

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD 9th MARCH 2026 AT 7.30PM, IN THE HUB, METHODIST CHURCH, HUTTON RUDBY.

Present: Councillor Mortimer (Chairman), Councillors Barker, Bury, Puttick, Saxton, Simpson, Tate, Voke and Webster. NYC Councillor Hugill.

1. **To approve apologies for absence.**
Councillors Bragg and Jopling. RESOLVED to accept.
2. **Declarations of interest.**
Item 7.b. Councillor Saxton – Landowner
Item 7.e. Councillors Barker and Tate – friend
Item 8. Application ZB26/00026/FUL – Councillor Tate - applicant
3. **Confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9th February 2026 as a true and correct record.**
RESOLVED to accept.
4. **Meeting open to the public.**
Two members of the public present who wished only to observe.
5. **Police Report.**
Report of 1 Arson/Criminal damage and 2 reports of residential burglary (theft of tools). Noted.
6. **Report from North Yorkshire Councillor.**

The following report was read out by NYC Councillor Hugill which he said was commentary on NYC's budget from the NYC Conservative Group:

- As our next election is just over a year away, some colleagues may be evaluating their chances of re-election. So far two have jumped ship although with no criticism of what we have been delivering
- Our group remains the largest single group by some margin, delivering stable local government, making sound financial and not knee-jerk decisions or chasing populist causes for headlines' sake.
- Demand continues to grow for services, especially our very high-cost social care for both children and the elderly.
- We are working with over 1500 children with SEND at any one time. 80% of children needing an assessment are assessed within the 20-week timescale
- Government grants have led to almost 500 new early years places and over 2000 new wraparound places; these programmes offer choice to working parents.
- We have received a good CQC inspection for Adult Services, 81/100, 3rd highest nationally.
- We are investing £60m in dedicated care and support hubs, and a new programme for prevention called Prevention Plus. These are Invest to Save initiatives, designed to save money in the long term.
- We are working with the NHS to reduce hospital stays and get people home sooner
- We have disposed of excess property exceeding our original target, but we will continue with more.
- This new government has little understanding of the costs of delivering services in rural areas, even saying there is no evidence for it. The loss of Rural Support Grant has hit us hard, over £14m pa.
- Fortunately, we have made £63m of savings from LGR. This could have been used to invest in services and facilities or reduce CT but has had to be used to prop up the revenue budget, along with £17m of reserves formerly prudently gathered up for one-off capital projects.
- We have had to raise CT by the maximum to maintain our core spending power as required by the government.
- All second homes CT premium is being allocated to housing initiatives. We are still the only council in England to do so.
- We will complete the Blubberhouses bypass scheme on the A59 so ending years of landslips leading to road closures, and we will introduce a lane rental scheme to speed up utility works

- We continue to prepare the Local Plan to deliver the government-imposed target of 4200+ houses every year outside the National Parks
- Maltkiln will deliver 3000+ houses – we will need more Maltkilns
- There is still a national shortage of qualified planning officers. In planning enforcement, we dealt with over 1900 cases last year including some successful court cases, one resulting in a fine of £25k and all our expenses paid.
- We have started 23 out of 32 Neighbourhood Plans with positive engagement in Malton / Norton, Hawes, Selby and Richmond.
- We will maintain the locality budget scheme at last year`s level.
- We continue to pursue double devo initiatives, notably Knaresborough market and Ripon City Council`s property
- You are welcome to attend Area Committees and / or ask your elected Member to raise matters on your behalf.
- We have produced electronic material about the budget for PC members <https://youtu.be/rdbwjCcPiDM> and content for the web www.northyorks.gov.uk/budgetPTC

7. Matters arising.

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

There has been some correspondence from NYC advising that they have updated the online map giving outline details of “call for sites” proposals which have been submitted. No action is required by RPC on this until NYC consult on sites later in the plan process.

b. Footpaths and hedges

- Riverside Footpath storm damage. Nothing received from the Environment Agency yet.
- Crow Bank Steps. Work on the new handrail is to commence early April.
- Bank Wood Footpath. Councillor Webster has reported the broken gate and other issues to NYC.

c. Linen Mill

Work to complete the reclaimed Copings on the Linen Mill walls has been completed. Following the removal of diseased trees last year, new ones will be planted this week.

d. Sports/Play Areas

Reports of dog fouling on the Playing Field have been received. Councillor Saxton cleared the area to reduce health risk. RESOLVED to monitor the situation.

e. Village Green

- East Side. Deadline given to the homeowner to repair the cobblestones has now passed. RESOLVED to write to the homeowner telling him we are seeking quotes to have the work done.
- Clock. The walkway has been completed giving safe access to the clock. RESOLVED to instruct repairs and to install warning signs to keep the area clear of debris.
- War Memorial Garden Conifers. RESOLVED to accept S Johnson Tree Services quotation to remove the conifers, including stump grinding.
- Grass cutting. RESOLVED to accept the quotation submitted by LRSS Groundworks Ltd.
- Church House Steps. Work to the handrail has been completed. RESOLVED to pay the final invoice.
- Sign Enforcement. RPC protocols regarding advertising on the Village Green have been given to interested parties. It is hoped permission will be sought before any signage is erected.
- Bench Memorial Plaque. The Clerk has drafted wording to be used on the memorial plaque and will seek agreement from the former residents prior to manufacture.
- Christmas Tree Lights. A report has been received with proposals for heavy duty Christmas Lighting for the Village Green. There is no access to a suitable power supply on the Village Green and no safe way of extending the lights to both sides of the road and across the access roads which run through the Green. It was RESOLVED to light only the Christmas Tree and release the reserve allocated for additional Christmas lights.

- ii. Village Green edging/kerbs. Reports have been received of vehicles parking partly on the kerbs of the Village Green which is causing considerable damage to the grass. RESOLVED to issue a request on Facebook that residents and visitors do not park on the grassed edges of the Green. Also RESOLVED to obtain quotations to reset some of the kerbs on the Village Green and install Grass-Crete blocks.
- iii. Litter pick. RESOLVED to ask the Scouts for dates they would be available to help with a litter pick in the Village.

f. **Speed limits signs**

Nothing to report.

The 'Slow' warning which was painted into the road at the top of Hutton Bank has worn away. It was RESOLVED to ask NYC Highways if priority signs, road narrowing warnings and 'slow' warning signs could be installed, also to seek assistance from NYC Councillor Hugill.

g. **Roadworks/repairs**

i. South Side/Goldie Hill. NYC have replied to our numerous emails, accepting the Wayleave Agreement. However, they still dispute their obligations. RESOLVED to write to NYC asking them to reconsider, or we will seek advice to invoke Clause 6 of the Agreement.

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>

ZB26/00026/FUL Levenside Farm, Skutterskelfe. Application to raise roof height following previous approval of 2/02832/FUL. RESOLVED to recommend approval.

ZB26/00087/MBN Brawith House, Tame Bridge, Stokesley. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling. RESOLVED no comment.

ZB26/00147/CAT 25 North Side, Hutton Rudby. Application for works to fell a tree and removal of a hedge in a conservation area. RESOLVED to recommend approval.

ZB26/00158/LBC Bay Horse Inn, 1 North Side, Hutton Rudby. Application for listed building consent for spanning cable onto the corner of the building and providing into the attic through a new drilled hole, fit a DCB unit in the attic, run approx. 5m of internal cable to their cab. RESOLVED no objection.

ZB26/00220/CAT Wynd House, The Wynd, Hutton Rudby. Application for works to remove and maintain numerous trees in line with recommendations from a preliminary arboricultural assessment dated 2020. RESOLVED no objection to works but would refer the Council to previous comments made by the Tree Office which said crown reduction was ineffective.

Decisions of North Yorkshire Planning

ZB25/02254/CAT Applegarth, 14 Enterpen, Hutton Rudby. Works to fell a tree in a conservation area. GRANTED

9. **IT/Website**

Final draft has been received. To review and circulate to Councillors.

10. **Staffing Committee**

Clerk has reported her change of name to The Council. The official documents have been submitted to relevant parties. Noted.

11. **Fireworks**

A meeting to review this year's event has been requested with the Cricket Club and Bar.

12. **Village Event**

Planning is underway for this years Event which is being held on Saturday 27th June. The first planning meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 16th March in The Hub.

Following a discussion, it was RESOLVED to order portable toilets and to subscribe to The Purple book. It was also RESOLVED that a booking fee will be charged to non-charity stallholders instead of asking for donations.

13. Remembrance Day Parade

Scouts have requested The Council's assistance in funding and organising the road closure for the Parade. RESOLVED to book Community TCM Ltd at the Council's expense.

14. Annual Meeting & Annual Assemblies – date

RESOLVED to hold the Annual Assemblies meeting on Monday April 13th and the Annual Meeting of The Parish Council on Monday May 11th.

15. Year End & Audit

- i. Insurance. Renewal is due end of May. RESOLVED that current sums insured remain adequate.
- ii. Auditor. Carol Banks has confirmed she is willing to continue as internal auditor. RESOLVED to reappoint Carol Banks as the Council's internal auditor for the 2025/26 financial year
- iii. Minute binding. In accordance with Legislative requirements Minutes should be bound and placed in archives. RESOLVED to bind minutes up to year ending 2023 and accept the quotation from Shaw & Sons Ltd to do so.

16. Accounts & Finance

Staff salary February 2026, paid in accordance with contract.

Staff Pension contribution paid in accordance with contract

Lebara Mobile Phone	£	5.00
Direct Business Supplies (Linen Mill access signs)	£	52.80
Design Display Ltd (Linen Mill signs)	£	175.20
Animal Story (Village Event)	£	575.00
AW Nicholson (Plot O47)	£	300.00
AR Entertainment (Deposit VE 27/6/27)	£	600.00
AL Robinson Building Ltd	£	10,332.96

Money received

Allotment No.26	£	24.00
Rea Funeral Service O81	£	930.00
Barthram & Son Ltd O47	£	1,205.00
Dales of Thirsk N76	£	135.00
Barclays Interest	£	173.59

Employers Summary

Noted

17. Correspondence for decision.

5 February 2026 Email NHS Campaign poster. RESOLVED not to display the posters.

17 February 2026 Email Resident regarding dog dirt at Station Lane Play Area. See item 7.d.

18. Correspondence for noting.

3 February 2026 Email 2025/26 Community Governance Review first phase recommendations. Councillor Mortimer reported that NYC's recommendations provided a resolution to the concerns which had been raised in RPC's submission.

10 February 2026 Email Parish Liaison – North Yorkshire Local Plan update

24 February 2026 Email LRNS Consultation Publication

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