

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th November 2025 in the Reading Room at  
7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** D Fisher (chairman) R Houseman E March C Packer P Trehitt M Worsnop  
County Councillor Nathan Hull and the clerk

**APOLOGIES:** None

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS:** Parishioners queried why there was no communication from Yorkshire Water regarding the water pollution in certain areas of High Birstwith. Some areas were given bottled water and others were given none and the only notification they had was on the internet. The Chairman to contact Yorkshire Water for their comments. Another resident requested a mirror on Clint Bank Lane opposite the ginnel leading from Collin Spring Court a road safety issue for pedestrians. Area 6 to be contacted to see if permission could be given for a mirror

**MINUTES:** It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by P Trehitt and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Nathan was pleased to report that the long awaited footpath outside the Doctors Surgery was to go in front of the Executive Council Committee for approval. The monies will come from the Consolidated Active Travel Fund once approval has been granted. Regarding motorists parking on footpaths you can, if you wish, take photos of the vehicle along with the place, date and time and anonymously forward it to Harrogate Police and they can issue a fixed penalty. He stated the budget would give Councils less money and the Mansion Tax would affect quite a few properties in our area but this money would eventually have to be paid to the Government so would not help us locally

**Updates:**

**The Play Area:** Nothing to report only that the basket swing has been returned to us and will be stored for future use.

**Highway issues:** Clerk to contact Area 6 regarding cleaning drains and leaves from the village as they are a safety issue. Also request the weeds on Nidd Rise kerbs to be sprayed. The Chairman to look into the problem with the drain down Wrecks Road opposite the playground and also a drain cover on Lackon Bank just up from the church, also look into why road signs have not been collected by contractors after work is completed

**BIB** Nothing to report

**Christmas Tree Lights** – Will be rehung this coming Monday and two new sets of lights added no estimate for the work depends on how long it takes to do the work it was unanimously agreed the work should be done

**Telephone Box near the Shop** – Pictures have been sent to BT requesting the box be repainted no reply to date

**North Yorkshire Mobile Library Service** - The first scheduled visit will be **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026** at 10 am in the Station Car Park. A notice has been placed in the Notice Board

**Kerrys Mill** - The Chairman spoke recently with Damien from the mill no further news at present but we will be informed once a definite decision has been made

**Yorkshire Air Ambulance** - Proposed by C Packer seconded by P Trehwhitt that the Parish Council should make a donation of £250 to this very important Charity

**Precept for Financial Year 2026/2027** - It was unanimously agreed that the Precept should remain at £15000 for this coming financial year a considerable amount of monies will need to be spent on the playground this coming year once we know the outcome of the mill situation proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop

#### **Accounts approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer**

<b>Richard Langley</b>	Caretaker	Chq 037	34.00
<b>Brit Gas</b>	Electricity a/c 6.9.25 to 7.10.25	DD	13.44
<b>Bank</b>	Service Charge		5.75
<b>RBL</b>	Bus shelter wreath	Chq 042	15.00
<b>Park Lane Playgrounds</b>	Returning swing nest for storage	Chq 043	96.00
<b>RBL</b>	Wreath for Remembrance service PB	Chq 044	20.00
<b>British Gas</b>	Electricity a/c 8.10.25 to 6.11.25	DD	12.60

Draft accounts from April to October handed to Councillors

**Sand Bags** - It was decided that we have enough sand bags left from last year

#### **Planning Applications**

**6.91.136.ZA.PROW HGTZC25/00422/PROW** Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 257 Stopping up/Diversion of Footpath 15.11/29/1 in order to enable development etc – West House Farm – **No Observations arrived too late for last meeting**

**25/02921/CLEUD** Certificate of lawfulness for existing – installation of drainage and window for the implementation of planning consent 21/05179/FUL Holly Garth Swalewood Lane High Birstwith - **No Observations**

#### **Correspondence**

**Rt Hon. Sir Julian Smith** – Retrofit – strategy

- “ “ “ - The Movement, Activity and Sport Investment Programme offering grants
- “ “ “ - Directory of support services for women and girls across York and North Yorkshire

**Monk Fryston PC** - Support regarding changing NYC Vehicle Activated Signs

**New Settlement (Maltkiln) Development Plan Document** – Circulated to our Councillors

**NYC Parish Liaison** NYC Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Programme

The Councillors felt no further action should be taken at present on any of the above items

**Date of next meeting** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

**Signed**

**Date**

**Signed**

**Dated**