

# REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES for the meeting of the Parish Council

held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall, Reeth.

Present:

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

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dawson and Longden.
2. The reasons for absence were approved.
3. No declarations of interest not already declared were made.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 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 There were no attending police officers
7. **Report from County Councillor Yvonne Peacock**

At the Chair's discretion, the report from Cllr Peacock was moved on the agenda. Cllr Peacock reported how £20m had been cut from the Highways budget by the Mayor so that he could make decisions on how it would be spent. Cllr Peacock explained how a focus was needed on drainage issues at the said of the road as this would help prevent creation of new potholes. The upcoming rolling closure on the road between Arkle Town and beyond the turn to The Stang was also discussed.
8. **Assets**
  - 8.1 **Market**
    - 8.1.1 The update on market stall rates was noted and the Clerk agreed to meet with the market manager next week to ensure payment details were up-to-date.
    - 8.1.2 It was noted that the car boot sale did not take place on 29/03 due to bad weather
  - 8.2 **Bus shelter**
    - 8.2.1 Cllr Frankland reported the damage to the spouting on the bus shelter and agreed to contact the contractor who had previously repaired it. The Clerk to report the damage to the Police.

### 8.3 Village Green

- 8.3.1 The update from the Clerk regarding the Deed of Appointment was noted.
- 8.3.2 Updates to the Village Green Licences were considered. It was resolved to date the licences from the start of the financial year and for them to run for the remainder of this calendar year, to be subsequently renewed in January thereafter. Cllrs agreed that where appropriate, evidence of public liability insurance should be provided. It was also agreed that Councillors wished to ensure that the current arrangement of items being a maximum of 12ft away from the curtilage was maintained and that good accessibility should be ensured for pedestrians. It was resolved that if necessary, for practical reasons, authority could be delegated to the Clerk to approve licence agreements if 50% or more of Councillors agreed to them by email. Should any objections be raised, the request would be discussed at the next appropriate meeting. Councillors also resolved to include wording on the duty of licence holders regarding upkeep of their areas.

9. The following item on the Clerk's remuneration was reserved business.

### 10. Financial matters

#### 10.1 To resolve to make the following payment(s):

L Bleach	March salary	£427.35
Memorial Hall	Hire of hall for February meeting	£16.00
North Yorkshire Council	2025/26 playground inspections & grass cutting	£343.06
Barker Partnership	Payroll management - # INV-3316	£90.00

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

EDF	DD collection – March	£71.08
EE	DD collection – for January	£10.80
Lloyds Bank	Charges March for February	£11.25

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#### 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 Boxes	February	£386.00
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**Bank Balance** as of 25 March 2026 £16,288.93

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

### 11. Honesty Boxes

- 11.1 A total of £846 was collected from honesty boxes in March, of which £43.12 was from Healaugh.

## 12. Highways & Transport

- 12.1 **Repairs:** The Clerk reported that various streetlights and potholes had been reported to NYC, including those on the road to the Medical Centre.
- 12.2 **Yellow lines:** It was noted that there is an ongoing conversation with Highways regarding the siting of yellow lines around the top of the green and the Clerk would follow this up.
- 12.3 **Parish collaboration:** Cllr Frankland suggested contacting other local parishes to collate issues and coordinate a response to Highways. All Councillors agreed this would be a good idea and the Clerk agreed to action this.
- 12.4 **School Transport:** Councillors agreed that the school transport issue should be raised again at any appropriate forum.

## 13. Memorial Hall

- 13.1 Councillors considered the proposal received from the Trustees for the Reeth & District Memorial Hall (MB) and resolved that more information was needed. The Clerk will search for the Charter and look into the current arrangements regarding custodian trustees in connection with Grinton Parish.

## 14. The following planning decisions/information were noted.

- 14.1 Application(s) in our area:
  - 14.1.1 Week 11: Charlie Yard, Healaugh – removal of 1 x ash
- 14.2 Protected Tree Decisions in our area:
  - 14.2.1 Week 11: Charlie Yard, Healaugh – removal of 1 x ash; replant recommended
  - 14.2.2 Week 10: Raw Moor Farm, Reeth – 1/3rd crown reduction and removal of lower limb from ash tree

## 15. North Yorkshire Council report (YP)

## 16. Housekeeping

No decisions can be taken under this agenda item. It was noted that 2 members of the public had raised the issue of the white lines having been repainted in the corner of the village close to Harkers Garage. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with Highways to get more information. It was noted that the minutes from the recent meeting with Fred Olsen had been circulated, but too late to be included as an agenda item for this meeting.

## 17. Future meetings

- 17.1 Date of next meeting: Monday 27 April 2026, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall.