bridge on the Fremington side, to create more protection for Ronnie Bailey's side and remove the excess which is disrupting the flow.

Playground

We hope to be able to get outstanding jobs finished with the aid of two Councillors and a long ladder. There are two sections of wall which we hope to repair very soon and the removal of the zip line posts.

Congregational Church Clock

The parish clock was updated with a PIR which means when there is a power cut it will be able to reset to the correct time, this was a cost of £1,269 ex VAT. There were no other major expenses this year as we were conscious of building up our finances after depleting them the previous year.

General reserves

General reserves are up on the previous year due to a more conservative approach, so we start the year healthier but with four projects to complete (new Honesty Box signs, Speed reduction, Contactless Honesty Box donations and River clearing) so care is still needed.

Lord Peel Agreement

When the Agreement is finalised we look forward to continuing our efforts to spend carefully and only for the benefit of the Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh Parish Community as we have always tried to do.