

REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Monday 26th January 2026, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall, Reeth.

Present:

Councillor Frankland, Councillor Terry, Councillor Longden,
Councillor Rutter (Vice-Chair), Councillor Bearpark (Chair) & L Bleach (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Longstaff, Councillor Dawson.
2. Reasons for absence were approved: ill health; working.
3. No declarations of interest not already declared were made.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th November 2025 were confirmed as a true and correct record: Proposer – Cllr Rutter; Seconder – Cllr Longden
5. **Public session** – nobody attended.
6. **North Yorkshire Police**
 - 6.1 No attending police officers.
 - 6.2 The Two Dale Police reports for the period 08/11/25 – 08/12/25 and 08/12/25 – 06/12/26 were noted. It was also noted that there was a new member of the local Police Team who had transferred from Catterick.
7. **Aspirations of Expenditure for 2025/26.**
 - 7.1 No current aspirations for 2025/26.
8. **Locality Budget Application**
 - 8.1 A grant of £2,500 has been offered under the Locality Budget. Councillors all resolved to accept the offer, and the paperwork was duly signed.
9. **To receive information on the following issues and decide on further action where necessary:**
 - 9.1 **Playground**
 - 9.1.1 The latest playground report was noted. Councillors discussed the medium-term issues to be resolved and agreed that where possible, these would be scheduled over the spring.

9.1.2 Correspondence received regarding the use of herbicides was noted and the Councillors agreed a response to be sent to the member of the public.

9.2 **Memorial Benches**

9.2.1 Correspondence received regarding possible replacement of a memorial bench was noted. Clerk agreed to discuss further with the member of the public to determine what they wanted to do and explain liability.

9.3 **Memorial Hall**

9.3.1 Correspondence received from the Memorial Hall Committee regarding possible renovation work was noted. Councillors were in favour of granting permission to do necessary works but could not promise a financial contribution at this point in time since the Council has a variable income. This could be reviewed again at a later date.

9.4 **Village Green; Market; Land**

9.4.1 **Market** – No updates to report regarding the Market Manager. Receipts for the year are to be reviewed and considered at the next meeting.

9.4.2 **Conservation** – Councillors noted correspondence re: the siting of nesting boxes on The Buck. Resolved to grant permission subject to YDNP/their contractors taking responsibility for all authorisations and permission.

10. **Highway matters:**

- 10.1 It was noted that the Clerk had made various reports to Highways recently. Langhorne Drive pothole had been filled but was already starting to deteriorate; this is to be monitored since discussions over responsibility are taking place between Yorkshire Water and NYC.
- 10.2 It was noted that Highways are aware of the resurfacing work and will update if and when necessary.
- 10.3 Dates for the placement of the speed matrix were agreed (March & July) in the same locations as last year. Clerk to arrange this and suggest date of w/c 09/03.

11. **Streetlights:**

- 11.1 It was noted that the broken streetlight, as notified by Cllr. Frankland, was reported.
- 11.2 It was noted that the Clerk followed up on the enquiry sent in November regarding temporary streetlighting, but no response has been received. Cllr Rutter provided details for a named contact person there and the Clerk will follow up on this. Cllr Terry also noted that there is no streetlighting provision from the end of Langhorne drive to the corner of The Buck corner. Councillors asked the Clerk to look into whether one could be installed, the procedure and possible cost implications.

12. **Parish Green Agreement.**

- 12.1 The Chair and Clerk provided an update following the meeting with the Parish Council's solicitor. Councillors discussed the best course of action and the Clerk agreed to work on the agreement in line with advice from the solicitor.

Councillors also asked the Clerk to keep a record of how many extra hours are spent on this.

13. Christmas Celebrations

- 13.1 Following the Christmas celebrations, the Clerk was asked to officially thank The Kings Arms for providing the refreshments for Carols round the Tree. Thanks were also given to Councillors for sourcing and installing the tree.

14. Financial matters:

- 14.1 Councillors resolved to accept the urban grass cutting payment for 2026/27.

14.2 To resolve to make the following payment(s):

L Bleach	January salary	£427.35
Memorial Hall	Invoice for November Meeting	£16.00
L Bleach	Reimbursement for SLCC membership	£118.00
Oglethorpe Sturton & Gillibrand LLP	Deed of Appointment	£780.00

To note the following payment(s) already made

EDF	DD collection – December	£34.88
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EE	DD collection – for November	£10.80
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Lloyds Bank	Charges December for November	£11.93
Lloyds Bank	Charges January for December	£8.23
Barker Partnership	Accounting Services	£180.00
Wel Medical	VAT amount and P&P	£20.87

To note the following credit account(s)

GB Sport	Credit note 16109	£77.58
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To note the following Receipts

Market	November & 2 weeks in December	£273.00
Honesty Box	November	£525.00

Bank Balance as of 21st January 2026 £17,273.01

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

15. Market Report, Honesty Boxes and Car Boot

- 15.1 Cllr Frankland reported on the honesty box totals for December and January: a total of £934 was collected, £93.62 of which was from Healaugh. Carols round the Tree also raised £48.68.
- 15.2 Cllr Longden reported no income from the Market for December and January.

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

- 16.1 None received.

17. To note updates regarding planning applications.

- 17.1 *Full planning permission for change of use of part of the first floor dwelling to commercial use and incorporation of existing garage into the salon at Swale Hair Spa, The Top Shop, Arkengarthdale Road, Reeth, DL11 6QT.*
Councillors agreed that since no substantial changes were made, just a request by planning for details of the remaining house, the Parish Council's support was reiterated to planning.

18. To receive the following planning decisions/information.

- 18.1 It was noted that there were no applications or decisions in our area for Weeks 46, 47, 48, 49, 50.

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

- 19.1 It was noted that no councillors were available to attend the rescheduled C2C meeting at Bainbridge on Friday 6th February, 10am–12pm.
- 19.2 The email dated 21/01/26 from YDNP re: the TTRO for a 6-month temporary closure order, which will affect part of Bridleway 20.75/67 in the Parish of Reeth, Fremington and Healaugh was noted.
- 19.3 Correspondence received from Quickline Community Engagement was noted and Clerk was asked to continue discussions along with Cllr Dawson who expressed an interest in being involved.
- 19.4 The new Age-friendly Town and Parish Guide was noted and the Clerk agreed to consider this where necessary in relation to policy-related work.
- 19.5 Councillors agreed that they could not foresee any issues with the suggested dates for a mobile HWRC skip on the Green.
- 19.6 The latest North Yorkshire Parish Newsletter was noted.
- 19.7 The latest North Yorkshire Culture Newsletter was noted.

20. Matters requested by Councillors

20.1 None received

21. Matters requested by the Clerk.

21.1 Approval for the Clerk to undertake Financial Officer Training (an on-demand SLCC course) was granted. Approval was proposed by Cllr Rutter and seconded by Cllr Frankland; all councillors were in agreement.

22. North Yorkshire Council report (YP)

County Cllr Peacock had sent apologies for the meeting.

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

23.1 The Council's draft Local Planning Enforcement Plan (LPEP) was received just before the meeting – this will be included on the February agenda.

23.2 Permission for the fire brigade to hold a car wash on Sunday, 3rd of May on the Village Green was granted.

24. Future meetings

24.1 The date of the next meeting is Monday 23 February 2026, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting ended at 8:24pm