

# REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall, Reeth.**

Present:

Councillor Rutter (Vice-Chair), Councillor Frankland, Councillor Longstaff,  
Councillor Terry, Councillor Peacock and L. Bleach (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence: Councillor Bearpark and Councillor Longden
2. Approved reasons for absence: holiday and illness
3. Declarations of interest: no declarations of interest were made
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 were confirmed as a true and correct record: proposed Councillor Rutter, seconded Councillor Longstaff.
5. Public session: no attendees
6. **North Yorkshire Police**
  - 6.1 No attending police officers.
  - 6.2 The Two Dale Police report was noted.
7. **Parish Green Agreement.**
  - 7.1 It was noted that the requested amendments to the agreement were still being reviewed.
8. **Aspirations of Expenditure for 2025/26.**
  - 8.1 No current aspirations for 2025/26 were noted.
9. **Matrix Signs**
  - 9.1 It was noted that the July speed surveys did not take place due to an oversight. Councillors agreed that it was preferable to be able to compare data from two months in the same year, so the offer from traffic management to complete both surveys next year at the originally agreed price was welcomed. This would help to determine the position of a speed matrix.
10. **Honesty Box Signs**
  - 10.1 All councillors were in favour of ordering four additional signs so that all existing ones could be replaced: proposed by Cllr Dawson, seconded by Cllr Terry.

- 10.2 Cllr Frankland offered to see which (if any) posts would need replacing and/or maintaining.
- 10.3 Cllr Frankland also offered to check the condition of existing plywood boards and replace the backing for the signs where necessary. Councillors thanked Cllr Frankland for his offer.

## **11. Fireworks Display**

- 11.1 The request from The Buck Inn to run a temporary outside bar on the date of the fireworks display was considered but turned down, since all councillors were of the opinion that there was not enough time to consider the request fully and properly. It was also noted that the family aspect of the event needed to be preserved.
- 11.2 The request from The King's Arms to run a temporary outside bar on the date of the fireworks display was considered but turned down for the same reasons as above.

## **12. Remembrance**

- 12.1 The price of the wreathes was approved – proposed Cllr. Dawson, seconded Cllr. Frankland.
- 12.2 The Clerk was directed to ask Michael Guy to read the lesson at the Remembrance Sunday Service.
- 12.3 Cllr Terry is to lay the wreath at the Remembrance Sunday Service.
- 12.4 Cllr Frankland is to lay the wreath at the War Memorial on 11/11/25, while Cllr Terry will lay one on behalf of Cllr Peacock.
- 12.5 Cllr Rutter will read the Names at the Remembrance Sunday Service.
- 12.6 Cllr Rutter will give words of thanks at the Memorial Hall during the Remembrance Tea.
- 12.7 The councillors all agreed that the RAF Cadets should provide music for the Remembrance Parade. The Clerk is to liaise with them and arrange transport.

## **13. Christmas Celebrations**

- 13.1 Cllr. Frankland agreed to organise the purchase of a Christmas Tree from Croft Christmas Trees with an upper price limit of £450.
- 13.2 The Clerk is to obtain quotes for mince pies and mulled wine for approx. 40–50 people, to take place after Carols round the Tree (21<sup>st</sup> December). It was stipulated that the refreshments should be served inside a venue.

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

### **14.1 Playground**

- 14.1.1 The latest playground report was noted.
- 14.1.2 Cllr Frankland is to liaise with Kevin Turner regarding Burma Bridge posts.
- 14.1.3 It was noted that Dan Waller has repaired the wall in three places.
- 14.1.4 It was noted that Rob Foster has trimmed the trees.

### **14.2 Memorial Benches**

14.2.1 The repair to the flagstone at Mr Beal's memorial bench on the War Memorial Green has been completed.

**14.3 Village Green; Market; Land**

14.3.1 **Chetwynd Land** – It was noted that there has not been any further progress.

14.3.2 **Grass Mesh** – It was noted that there have been no further offers but this will remain available.

14.3.3 **Parish Green Field, Arkengarthdale Road** – It was noted that the Commons Registration are still researching how to resolve the dual status of the land.

14.3.4 The retrospective request from Sean Lord for a skip on Congregational Green from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October for a couple of days was approved but the Clerk was asked to query how long it would remain in place.

14.3.5 Advice received from the Environment Agency was noted and the Clerk agreed to follow up the matter with relevant parties.

14.3.6 **Market** – A meeting with the Market Manager is needed and this will be arranged via Cllr Longden.

**15. Reeth & Gunnerside Schools Consultation**

15.1 Councillors agreed that if locals were happy with the proposal, then they would be happy to support it.

**16. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications.**

16.1 Planning application for erection of timber shed as dry room for campers on the caravan park at Orchard Caravan Park, Back Lane, Reeth, Richmond DL11 6TT was approved by all councillors.

16.2 Planning application for demolition of existing timber stable block and erection of replacement ancillary building to form garaging, storage of maintenance equipment for adjoining grassland, and gym/home office) in respect of modifications to ground floor plans and elevations at Springfield House, Fremington, Richmond, DL11 6AR was approved by all councillors.

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

17.1 The following Protected Tree Decision(s) were noted.

17.1.1 Week 40: Fremington Hall – Remove 1x ash – Approved – Replant Recommended.

17.1.2 Week 41: Cambridge House, Reeth – 1m crown reduction of 1x rowan – Approved.

**18. Matters requested by Councillors.**

18.1 All councillors wished to pass on their sincere thanks to Lisa Bridge for her work as Clerk over previous years.

**19. Matters requested by the Clerk.**

19.1 It was noted that the new Clerk would join SLCC and the council would pay the membership fee as previously agreed.

**20. Financial matters:**

20.1 Nothing to consider

**20.2 To resolve to make the following payment(s):\***

L Bleach	October salary (incl. tax adjustment)	£512.75
Memorial Hall	Invoice for September Meeting	£16.00
Dan Waller	Playground Wall repairs	£135.00
Stephen Longstaff	Repair to flagstone	£55.00
Royal British Legion	2 x wreaths	£40.00

**To note the following payment(s) already made**

Ripon Farm Services	Invoice 186029	£382.41
EDF	DD collection – October	£22.50
EE	DD collection – October	£10.80
Lloyds Bank	Charges October for September	£14.69

**>> \* Cllr Dawson proposed and Cllr Terry Rutter seconded accepting the payments; all councillors voted to approve.**

**To note the following credit account(s)**

GB Sport	Credit note 16109	£77.58
(will stay on the agenda until used)		

**To note the following Receipts**

Market	August and September	£707.00
Honesty Box	August and September	£3323.00
Car Boot	September	£29.87

**Bank Balance as of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025** £18,328.78

**21. Market Report, Honesty Boxes and Car Boot**

21.1 The amount collected from the honesty boxes in October was £1,418 (including £24.75 from Healaugh).

21.2 The October market report could not be received as Cllr Longden was absent.

**22. Highway matters:**

22.1 It was noted that the councillors were still unhappy with the safety of the wall on Silver Street. The Clerk is to contact Highways again about this and the overhanging trees on School Hill itself.

22.2 It was noted that a request was made to cut back vegetation on the hill up to High Fremington.

**23. Streetlights:**

- 23.1 Cllr Frankland reported that street light was not working at 10 Langhorne Drive and the Clerk agreed to report this.

**24. To consider the following new correspondence received, and decide on action where necessary:**

- 24.1 Regarding the wall at the back of the Congregational Chapel, the Clerk agreed to contact Highways to ask them to review the verge and check whether NYC is responsible for repairs for a closed churchyard, as this may fall under their remit.
- 24.2 Councillors believed that the parish council own the land up to the doorstep of Victoria Cottage, Reeth. Further investigations are to be made.
- 24.3 The Clerk is to attend the Autumn Parish Forum.
- 24.4 The latest North Yorkshire Council Newsletter was noted.
- 24.5 The latest North Yorkshire Culture Newsletter was noted.
- 24.6 The latest Parish Liaison Parish Update for October 2025 was noted.
- 24.7 The C2C Newsletter was noted.

25. **North Yorkshire Council report (YP)** – Cllr Peacock reported that new provisions for waste and recycling were scheduled to happen, with the potential for extra bins. Cllr Peacock also asked if the Clerk had received any notification of an upcoming drop-in session at the Memorial Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> November regarding the proposed wind farm at East Arkengarthdale and Barningham Moor. The Clerk confirmed they had not received any correspondence.

**26. Housekeeping (for time sensitive items such as Payments, Planning and Complaints)**

- 26.1 Cllr Dawson confirmed he hoped to attend the C2C stakeholder meeting.
- 26.2 C2C path: no objections were raised regarding the diversion of public bridleway 20.75/67 at Cringley Bottom.

**27. Future meetings**

- 27.1 Date of next meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting ended at 8:35pm.