

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM IN THE HUB, METHODIST CHURCH, HUTTON RUDBY

PRESENT: Councillor Mortimer (Chairman), Councillors Barker, Bragg, Jopling, Puttick, Saxton, Simpson, Tate and Voke. North Yorkshire Councillor Hugill

1. To approve apologies for absence.

Councillor Bury arrived 19.37. Approved

2. Declarations of interest.

None.

3. Meeting open to the public.

None present.

4. Burial Ground plot renewals

Clerk reported that all but 6 historical renewals had been located. RESOLVED to continue to make enquiries whenever possible and retain the reservations for as long as space allows.

5. Burial Fees

Fees currently cover most of the operational costs of the burial ground, but not administrative costs. It was noted that fees from comparable burial grounds in the area were usually higher than RPC. It was proposed that over the next 3 years increases are made to absorb the increased costs. RESOLVED to apply a 10% increase (rounded to the nearest £5) to all Burial Fees from 01/01/25.

6. Available plots

Clerk reported approx. 109 Burial Plots and 80 ashes plots are potentially available in the original Burial Ground mapping.

Noted – Thanks go to the Councillors who have recently renovated the 2 benches at the Burial Ground.

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Item Nos:

7.e. iii. 15 East Side – Councillors Tate and Barker.

7.e. iv. 37 South Side – Councillors Bragg and Saxton.

10. Hutton Bank – Councillor Bury

NOTED

3. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held 11TH November as a true and correct record.

Item 7. Should read Committee not Consultation. Item 8. Hazardous amended to unresolved. Accepted subject to these 2 amendments.

4. Meeting open to the public.

None present.

5. Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.

Report received showing one auto crime. Noted.

6. Report from North Yorkshire Councillor.

Councillor Hugill reported NYC's recent Budget meeting. 90 Councillors had met last week with Directors who advised on savings which had to be made. A £14 million Rural Services Grant has been removed from the NYC budget. Each Director was asked for a list of savings. Highways had the largest list of savings, some as a result of the transitioning to NYC Highways. The Home to School transport scheme continues to challenge, even though potential savings are in excess of £1 million. Some NYC Councillors are experiencing negative interactions, so much so that NYC Councillors have a dedicated Police Officer to help combat abuse at meetings.

Councillor Hugill reported that the hedge which runs from Campion Lane to the railway bridge had been reduced in size, using locality budget funds. It had been the subject of many complaints.

The proposed Battery Storage application at East Rounton is of concern and should be coming to the Planning Committee in due course.

Also of concern to NYC is air quality around incinerators. The one at Allerton Park is nearing the end of its life and NYC are looking at suitable replacements.

There are 2 large planning meetings approaching to discuss (amongst other things) 2 new motorway service stations on the A1, a new Solar Farm, 2 new quarries plus some large housing developments; 34 holiday units near Great Ayton and another large housing development near Richmond.

Councillor Bragg questioned the large budget allocation for new recycling bins that had a potential 8 year wait for any payback. Councillor Hugill advised that this was still progressing.

Councillor Jopling asked whether the new Labour Government Planning proposals were actually filtering through to NYC. Councillor Hugill said they most definitely are and the new local plan is including some of the new proposals with more building generally occurring in the North of England, particularly in the Shires.

Councillor Simpson questioned air pollution, in particular the burning of heather on the moors and whether there are many complaints. Councillor Hugill reported that whilst some complaints are received authorities still retain the need to continue with the process.

7. Matters arising.**a. Finance**

- i. Employers Summary. Noted
- ii. Budget preparation update 2025/26

Councillor Mortimer reported £67,000 of costs and £54,000 of income was the basis of the last Budget. Costs have come in slightly under budget, mainly due to the reduced cost of grass cutting with the new Contractor. Income has been assisted with a late S106 payment. Expectations next year are costs of £62,000 and income around the same as budgeted at £54,000.

Looking forward RPC could be running at a modest deficit until the PWLB loan payments are completed in 5 years. We have sufficient reserves presently. Revenue expenditure with an inflationary precept increase looks manageable which is the basis of the draft budget presented.

After a lengthy discussion regarding current and proposed projects, an inflationary increase to the precept from £50,000 to £51,325 was proposed. RESOLVED to accept.

b. Parish Neighbourhood Plan/ NYC Local Plan/EV Charging

Councillor Mortimer reported a very constructive meeting had been held with James Campbell and Joan Jackson of NYC. Mr Campbell had agreed to perform a 'traffic light' review of the Reg 14 draft plan to identify issues potentially in need of updating and agreed that current parish housing needs assessments were out of date. He is taking steps to initiate a housing need survey, for the parish. The housing need survey was the key point of the meeting.

If the Neighbourhood Plan completion timescale is under 12 months, then the national policy changes will probably have limited impact. If it takes significantly longer then the new nationally imposed housing targets set for North Yorkshire Council may become more important

A separate meeting with Katie Atkinson of KVA had been arranged, but she was unable to attend due to personal commitments.

Nothing to report on the EV charging.

c. Footpaths.

The Riverside Footpath had been repaired well by Charlton Services; however, Storm Darragh had damaged the work which had not had time to set. Charlton Services quoted £600 to repair the damage and re-stone the path. RESOLVED to accept.

There was a discussion on how to provide a more permanent repair to the Riverside Path and it was noted a resident had offered access for materials through his garden. RESOLVED that Councillors Jopling and Puttick would make further long-term investigations.

Excessive dog dirt on pavements, particularly Doctors Lane was reported. RESOLVED that Councillor Barker would erect more signage, and the Clerk would contact NYC Dog Warden requesting patrols and possible pavement stencilling and any other deterrents.

d. Sports Areas

i. Station Lane. - Nothing to report.

ii. Middleton on Leven. - Councillor Bragg met with a representative from National Power Grid at the play area. Essential tree trimming around the power lines will be undertaken in the next few weeks. A notice will be placed in the Middleton Notice Board informing residents.

Safety at the playground was discussed. RESOLVED that the Clerk would obtain costings for installing a pedestrian gate at the access gap in the hedge.

e. Village Green.

i. Wildflower areas – Pollinator Meeting. Councillor Simpson reported there had been a few requests for changes at North End. Agreed to reduce the gap between the flower bed and kerb stones on the village green to assist with grass cutting/strimming. The Allotment project had not evolved and was to be revisited. Care for our Village are intending to plant poppies at the war memorial. Part of the Burial Ground was reported to be very overgrown and proposed to be included within the Grass Cutting/Strimming contract, the Church was agreeable. RESOLVED to include within the upcoming tender.

ii. Christmas Tree – Well done to all who installed the tree. RESOLVED to request The Scouts to remove and RPC will make a suitable donation to them.

iii. 15 East Side – It was noted that residents have agreed to reinstate the cobbles. RESOLVED to write and request estimated timescales and confirmation the bushes will be removed and the whole area will be cobbled. Also to confirm to residents that when any specific maintenance issues are identified, RPC will respond accordingly.

iv. 37 South Side – Reply from Residents received. Ongoing.

v. Clock – The clock has been repaired under warranty. Repairers have confirmed they will not attend again until a suitable platform has been installed.

f. Speed limits signs.

Nothing to report.

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>

ZB24/01916/FUL 5 Wynd Close, Hutton Rudby. Amended plans or further information notice. RESOLVED to recommend approval.

ZB24/02284/CAT Poppy Cottage, 15 South Side, Hutton Rudby. Application for works to trees in a conservation area. RESOLVED to recommend approval.

9. Decisions of North Yorkshire Planning

ZB24/01783/FUL Willow Meads, Skutterskelfe. GRANTED.

ZB24/01651/FUL Windy Hill Farm, Stokesley Road, Hutton Rudby. GRANTED

ZB24/00944/FUL Orchard House, Middleton on Leven, Yarm. GRANTED

ZB24/02059/CAT 2 The Holmes, Rudby Bank, Hutton Rudby. GRANTED

10. Hutton Bank.

Two Contractors have been approached to provide quotations to repair the railings.

11. Boundary Commission

Submission made.

12. Steps across the village green to Church House

Following a lengthy discussion on the benefits of redesign, removal or repair of the steps, it was RESOLVED to maintain the steps as current with the installation of handrails. Councillors Jopling and Puttick to obtain quotes.

13. IT/Website – Quotes have been received. Comparison document being produced.

Emails - Online storage is almost full. RESOLVED to pay a monthly fee for additional online storage.

14. Staffing Committee

Confidential Minutes have been circulated to Councillors. The Staffing Committee will hold its meetings when required prior to RPC monthly meetings. Noted.

15. Village Hall/Tennis Club Lease

Ongoing. Clerk to continue to chase Solicitors.

16. Allotment renewals

Current level of charges are not sufficient to cover all of the maintenance and administration costs. RESOLVED to increase rents by £5 per year for a full plot and £2.50 a year for a half plot from 2025.

17. Grass Cutting

It was proposed to obtain tenders for 3 years. The tender will include additional areas at North End, Strimming at the Burial Ground and collection and removal of the cut grass from the Village Green. RESOLVED to accept the tender document.

18. Accounts

Staff salaries November 2024, paid in accordance with contract.

Staff Pension contribution paid in accordance with contract

Ink payment HP Oct-Nov 2024	£ 11.99
Lebara Mobile Phone Contract (DD)	£ 5.00
Post Office Stamps	£ 19.80
Direct Business Supplies (Sign)	£ 46.80
Maynards Nursery (Xmas Tree)	£ 397.28
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreaths	£ 52.50
Community TM (Remembrance Day)	£ 390.00

Feet First Key Cutting (Sports Field Hedge Cut)	£ 15.57
Chapel Hub Hire Apr-Nov	£ 216.00
RD Alderson Ltd (Hedge cutting)	£ 180.00
LRSS Grass Cut Village 10/10/24	£ 450.00
LRSS Grass Cut Village 14/11/24	£ 810.00
Smith of Derby Clock Repair	£ 624.00
Stamps & Postage	£ 9.95
AW Nicholson & Son (Grave Digger)	£ 300.00
LRSS Grass Cut Burial Ground 11/10/24	£ 360.00
LRSS Grass Cut Burial Ground 14/11/24	£ 360.00
Rope Services UK (Pollinator)	£ 38.60
John Richardson & Son (Pollinator)	£ 30.95
Boston Seeds (Pollinator)	£ 35.99
North Yorkshire Council (Winter Bins)	£ 810.00

Money received.

Fireworks Donations	£ 2271.44
Ashes Plot Renewal Y18	£ 45.00
Burial Plott Renewal M49	£ 85.00
Burial Plot Renewals P30, P31, P33	£ 255.00
Burial Plot Renewal D19	£ 85.00
Burial Plot Renewal K45	£ 85.00
Burial Plot Renewal H29	£ 170.00
Burial Plot Renewal N51	£ 170.00
Dales of Thirsk	£ 120.00
Burial Plot Renewal F26 F27	£ 170.00
Barthram & Sons Burials	£ 980.00
Burial Plot Renewal L63	£ 85.00
Ashes Plot Renewal Y45	£ 45.00
Burial Plot Renewal H31	£ 85.00
Burial Plot Renewal K58	£ 85.00

19. Correspondence for decision.

21 November 2024 Email Resident reply, 37 South Side access crossing. Noted.

20. Correspondence for noting.

9 November 2024	Email	Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee Agenda 18/11/24
13 November 2024	Email	20's Plenty webinar
13 November 2024	Email	Treasurer, HRVH. Copy of Insurance Schedule
13 November 2024	Email	Broadacres. Sale of Garbutts Lane site.
14 November 2024	Email	Resident East Side, Hutton Rudby
15 November 2024	Email	Resident Highways and street cleaning request
16 November 2024	Email	Parish Liaison Meeting Agenda
25 November 2024	Email	HR Village Hall, BBC Radio Programming
25 November 2024	Email	Parish Liaison Meeting Presentation Document
26 November 2024	Email	Clear Councils Insurance update
27 November 2024	Email	NYC Parish Liaison
28 November 2024	Email	Area2 Thirsk Parish Portal. New Account
2 nd December 2024	Text	Northern Powergrid, Tree Pruning, Middleton on Leven