

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 7.30PM, IN THE HUB, METHODIST CHURCH, HUTTON RUBY.**

Present: Councillor Mortimer (Chairman), Councillors Bury, Simpson, Tate, Voke and Webster

1. **To approve apologies for absence.**  
Councillors Barker, Bragg, Jopling, Puttick and Saxton. RESOLVED to accept.
2. **Declarations of interest.**  
Item. 8.d.i. Councillor Tate - Friend
3. **Confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 as a true and correct record.**  
RESOLVED to accept
4. **Confirm the minutes of the Burial Board Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 as a true and correct record.**  
RESOLVED to accept
5. **Meeting open to the public.** None present
6. **Police Report.** 3 commercial burglaries 1 residential theft of E bicycle from shed, 1 theft of EV charging cable (late February) and 1 theft of caravan. Noted.
7. **Report from North Yorkshire Councillor.** Not present.
8. **Matters arising.**
  - a. **Parish Neighbourhood Plan/ NYC Local Plan/EV Charging.** Nothing to report
  - b. **Footpaths and hedges**
    - i. **Riverside Footpath storm damage.**  
The Environment agency have responded to Councillor Simpson's enquiries but were unable to offer advice. The Tees River Trust have some funding available and have offered to improve the fish passes on the river adjacent to RPC land. The Tees River Trust inspected the footpath whilst inspecting the fish passes and suggested planting willow spilling then back fill the bank. They estimated costs would be in the region of £2200 + VAT. RESOLVED to circulate the quote and obtain costings for resurfacing the path. RESOLVED to accept the Tees River Trusts offer to improve the fish passes owned by RPC.
    - ii. **Crow Bank Steps.** Work on the new handrail is due to commence within the next two weeks.
    - iii. **Councillor Webster has reported a rotten bridge on the footpath along Chappies field to NYC.**  
Noted.
  - c. **Sports/Play Areas**  
Following the Clerks regular safety inspections she reported there was still some evidence of dog fouling, but vastly reduced, also she reported one incident of fly tipping.  
The Clerk reported unauthorised access was gained to Middleton Notice board. For monitoring.
  - d. **Village Green**
    - i. **East Side –** A discussion was had with one of the residents who was hoping to reach a solution to the cobblestone repairs on the Village Green at East Side.  
It was RESOLVED to write to the resident setting out RPC's proposed compromise resolution. The resident will be given 7 days to accept or reject the proposal. If the proposal is not accepted, RPC reserves the right to instruct contractors to remove the dark grey cobbles and re-lay the whole area with cobblestones and seek recompense from the homeowner.  
  
4 East Side. A letter was received from a resident suggesting improvements to the Village Green area to the front and side of 4 East Side. It was RESOLVED to make further investigations.

- ii. Clock. Works to repair and service the Clock are complete. The contractor was satisfied with the new access platform recently installed.
- iii. War Memorial Garden Conifers. Stephen Johnson Tree Surgeons have removed the large conifers. Weeds remain amongst the gravel. RESOLVED to ask Care for our Village if they could possibly offer some help.
- iv. Bench Memorial. The brass plaque has been received. The clerk obtained a quote to refurbish the bench at a cost of £160. RESOLVED to accept.

e. **Speed limits signs**

A Resident has emailed requesting RPC's assistance in reducing the speed limit through Skutterskelfe to 40mph. Whilst Highways issues are not in the remit of RPC, it was RESOLVED to make enquiries to NYC about their process for setting local speed limits and to forward a copy of the email to NYC Councillor David Hugill

f. **Roadworks/repairs**

South Side/Goldie Hill. The Clerk had forwarded previous correspondence to NYC Councillor Hugill. RPC has sought legal guidance on the Wayleave Agreement which is currently in force. It was RESOLVED that Councillor Bury would draft a letter which will be sent to NYC's Legal Team.

9. **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>

**ZB26/00347/FUL 12 Levenside, Hutton Rudby.** Application to replace existing flat roof with tiled pitched roof and re-roof existing lean-to roof across front of dwelling. Including notification of the removal of two trees.

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

**ZB26/00430/FUL Ebenezer Place, 23 South Side, Hutton Rudby.** Application to replace single glazed windows at front of house with double glazed windows and replace double glazed sliding French windows at the back of the house with double glazed bi-fold doors.

RESOLVED to recommend approval but state RPC's preference is for wooden framed windows in the Conservation Area.

**ZB26/00367/FUL Hutton Tower, 2 East Side, Hutton Rudby.** Application for porch extension and entrance reinstatement, façade restoration (gable wall), selective window replacement and construction of a detached garage.

RESOLVED to recommend approval of the garage, window replacement and facade restoration but request the Heritage Officer's gives consideration to any adverse impacts arising from the proposed enlargement of the porch.

**ZB26/00368/LBC Hutton Tower, 2 East Side, Hutton Rudby.** Listed building consent application for porch extension and entrance reinstatement, façade restoration (gable wall), selective window replacement and construction of a detached garage.

RESOLVED to recommend approval of the garage, window replacement and facade restoration but request the Heritage Officer's gives consideration to any adverse impacts arising from the proposed enlargement of the porch.

**ZB26/00521/CAT 12 Levenside, Hutton Rudby.** Application for the removal of 2 No. trees. RESOLVED to recommend approval.

**ZB26/00344/FUL 41 Enterpen, Hutton Rudby.** Application for internal and external works including replacement front door, rear windows, rooflights, rear extension and garden room.

RESOLVED to recommend approval, subject to the Heritage Officer not having any objections.

**ZB26/00345/LBC 41 Enterpen, Hutton Rudby.** Application for Listed Building Consent for internal and external works including replacement front door, rear windows, rooflights, rear extension and garden room. RESOLVED to recommend approval, subject to the Heritage Officer not having any objections.

**Decisions of North Yorkshire Planning**

**ZB25/02199/LBC 4 Old School, Enterpen, Hutton Rudby.** Retrospective application for Listed Building Consent to change the front door to a solid wood panelled door. GRANTED

**ZB25/02256/LBC 4 Old School, Enterpen, Hutton Rudby.** Retrospective application for listed building consent for flue and chimney. WITHDRAWN.

**ZB26/00147/CAT 25 North Side, Hutton Rudby.** Works to fell a tree and removal of a hedge in a conservation area. GRANTED

**ZB26/00220/CAT Wynd House, The Wynd, Hutton Rudby.** Works to remove and maintain numerous trees in line with recommendations from preliminary arboricultural assessment dated 2020. GRANTED

**ZB26/00026/FUL Levenside Farm, Skutterskelfe.** Application to raise roof height following previous approval of 21/02832FUL. GRANTED

**10. IT/Website**

The new website should be live within the next few days.

**11. Staffing Committee**

The Clerks appraisal has been delayed due to holidays and other commitments but should take place later in the Month.

**12. Fireworks**

A meeting was held recently between RPC and the Cricket Club Bar to discuss how best to limit numbers attending due to the increasing popularity of the Firework event. Suggestions such as selling tickets at £5 each or £15 for a family of 4 using a ticketing app and limiting advertising to local noticeboards only were made. It is expected the move to a ticketed entry will reduce income and increase costs but it the only practical option for controlling numbers.

RESOLVED it would be ticketed event, only advertised locally, and a security officer would be hired to assist with gate management. Ticket price and other details are still to be determined.

**13. Village Event**

The Cricket Club is holding a charity night after the VE on behalf of the headlight project. Noted.

Due to non-attendance last year by some Craft Stall holders who had reserved spaces it was RESOLVED to charge £15 for Craft Stalls and £30-£50 for Food Stalls to reserve a space. Payments should be made to the Parish Bank Account, and all would be donated to Charity.

The Village Hall has a private booking on the same day and is unable to offer use of their tables. Councillor Saxton has offered to loan 8, but around 30 are needed. RESOLVED to ask nearby Halls if there is a possibly to use some.

Young Conservatives have asked to have a stand at the event. It was RESOLVED to allow.

**14. Year End & Audit**

- i. Q4 Finance Report was previously circulated. RESOLVED to accept
- ii. Review of 2025/26 additions/disposals to Asset Register. RESOLVED to accept
- iii. Finalisation of 2026/2027 Budget. RESOLVED to accept

**15. Accounts & Finance**

Staff salary March 2026, paid in accordance with contract.

Staff Pension contribution paid in accordance with contract

HMRC Q4 Tax & NI paid in accordance with contract

Lebara Mobile Phone	£	5.00
A Hill & Sons Ltd	£	285.22
PWLB Loan	£	5,061.40
HFC Systems (Email)	£	69.55
Wave Water	£	22.17
AL Robinson Building Ltd	£	2,640.00
The Chapel Hub	£	112.00
Andrew Milburn Joinery	£	1,902.00
Amazon Plot Markers	£	18.98
YLCA subscription renewal	£	705.00
TP Jones & Co LLP	£	64.40

Engraving Studios Ltd (plaque)	£	21.45
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**Money received**

Grave Reservation X69	£	165.00
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**Employers Summary.** Noted**16. Correspondence for decision.**

14 March 2026            Email   Resident regarding parking at Goldie Hill. RESOLVED to reply suggesting contacting Broadacres, and RPC would request allotment holders to be more considerate with parking and fires.

30 March 2026            Email   Resident regarding no-soliciting signage. RESOLVED to reply that RPC have no input or authorisation to install or amend signage.

30 March 2026            Email   Resident regarding road safety at Skutterskelfe. See item 8.e.

31 March 2026            Email   LNRS Follow up. RESOLVED that Cllr Simpson will reply.

31 March 2026            Email   Resident regarding repairs to garden wall. RESOLVED to advise the resident to write to NYC or to the school as the wall has no connection to RPC.

**17. Correspondence for noting.**

12 March 2026            Email   Climate Action Stokesley & Villages – Himalayan Balsam

Meeting closed 21.11

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