

REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council

held on Monday 23rd February 2026, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall, Reeth.

Present:

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

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dawson.
2. Reasons for absence were approved.
3. No declarations of interest not already declared were made.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th January 2026 were confirmed as a true and correct record: proposed – Cllr Rutter; seconded – Cllr Terry.
5. No members of the public attended the public session.
6. **North Yorkshire Police**
 - 6.1 The attending police officer reported that there had recently been lots of burglaries and thefts. They were appreciative of members of the public who reported suspicious people or vehicles to them. Given the rural nature of the area, they could not rely on ANPR as was the case in bigger towns. No patterns could be discerned although people are coming into the area from West Yorkshire and County Durham. Although a number of the thefts continue to be of tools, there is no particular item being stolen that can be pinpointed.
7. **Assets:**
 - 7.1 **Market**
 - 7.1.1 After a discussion, it was agreed that the rates for market stalls for 2026/27 should be increased by 10%.
 - 7.1.2 Councillors noted the new change of time for the Car Boot Sale on 29/03.
8. **Highway matters:**
 - 8.1 Councillors noted the dates of the speed surveys booked to take place in March at the pre-approved locations.
9. **Update from the Clerk regarding ongoing matters.**
 - It was noted that the Clerk had been in contact with the Memorial Hall Committee who would be meeting on 9 March. After that, more information would be available about the

proposed new structuring.

- It was noted that the Clerk had carried out a version analysis on the Deed of Appointment. Councillors agreed that a meeting should be set up with Grays.
- It was noted that acceptance of both the locality grant and the grass cutting payment had been returned to NYC.
- It was noted that the Clerk had started reviewing the policy on memorial benches.

10. Financial matters:

- 10.1 It was agreed that in light of NMW increases in April 2026, a review of the Clerk's salary would be carried out.
- 10.2 It was agreed that DW would be asked to carry out the internal audit.

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

L Bleach	February salary	£427.35
Memorial Hall	Hire of hall for January Meeting	£16.00
Smith of Derby Ltd	Congregational Church Clock	£332.40

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

To note the following payment(s) already made

EDF	DD collection – February	£77.55
EE	DD collection – for January	£10.80
Lloyds Bank	Charges February for January	£5.50

To note the following credit account(s)

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

To note the following Receipts

Honesty Box	December	£934.00
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Bank Balance as of 18th February 2026 £16,771.81

11. Honesty Boxes

- 11.1 A total of £386 was collected and banked from the honesty boxes in February.

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

- 12.1 *Outline planning permission (with some matters reserved) for the erection of a detached dwelling with associated access at Dale View, Back Lane, Reeth.*
Councillors noted concerns about access, especially during development, as well as the provision for 5 car parking spaces and how this might increase traffic flow on a narrow lane. Concerns about visibility and the impact on the condition of such a

small route were also noted. Councillors asked the Clerk to provide a response to the planning application on the basis of the concerns noted.

13. To receive the following planning decisions/information.

13.1 It was noted that no Protected Tree Decisions were received for weeks 3–6.

13.2 The following Application(s) in our area were noted:

13.2.1 Week 6: Raw Moor Farm, Reeth – 1/3rd crown reduction and removal of lower limb from ash tree >> no further comments were made by Councillors.

13.2.2 It was noted that no applications were received for weeks 3–5.

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

14.1 The correspondence from a MoP received 07/02/26 was noted.

14.2 Councillors to email the Clerk if they wish to attend the YDNP planning event on 18th March.

14.3 It was agreed that no response was currently required re: North Yorkshire Landscape Character Assessment.

14.4 It was agreed that no response was currently required re: Proposed Consultation on the Council's draft Local Planning Enforcement Plan

14.5 Councillors agreed that they did not want to enter the Richmond Rotary Club Best Kept Village Competition 2026 but resolved that keeping Reeth clean and tidy remained a priority.

15. North Yorkshire Council report (YP)

NYC Cllr Peacock reported that the majority of NYC business recently had been related to the budget. NYC were also considering ways in which management of public toilets may be changed; it did not appear that the toilets in Reeth were currently at risk of being proposed for closure.

16. Housekeeping (for information: time sensitive items)

It was noted that an invitation from Fred Olsen had been received regarding a meeting in early March about the proposed wind farm site on Hope Moor. It was agreed that both Councillors and the Clerk should attend to receive information.

The Clerk is to report to Highways the fact that metal is sticking up next to the water hydrant/stop tap in Healaugh.

17. Future meetings

17.1 It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Monday 30 March 2026, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting ended at 8pm.