

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2025
AT 7.30PM, IN THE HUB, METHODIST CHURCH, HUTTON RUDBY.**

PRESENT: Councillor Mortimer (Chairman), Councillors Bragg, Bury, Puttick, Simpson, Tate and Voke. North Yorkshire Councillor Hugill. Councillor Webster arrived at 7.32pm.

1. **To approve apologies for absence.**
Councillors Barker, Jopling and Saxton. RESOLVED to accept.
2. **Declarations of interest.**
Item 7 i.i. – Councillor Bragg, Friend.
Item 7.i.ii. – Councillor Tate, Friend.
Item 8. The Gallop Planning Application – Councillor Tate, Friend.
3. **Confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 11th August 2025 as a true and correct record.**
RESOLVED to accept.
4. **Meeting open to the public.**
One member of the public present.
5. **Police Report.**
One report of anti-social behaviour. Noted.
6. **Report from North Yorkshire Councillor.**
Councillor Hugill circulated his report prior to the meeting which outlined difficulties for the waste and street team with the implementation of the new waste policy, particularly with street cleansing. Reports of overflowing waste bins in several locations have been received. Staff shortages have been addressed with agency staff.
NYC continues to have consultations on the boundary review following changes to proposals, none of which affect our Parish.
The recent moorland wildfires have raised questions on cost of the disaster to NYC. Central Government operate The Bellwin Fund which assists authorities with immediate actions to safeguard life and property, it is hoped this fund will cover most of NYC's outlay.

Questions were asked about the lack of progress by NYC in resolving the issues with the footpath at Leven Grove House which were reported in late 2022. The Council would like a written response from the relevant officers. Councillor Hugill agreed to make enquiries.
7. **Matters arising.**
 - a. **Finance**
 - i. Employers Summary. NOTED
 - ii. Standing Orders – revised 2025. Subject to one typo correction it was RESOLVED to adopt the revised document.
 - iii. AGAR Notice of conclusion of audit. The Statutory inspection notice period has ended. NOTED.
 - b. **Parish Neighbourhood Plan/ NYC Local Plan/EV Charging**
Nothing new to report. The next NYC consultation on the Local Plan is expected in late 2026. Councillor Mortimer said there is no official NYC consultation on the Call for Sites proposals at this time.
 - c. **Local Government Boundary Commission**
Councillor Mortimer reported that 64 of the 89 new divisions are settled (including our proposed new division). There is to be further consultations on the remaining 25 divisions, none of which are in our immediate locality. The Boundary Commission is not seeking comments on the 64 settled divisions, so no further action is needed from the Council. The final report is due on 14th January 2026. Noted.
 - d. **Paddocks End and Hutton Fields developments.**
No progress updates on S106 and no new documents to view on the planning portal.

e. **Footpaths and hedges**

Clerk has chased Broadacres for a date when the hedge will be cut between Paddocks End and The Spar. Nothing has been received yet.

Reports of debris blocking the path at Leven Grove House were reported to NYC with photographs. Sarah Macdonald, Public Rights of Way Officer (Hambleton and Richmondshire) reported that despite legal letters being sent, the case has not been assigned to a member of the legal team for enforcement action. As above, NYC Councillor Hugill has been asked to assist.

A resident reported that the footpath from Sexhow Lane to Potto, past the bridge is totally impassible (this is outside the Parish Boundary). It has been reported to NYC and Clerk is to report it to Potto Parish Council also.

A discussion regarding numerous overgrown hedges within the parish was RESOLVED to make a public statement on RPC Facebook page requesting action from residents to maintain their hedges and ensure the footpaths are accessible to all.

It was reported that the wooden Public Footpath Sign at Greenbank Terrace is still not repaired. RESOLVED that the Clerk would report it to NYC again.

f. **Allotments**

- i. Regulations on Fires/Incinerators
- ii. A report of smoke coming from the Allotments was received from one resident. Enquiries revealed a small incinerator had been used for a short time at the Allotments, but neighbouring properties had also had fires in their gardens in recent weeks. It was RESOLVED to monitor the issue and review the rules later in the year.
- iii. Compost bins/green waste disposal
- iv. The compost bins are overflowing. RESOLVED to ask the grass cutting contractors to remove the waste as soon as possible and ask for a proposal for ongoing management and for the Allotment Committee to carry out consultations with the allotment holders for a long-term solution.
- v. Proposal for Allotments notice board
- vi. A suggestion of a notice board for better communication with tenants was RESOLVED that the Clerk would obtain costings.

g. **Linen Mill**

The capping is still outstanding on the wall. RESOLVED that the Clerk would obtain some costings to supply and install reclaimed/heritage capping.

h. **Sports/Play Areas**

New Football nets have been purchased; it is hoped to install them in the coming weeks. NOTED.

i. **Village Green.**

- i. 37 South Side
The resident has requested a patching repair rather than a full reinstatement due to costs. RESOLVED to accept a repair, subject to it meeting satisfactory safety standards.
- ii. 15 East Side
Further correspondence was received from the resident. RESOLVED to reiterate RPC's position that the Village Green should be reinstated to its original condition as per historic documents in our possession. Further RESOLVED to restate to the resident the work should be carried out within 3 months of the date of our previous letter (14/8/25)
- iii. Clock
Budget estimates have been obtained. RESOLVED to proceed with formal quotes to install access platform.
- iv. Tree Report. Work quotation & planning.
Clerk reported Planning permission has been Granted for the work to Trees at South Side and North End. RESOLVED to asked Stephen Johnson Tree Surgeons to proceed with the work as per their recent quote.
Noted that permission has not yet been received for the one tree subject to a TPO at the Village Hall.
- v. Christmas Tree Lighting – The Hub suggested Monday 1st December. RESOLVED to accept.

j. **Speed limits signs**

Nothing to report.

k. **Roadworks/repairs**

South Side/Goldie Hill

A wayleave agreement between Hambleton District Council and RPC has been located which refers to the area of road in need of repair. RESOLVED that the Clerk would submit the document to NYC and request they repair the road and to copy Councillor Hugill in correspondence.

Further RESOLVED to obtain copies of planning documents relating to permissions for Goldie Hill Bungalows in 1964 and beyond.

8. **Planning applications.**

The following applications have been received by the Council. Full details of any responses are available on <https://planning.hambleton.gov.uk/online-applications>

ZB25/01414/TPO Hutton Rudby Village Hall, Hutton Rudby. Application for works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order (Pine). RESOLVED to recommend approval

ZB25/01513/FUL The Gallop, Skutterskelfe, Yarm. Retrospective application for erection of an agricultural building. A resident made a representation at the meeting. Following discussions it was RESOLVED to recommend no objection.

Decisions of North Yorkshire Planning

ZB25/00086/CLP 6 Levendale, Hutton Rudby. Application for a lawful development certificate for the proposed extension to the rear of the bungalow. GRANTED.

ZB25/01389/CAT Trees at South Side and North End, Hutton Rudby. Proposed works to Trees in a Conservation Area. GRANTED

9. **Hutton Bank.**

Councillor Bury has obtained quotes for 2 options for repairs to railings. It was RESOLVED to accept Options 2 and 3 - Straightening metal posts, replacing damaged handrails, sanding and painting at a cost of £3500 plus VAT.

10. **Steps across the village green to Church House**

Nothing to report.

11. **IT/Website**

Online data storage and sharing.

Councillor Mortimer reported that 5 suppliers were approached for fee quotes, 2 were subsequently shortlisted. Following a discussion on quote comparison and proposed work it was RESOLVED to accept Catch Design's proposal.

12. **Staffing Committee**

Due to confidentiality the one resident present at the meeting and the Clerk were requested to leave the meeting. There was a submission from The Staffing Committee regarding revisions to the Clerks terms of Employment. Clerk returned when the discussion ended.

13. **Village Hall/Tennis Club Lease**

The Solicitors rejected the recently signed and submitted lease, citing an engrossment version was required.

RESOLVED to instruct Jacksons to send the new version to the Tennis Club Secretary and request the recent invoice be withdrawn with no further charges made until the matter is finished, as per our agreement.

14. **Fireworks Display**

Although the recent terrorism legislation (Martyn's Law) has been made Law, its implementation is anticipated to take 24 months. Best practice guidance advice recommends a review of risk assessments should be undertaken now to prepare. Following our review, it was RESOLVED that a secondary exit point from the Cricket Club ground should be sourced.

15. Remembrance Day Parade

NYC has confirmed acceptance of the road closure request submitted by Community TCM Ltd. Community TCM Ltd have increased their fees to £375 plus VAT (last year £325 plus VAT). RESOLVED to accept.

The bugler has retired, and no replacement can be found. RPC has offered to play a recording of the last post and Top to Toe Beauty has kindly offered use of an electric point. Noted with thanks.

16. Accounts

Staff salary August 2025, paid in accordance with contract.

Staff Pension contribution paid in accordance with contract

Lebara Mobile Phone	£	5.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP External Audit	£	378.00
Harrod Sport (Goal Nets)	£	203.15
Microsoft 365 automatic renewal	£	84.99
Defib Store. Pads	£	79.20

Money received.**17. Correspondence for decision.**

14 August 2025 Email Resident regarding Village Green cobbles.

RESOLVED in item 7.i.ii

26 August 2025 Email Resident regarding Cherry Tree felling.

RESOLVED to write to resident informing them of the response received from NYC following our report to them and also to request an update from NYC on the issue.

27 August 2025 Email Resident regarding rubbish burning at the allotments.

RESOLVED in item 7.f. and to write to the resident accordingly.

18. Correspondence for noting.

21 August 2025 Email Area2 Thirsk notification of road closure – Remembrance Day parade

24 August 2025 Email NYC Parish Precept arrangements 2025/26 & 2026/27

27 August 2025 Text Resident report of impassible footpath Sexhow Lane-Potto

27 August 2025 Email NYC Rubbish collection update

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