

REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, REETH on Monday 22nd September 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor Bearpark (Chairman), Councillor Frankland, Councillor Longstaff,
Councillor Terry, Councillor Longden, Councillor Peacock and L. Bridge (Clerk).

1. **Apologise for absence** – Councillor Dawson and Councillor Rutter
2. **Approve reasons for absence** – Working and Holiday.
3. **Declarations of interest** – There were no Declarations of Interest
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 28th July 2025**
 - 4.1. The Minutes of the meeting on the 28th July 2025, having been circulated were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Councillor Terry and seconded by Councillor Longstaff.
5. **Public Session.** – No members of the public attended.
6. **North Yorkshire Police**
 - 6.1. To note PC Heather Campbell attended the meeting. She had nothing to report but Councillor Terry told her about a report he made about a fly-tipping incident at Park Lane in Healaugh. He was told he needed to report it to North Yorkshire Council as the police were unable to deal with it.
 - 6.2. The Two Dales report was noted.
7. **Lord Peel and the Green Agreement/Contract.**
 - 7.1. The finalised Deed of Appointment was considered along with suggestions from Councillor Bearpark and the clerk. The Councillors all approved the suggestions made and the clerk will pass this on.
 - 7.2. The additional suggestion of asking a solicitor to view the Deed of Appointment after all changes have been made was also approved by all Councillors which the clerk will arrange.
8. **Aspirations of Expenditure for 2024/25:**
 - 8.1. It was noted that Nathan Stones (N.L.S Contracts) has completed the river work, and found a broken drainage pipe, which will be repaired by Highways.

9. Matrix sign

9.1.1. It was noted that the speed trap was active in the first week of July and the clerk is now waiting for the report.

10. Honesty Box Signs

10.1.1. It was noted that the Honesty Box signs are now complete and have been collected. They will be put up soon, along with the QR code signs.

11. Contactless Honesty Box Donations

11.1.1. Refer to Honesty Box Signs.

12. Remembrance

12.1. It was noted that two wreathes are ready for payment and collection. Martin Sutherland will be retiring this year, so future wreathes will have to be purchased from the Poppy Shop UK, the retail arm of the Royal British Legion. It was noted that Councillor Peacock would not be able to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service but would attend the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial.

12.2. The price of the Remembrance Sunday Tea was considered and Councillor Longstaff proposed that it was accepted and Councillor Langdon seconded this. All councillors voted to approve this.

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, trees and saplings to trim or remove, and the Burma Bridge posts to replace.

13.1.3. The two quotes/estimates were considered for repairing the wall and both seemed quite high. The Councillors directed the clerk to continue looking. Councillor Frankland is going to ask someone he knows.

13.1.4. The quote from Rob Foster was considered, Councillor Terry proposed it was accepted and Councillor Frankland seconded the motion. All the Councillors voted to approved it.

13.1.5. The ROSPA annual inspection report was considered and the clerk requested the remaining zip wire structure was removed which all the Councillors approved. The clerk will speak to the Greenkeeper about this.

13.2. Memorial Benches.

13.2.1. It was noted that maintenance had been finished on the benches, with grateful thanks to Councillor Longstaff and Councillor Frankland.

13.2.2. 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. There was one bench which could be considered for this, the clerk will investigate further.

13.2.3. It was noted that the clerk had asked Stephen Longstaff to repair or replace the flagstone at Mr Beal's memorial bench on War Memorial green.

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. 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.

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

- 14.1.** Planning application R/07/195E for Riddings Farm was considered retrospectively, and all Councillors approved the erection of a building over an existing manure storage area.

15. To receive the following planning decisions/information

- 15.1.** It was noted that Week 29 had an application for Mill Stable in Langthwaite and Hudson House in Reeth.
- 15.2.** It was noted that Week 30 had a decision for Mill Stable in Langthwaite and an application for Cambridge House, Reeth.
- 15.3.** It was noted that Week 32 had a decision for Cambridge House, Reeth.
- 15.4.** It was noted that Week 35 had an application for Fremington Hall.
- 15.5.** It was noted that Week 36 had an application for Cambridge House, Reeth.

16. Matters requested by Councillors – None received.**17. Matters requested by the clerk**

- 17.1.** It was considered whether to adopt the Employment Grievance and Disciplinary Policy, and all the Councillors approved.
- 17.2.** It was considered whether to adopt the Employment Equality and Diversity Policy, and all the Councillors approved.
- 17.3.** It was considered whether to adopt the updated Employment Contract based on legislation changes in 2022, and all Councillors approved.
- 17.4.** It was noted that the clerk had a meeting with North Yorkshire Council, Sophie Murphy and her colleague, on Langhorne Drive. She will request that Highways to cut the hedge as soon as possible. Regarding the overgrown garden and trees, it would require a neighbour to write a complaint to Sophie Murphy, which would be passed to her manager.

18. Financial Matters

- 18.1.** To consider if the Council require Precept for 2026/27, Councillor Terry proposed that it was not required and Councillor Langdon seconded this motion. All Councillors voted to approve this.
- 18.2. To resolve to make the following payments***

Person	Purpose	Amount
L. Bridge	Salary August, retrospective	£427.35

	and September	£427.35
L Bridge	Expenses July SumUp	£4.74
Lorna Bleach	Salary September	£341.95
Memorial Hall	Invoice for July meeting	£16.00
EDF	DD Collection July	£26.45
EDF	DD Collection September	£24.35
EE	DD Collection – July	£10.80
EE	DD Collection – August	£10.80
Lloyds Bank	Charges July for June	£16.06
Lloyds Bank	Charges August for July	£16.05
Eyecatching Signs	Final Payment – retrospective	£246.00
NLS Contracts	Invoice for River work	£2,160.00
Ben Stones	Annual Website invoice	£180.00
Hudson House	Colour photocopies for Car Boot	£7.00
ROSPA	Invoice Annual playground inspection	£134.40

***Note** – Councillor Terry proposed and Councillor Langdon seconded accepting the payments, and all Councillors 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	July	£311.00
Honesty Box	July	£1,964.00

Bank Account Balance as of 17th September 2025 **£18,583.67**

19. Market Report and Honesty Boxes

- 19.1.** Councillor Frankland reported that he had collected and banked from the Honesty Boxes, £2,280.00 in August including £89.26 from Healaugh box and £1,043.00 in September, so far, including £51.10 from Healaugh box.
- 19.2.** Councillor Longden had collected £447.00 for August and £203.00 so far for September from the market stalls. He will email Septembers receipts when the month is finished.
- 19.3.** It was noted that the Car Boot had 6 stalls, amounting to £30.00, minus 13p SumUp fee, and a good attendance of visitors. It was considered whether to extend the time from 12pm to 2pm to allow visitors from further afield to attend and the Councillors approved.

20. Highways

- 20.1.** It was noted that the dog bin had now been repaired, thanks to a free post from North Yorkshire Council and Councillor Frankland and Councillor Terry installing it.
- 20.2.** 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.

- 20.3. It was noted that the yellow lines on the Silver Street and Arkengarthdale Road corner, have now been done.
- 20.4. It was noted that the missing segment of double yellows lines below the Burgoyne will be completed soon.
- 20.5. It was noted that the brown tourist signs for Cambridge House and the Pottery are going to be removed, once they identify who is responsible for them.
- 20.6. It was noted that there will be cobbles re-laid in Richmond Market from the 1st September for the next 7 weeks.
- 20.7. The bridges notification about work to multiple bridges along Arkengarthdale Road, was noted.

21. Streetlights

- 21.1. Nothing to consider.

22. Correspondence

- 22.1. The application to upgrade the footpath along Fremington Edge to Restricted Byway which will allow horse riders, cyclists and non-motorised traffic to use it as well, met with no objections.
- 22.2. It was noted that the notes by Lorna Bleach from the Upper Dales Housing Needs survey held in the Memorial Hall on the 10th September was send in an email to the Councillors.
- 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 July and August 2025 was noted.
- 22.6. It was noted that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee has its Autumn Parish Forum online on the 4th November at 7pm.
- 22.7. It was noted that the Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee meeting was on the 15th September.
- 22.8. The Upper Dales Flood Alleviation Scheme update was noted.
- 22.9. It was noted that the Yorkshire Dales National Park have submitted their Local Plan 2025-2040 to the Secretary of State.
- 22.10. It was noted that the Lithium-ion Batteries Campaign is still ongoing with an update in September.
- 22.11. It was noted that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Partnership will have their Annual Forum on the 23rd October at the Grassington Devonshire Institute between 12.30 – 15.30.
- 22.12. It was noted that there is going to be a Yorkshire Dales Coast to Coast stakeholders meeting on either the 20th or 27th November, they will contact us with a final date soon.

23. North Yorkshire Council Report

Councillor Peacock reported that there will be a meeting regarding Reeth and Gunnerside Schools which would be worthwhile attending. It is regarding school transport for infants and juniors in the future. There is also a review starting on the viability of all the public toilets in North Yorkshire.

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

24.1. It was noted that the Yorkshire Dales Ranger informed Councillor Dawson of some Japanese Knot Weed growing near Arkle Beck. The Greenkeeper has dug out what he can but the remainder of the main root is under a large rock which would need mechanical means to move it. He bagged what he dug up and will dispose of it in accordance with the regulations. The situation will be monitored and resolved completely when able. A management plan will be created to aid monitoring for the next 2 years.

25. Future Meeting – Monday 27th October 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

26. Meeting finished at 20:10