

REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES for the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 29th June 2026, 7pm, in the Memorial Hall.

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

267-026 Apologies and reasons for absence

26.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Longden.

26.2 The reason for absence was approved.

267-027 No new declarations of interest were received not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members' Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

267-028 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th June 2026 were agreed as a true and correct record: proposed Cllr Rutter; seconded Cllr Longstaff.

267-029 No members of the public attended the public session.

267-030 Updates & Reports

30.1 Policing

30.1.1 There were no attending police officers.

30.1.2 No reports were received to pass on to the police.

30.2 Report from County Councillor Yvonne Peacock

County Councillor Peacock reported that NYC were the 3rd best value for money delivering services across England and had been shortlisted for the best council in England. One of the major issues she was now dealing with was the proposed wind farm on Hope Moor. She explained that the impact could be worse than expected given the information that was now being shared. NYC strategic planning will have some say in what is being put forward for scoping. In her opinion, the issues include: the visual blight on the landscape; the impact on the breeding of birds; a hitherto undisturbed landscape. There is a massive issue with the impact on peat and the knock-on effect on flooding and water levels, since the peat won't be soaking it up any more. Furthermore, there is the impact on roads/transport and the construction traffic for this area, as well as the knock-on impact for highways in general given the positioning and location of the proposed site.

County Cllr Peacock agreed to follow up an issue raised by Cllr Frankland about the road closure signs for Buttertubs since only half of the sign could be seen and there was nothing at the end of the road to say it was going to be shut. Again, this was an

example of completely inadequate signage, which was not in the right place and with little or no notice given.

30.3 Proposed Wind Farm – Hope Moor

An update from the Clerk was noted regarding the environmental scoping process and the fact that it had been queried whether RFHPC could be a statutory consultee. The response was no, since the parish land did not border the proposed site.

30.4 Reeth Medical Centre

It was agreed to send a representative of the Parish Council to each meeting of the PPG for Central Dales Practice, although the representative may vary. It was noted that the next meeting would be 15th September at 5pm.

267-031 **Assets**

- 31.1 It was noted that the Village Green was being consistently used for parking on various different event days throughout the year, but despite the large number of vehicles, the parking contributions on those days were very often a lot lower than the average for the time of year. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the organisers of various upcoming events to discuss the matter.
- 31.2 It was agreed that a sign was once more needed in the picnic area by Reeth Bridge, reiterating the fact that BBQs were prohibited. The Clerk was asked to get a quote.
- 31.3 It was noted that although it is not the direct responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain some areas of the village and Village Green area, the Clerk would liaise with North Yorkshire Council where there were issues and determine action.
- 31.4 It was noted that NYC had provided an update on grass cutting in the playground and due to staffing issues and the weather, it was still a little behind schedule.

267-032 **Financial matters**

- 32.1 An upper limit of £800 was agreed for the purchase of a Stihl FS 240 C.
Proposed: Cllr Rutter; seconded Cllr Terry.

- 32.2 It was agreed that a Parish Council account be set up at Winstanleys.

- 32.3 It was resolved to make the following payment(s)

Memorial Hall	Hire of hall, INV 026-058	£16.00
Sam Turners	INV 4581940	£6.00
Sam Turners	INV 4557364	£121.70
Ripon Farm Services	INV 127823	£85.21
Barker Partnership	INV 3583	£90.00

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

EDF	DD collection	£68.83
EE	DD collection	£12.60
Lloyds Bank	Bank charges	£10.59

The above items were proposed by Cllr Terry and seconded Cllr Longstaff.

32.5 The following receipts were noted:

Honesty Boxes	May 2026	£918.00
Market	May 1 st & 8 th 2026	£152.90

32.6 It was noted that the bank balance as of 24 May 2026 was £14,378.22.

32.7 It was noted that the Clerk and associated payroll costs have been paid in accordance with the contract of employment.

32.8 A report on the honesty boxes up to 28th June was received: £2795 in total, including £112.74 from Healaugh

32.9 No report was received on the market.

32.10 A Statement of accounts to 31 March 2026 was received and it was noted that the council meets the criteria for exemption from external audit for the fiscal year 2025/26. It was resolved to sign the exemption certificate (AGAR p3).

32.11 It was resolved to approve and sign Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 for Reeth, Fremington & Healaugh Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2025/26.

32.12 It was resolved to approve and sign Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2025/26 for Reeth, Fremington & Healaugh Parish Council on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26.

32.13 It was resolved to approve the publication of the documents required by Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

32.14 It was resolved to approve the “period for the exercise of public rights” (e.g. 1 July – 11 August 2026) during which the accounting records are available for inspection by any interested members of the public. The period must be exactly 30 working days and must include the first 10 working days of July 2026.

267-033 **Highways & Transport**

33.1 It was agreed to request that the July speed survey take place the last week of July.

33.2 It was agreed that the Clerk would again contact NYC about the overgrown hedge on Langhorne Drive to see if action can be taken.

- 33.3 It was agreed that the Clerk would follow up with NYC on previous correspondence explaining that roadside curbs had not been sprayed, especially School Hill, Back Lane, Quaker flats and the snicket into Anvil Square/
- 33.4 It was agreed that the Clerk would follow up with Highways about Roebeck Bridge closure since the proposed diversion route included closed roads. It was agreed that signs would need to be very clear to assist visitors to the area.

267-034 **Planning**

- 34.1 It was noted that no protected tree applications were received/granted in our area
- 34.2 It was noted that there were no objections to Planning Application R/07/367K, Thiernswood Hall, Healaugh.
- 34.3 It was noted that Planning Application R/07/44D, Swale Hair Spa had the full support of the Parish Council and there were no objections.
- 34.4 It was noted that there were no obvious issues regarding the dates of proposed caravan and camping rallies for 2027.

267-035 No items for future meetings were raised.

267-036 The date of the next meeting was noted: Monday 27 July 2026, 7pm, Memorial Hall.