

# REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, REETH on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

1. **Apologise for absence** – Councillor Dawson
2. **Approve reasons for absence** – Working
3. **Declarations of interest** – There were no Declarations of Interest
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**
  - 4.1. The Minutes of the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025, having been circulated were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Councillor Terry and seconded by Councillor Rutter.
5. **Public Session.** – No members of the public attended.
6. **North Yorkshire Police**
  - 6.1. To note no police officer attended the meeting.
  - 6.2. The report was noted.
7. **Lord Peel and the Green Agreement/Contract.**
  - 7.1. It was noted that the clerk was waiting for the finalised Deed of Appointment.
8. **Aspirations of Expenditure for 2024/25:**
  - 8.1. It was noted that Nathan Stones would be doing the river work this week, weather permitting.
9. **Matrix sign**
  - 9.1.1. It was noted that the speed traps were in place in the first week of July and the clerk was waiting for the report.
10. **Honesty Box Signs**
  - 10.1.1. It was noted that this is on hold until the Agreement between Lord Peel and the Parish Council is completed. As there was a concern about prices increases the Councillors considered whether to proceed with the signs. Councillor Terry proposed

that the signs should be created and Councillor Longstaff seconded the motion with all agreeing.

## **11. Contactless Honesty Box Donations**

**11.1.1.** It was noted that this is on hold until the Agreement between Lord Peel and the Parish Council is completed. However, due to the expiration time of the quote the Councillors were asked to consider the solution of SumUp QR codes, bank account for donations made via the QR code and a card reader for the price of £4.74 plus a 2.5% charge on all donations made. The Councillors considered this and Councillor Rutter proposed that we accept this as the price in comparison to other options was a lot better, this was seconded by Councillor Longden and all voted in agreement.

## **12. Applicants for Clerks position.**

**12.1.** All Councillors considered Lorna Bleach as a candidate for the position of clerk and Councillor Terry proposed that she be given the job as he was very impressed by her plus her local knowledge would be of considerable benefit, this was seconded by Councillor Longstaff and all voted to agree.

**12.2.** All Councillors considered Chris Trayner, and asked the clerk to thank him for his interest.

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

### **13.1. Playground**

**13.1.1.** The latest playground report was noted.

**13.1.2.** It was noted that the outstanding playground repairs were the surgery wall bench and the Burma Bridge posts to replace.

**13.1.3.** Councillor Rutter updated the Council about the stone wall repairs, the people were still busy with field work and not able to give a quote. It was suggested to contact Alan Moore and the clerk suggested Sue Dray.

**13.1.4.** It was noted the ROSPA annual inspection would be in September.

### **13.2. Memorial Benches.**

**13.2.1.** The clerk asked if Councillors Bearpark and Frankland consider what families could be contacted regarding the maintenance of their family memorial bench, and update the list.

**13.2.2.** The clerk asked if Councillors Bearpark and Frankland consider what benches no longer had any family in the Dale to maintain them and could be put up for adoption.

**13.2.3.** It was noted that maintenance had already started on the benches by Councillor Longstaff and Councillor Frankland. The rest of the Council wanted to express their appreciation and thanks for the hard work they were doing dealing with a large quantity of benches at various locations.

**13.2.4.** It was noted that there were three people on the Memorial Benches waiting list and all of them were willing to adopt an existing bench.

**13.3. The Green and Market**

- 13.3.1. Chetwynd Land** – It was noted that no further progress has been made on this.
- 13.3.2. Grass Mesh** - It was noted that there had been no serious offers for the grass mesh that is for sale on Facebook Marketplace. This has been updated.
- 13.3.3. Car Boot Sale** –
- 13.3.3.1.** The poster that the clerk had created to advertise the Car Boot Sale was considered and all the Councillors approved it.
- 13.3.4. Parish Green Field, Arkengarthdale Road.** – It was noted that the field had Common and Parish Green status, Common granted on December 1967 and Village Green in June 1968. This was still being investigated by Commons Registration.
- 13.3.4.1.** The Councillors considered this and all were happy for Cambridge House to trim nettles and trim the Elder tree when the permission came through from Yorkshire Dales National Park.

**14. To consider and decide upon the following planning application.**

- 14.1.** Planning application R/07/127D/LB for Castle Farm was considered and all Councillors approved the repairs to the roof.

**15. To receive the following planning decisions/information**

- 15.1.** It was noted that there was one Application to prune a conifer at Cambridge House and a Decision to allow a reduction of an Ash Tree at Park Hall for Week 28 in this area.
- 15.2.** It was considered but the tree had already been removed, matter resolved.

**16. Matters requested by Councillors**

- 16.1.** It was noted that the clerk had written a letter to the house on Silver Street, who had now trimmed the overgrown hedge.
- 16.2.** It was considered and the clerk was asked to write another letter to Rockmount regarding the bushes being trimmed.

**17. Matters requested by the clerk**

- 17.1.** Nothing to consider

**18. Financial Matters**

- 18.1. To resolve to make the following payments\***

<b>Person</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
L. Bridge	Salary July	£427.35
Memorial Hall	Invoice for June meeting	£16.00
EDF	DD Collection June, not received	£24.37
EE	DD collection – June	£10.80
Lloyds Bank	Charges May/June	£10.35

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

**To note the following Credit accounts**

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

**To note the following receipts**

Market	June	£303.00 updated
Honesty Box	June	£2,072.00

**Bank Account Balance as of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025** **£16,916.96**

**19. Market Report and Honesty Boxes**

- 19.1.** Councillor Frankland reported that he had collected and banked from the Honesty Boxes, £1,964, including £53.35 from Healaugh box.
- 19.2.** At this point in the month, Councillor Longden had collected £311.00 from the market stalls.

**20. Highways**

- 20.1.** It was noted that the clerk had reported the dog bin which had been knocked down.
- 20.2.** The notification about resurfacing on the B6270 at Downholme section of Richmond to Reeth Road was noted.
- 20.3.** The road closure at Black Hills Culvert near Whaw, was noted
- 20.4.** The invitation to Harrogate Convention Centre was noted but all expense would have to be borne by the individual.
- 20.5.** It was noted that the Silver Street wall repairs were still being negotiated with Home Housing, who own the land. Highways officers were monitoring the wall and its safety.

**21. Streetlights**

- 21.1.** Nothing to consider.

**22. Correspondence**

- 22.1.** The proposed Caravan rallies request was considered and was approved by all Councillors.
- 22.2.** The email regarding the impact recreational vehicles have on any green lanes in our parish and the Councillors stated that this was not an issue in this area.
- 22.3.** The latest North Yorkshire Newsletters were noted.
- 22.4.** The latest North Yorkshire Cultural Newsletter was noted.
- 22.5.** The latest Parish Liaison Parish Update for June 2025 was noted.
- 22.6.** The public consultation for the North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Recovery Strategy starting on the 30<sup>th</sup> June until 11<sup>th</sup> August was noted.
- 22.7.** The meeting of the Richmond Area Committee and the item on traffic diversion signs, was noted.
- 22.8.** The webinar from Timothy Johns of Sustainability and Environment was noted.

**23. North Yorkshire Council Report**

Councillor Peacock was unable to attend the meeting.

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

**24.1.** The Bridleway diversion 20.75/67 at Cringley Bottom was consider and approved it with no issues.

**25. Future Meeting** – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

**26.** Meeting finished at 20:03