

REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27th April 2026, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr Bearpark (Chair), Cllr Rutter (Vice Chair), Cllr Terry, Cllr Longstaff, Cllr Longden, Cllr Frankland, L Bleach (Clerk)

001-267 Apologies and reasons for absence

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dawson.

1.2 Reasons for absence were approved.

002-267 No declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members' Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were received.

003-267 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026 as a true and correct record were confirmed: proposed Cllr Terry; seconded Cllr Longstaff

004-267 Public session.

i) The Chair of the Memorial Hall noted that they were looking for a booking secretary for a couple of hours a week and would be grateful if Councillors could spread the word; all were happy to agree to this.

ii) Agenda item 007-267.2 was moved to this point so members of the public could discuss the update on the proposed closure of Reeth Medical Centre. The Parish Council provided an update of all the actions taken since the news broke shortly before Easter, including a proposal to make the surgery building an asset of community value, meetings with the ICB and the PCN, collaboration with media outlets, substantive letters to the ICB and collaboration with the community. Members of the public raised concerns about how prescriptions would be dispensed and availability of medical staff and it was noted that both of these issues are things that the parish councils are working on with the Central Dales Practice.

005-267 **North Yorkshire Police**

5.1 The attending police officer noted that there was no report for this month but reported that arrests had taken place for various quad bikes and a Hilux that had gone missing (vehicles recovered; enquiries ongoing). It was noted that operatives were patrolling until the early hours.

5.2 It was noted that the report on damage to the bus shelter had been picked up. Further reports were made regarding the bin having been pulled off at the playground, gardens being targeted for damage, and levels of discarded rubbish increasing.

N.B Agenda item 012-267, the report from County Councillor Yvonne Peacock was moved to here. It was noted that the standard highways meeting was to take place this week, including a discussion over Arkengarthdale road closures not being practical and the impact it was having on businesses and farming. It was also noted that the way in which they were carried out appeared quite dangerous at times. Cllr Peacock noted that the consultation for the proposed wind farm would be taking place soon: agenda item 008-267 was moved and discussed at this point in the agenda. It was resolved that Cllr Rutter and the Clerk would attend the next meeting with Fred Olsen and raise the issue of the community consultation taking place at the same time as the ongoing work to keep open the Medical Centre, therefore meaning that levels of community engagement could differ. Questions would be raised about how engagement with the consultation would be encouraged, and what they envisaged the role of the parish councils to be.

006-267 **Assets**

6.1 Village Green

- 6.1.1 The clerk noted that work on the Village Green Licences was ongoing; Councillors requested that the issue of liability for items was looked at.
- 6.1.2 It was noted that the Little White Bus has never had an official parking space and at present, there was no reason to change this arrangement.
- 6.1.3 Councillors all approved the two performance requests related to the Swaledale Festival.

007-267 **Closure of Reeth Medical Centre**

- 7.1 It was resolved to retrospectively approve the emergency establishment of a working group involving the 6 parish councils of the 2 dales. Proposed Cllr Terry, seconded Cllr Longden, all Cllrs were in favour.
- 7.2 This item was moved earlier in the agenda to the public session.

008-267 **Proposed Wind Farm – Hope Moor**

- 8.1 This item was moved earlier in the agenda.

009-267 **Financial matters**

- 9.1 It was resolved to make the following payments:
proposed Cllr Rutter and seconded Cllr Terry

Memorial Hall	Hire of hall for March meeting	£16.00
K Turner	Maintenance work 2026	£3666.56

- 9.2 It was noted that the following payment(s) were already made:

EDF	DD collection – April	£61.38
EE	DD collection – for March	£10.80

Lloyds Bank	Charges April for March	£7.14
Market Manager	Management fees 2025	£517.50

9.3 The following receipts were noted:

Honesty Boxes	March	£846.00
Locality Budget Grant	13/04/26	£2,500.00

9.4 Bank Balance as of 22 April 2026 £18,679.20

9.5 It was noted that the Clerk was paid in accordance with the contract of employment.

9.6 A report on the honesty boxes for April was received: £1,222 had been banked, £23.05 of which was from Healaugh.

010-267 **Highways & Transport**

10.1 It was noted that Highways had been in touch over the question of the reinstatement of white lines. The Clerk was directed to find out more information and the item was deferred to the next meeting.

011-267 **Planning**

11.1 It was noted that no applications were received in our area for Weeks 12–15.

012-267 The report by N. Yorkshire Cllr Yvonne Peacock was moved earlier in the agenda

013-267 The Clerk was directed to look into the cost and benefits of joining YLCA and to follow up on an enquiry received from a member of the public.

014-267 It was noted that the date of next meeting would be Monday 18 May 2026 in the Memorial Hall, which would also encompass the Annual Meeting of the Parish.