



**Minutes of the Monthly Council Meeting of Huntington Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th
 June 2025 at 7:00pm**

PRESENT:	Councillor D. Geogheghan-Breen (DB) – Chair, Councillor D. Jobling (DJ), Councillor K. Orrell (KO), Councillor M. Duncanson (MD), Councillor S. Jobling (SJ), Councillor J. Willis (JW), three members of the Friends of Huntington Cemetery (FoHC), Ebony Frankland (EF) – Deputy Clerk and Lorraine Frankland (LF) - Parish Clerk/RFO
APOLOGIES:	Councillor S. Phoenix (SP)
CIRCULATION:	To attendees, apologies and other all members of the Parish Council
MINUTES PREPARED BY:	Lorraine Frankland
DATE (Draft):	19/05/24
DATE TO BE APPROVED:	17/05/23

ITEM		ACTION
25-26.29.	<u>To Note Apologies for Absence</u> No apologies received, although it was noted that SP was absent <u>It was resolved</u> to approve all apologies and reasons for absence.	
25-26.30.	<u>To Note Declaration of Interests</u> i) <u>To Receive Declarations of Personal, Prejudicial or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (not previously declared) on any Items of Business</u> Non-received	
25-26.31.	<u>To Consider Business from Members of the Public</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was raised that the construction traffic had parked near the cemetery gates before the allowed operating hours and that it had been stood for several hours "Dowse Haulage Ltd, FX65 KLE" MD has been contacted by a member of the public who lives in Keswick Way about the silver birches in the central grassed area, it was noted by the whole council that; the residents who live in Keswick Way all jointly own this private area of land, and that they have previously been given a hand delivered letter informing residents that the maintenance of this land is the responsibility of the residents who jointly share responsibility, this letter gave the details of the tree surgeon who has in the past maintained these trees, this a matter for the residents to collectively resolve. 	KO
25-26.32.	<u>Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held 21/05/25</u> The minutes of 21/05/25 were approved as a true and accurate record of said meeting signed and dated by the Chair.	LF
25-26.33.	<u>Policing and Security Matters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <u>To Note NY Polices update in regards to Crime figures</u> Crime figures have been circulated ii) <u>To Consider any other security related issues</u> There has been a report of Ball Games in the Play Area at Garth Road 	

25-26.34.

Finance and Policy Issues:i) To Consider the minutes of F& P Meeting 09/06/25

The minutes of F& P Meeting 09/06/25 were approved as a true and accurate record of said meeting signed and dated by the Chair.

ii) To Consider recommendations from F & P Meeting 09/06/25

Recommendation that; Huntington Parish Council agree to adopt all recommendations from the Internal Auditor, It was **Resolved** to **Approve**

Recommendation that; the Social Media Policy be adopted, It was **Resolved** to **Approve**

Recommendation that; Carrie Pillow be appointed at an hourly rate of £25, to help install the Scribe software, It was **Resolved** to **Approve**

iii) To Approve Annual Governance Statement

It was **Resolved** to **Approve**

iv) To Approve Accounting Statement (Annual Return 2024-2025)

It was **Resolved** to **Approve**

v) To Consider Grant Application from All Saints Church

It was **Resolved** to **Approve**

An application from All Saints Church for £2400

Purpose of the grant – to replace a bench which is located in the churchyard which has become in a poor and unsafe condition. This will be replaced by a bench constructed from recycled plastic (Ilkley recycled with back plus ground anchors). The existing compost of brickwork has collapsed and is not fit for purpose; we are proposing that we clear away the site of all damaged brickwork and rubble into a skip or other suitable facility. We would then construct a recycled plastic three bay compost holding area.

vi) To Note Monthly Bank Reconciliation Report

It was noted that there is a balance of £106869.7 (Note £12,942.80 of this is for Garth Road)

vii) To Approve Invoices Presented for Payment**INVOICES PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT 18 June 2025**

H Gill Tree Surgery	Bacs	Inv 2883		5400.00	
Canva	D.C.	Inv 04534-22715634 Annual Subscription		100.00	
Elkerlodge Service Ltd	Bacs	Inv 0542 Internal Audit		600.00	
JMS	Bacs	Grass Cutting open space Inv 957		966.08	
JMS	Bacs	Garden Scheme Inv 958		395.00	1361.08
Road Signs Direct	D.C.	Inv 30208 Poles for signs at Stratford Way		70.80	
UK Safety Store	D.C.	Inv 000122537 Signs for Stratford Way		18.28	
HMRC	Bacs	PAYE		1294.11	
Yorkshire Bank	Bacs	Bank Charges May 2025		12.80	
Staff Costs	Bacs/I	Salaries & Pensions		5,165.66	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				£14,022.73	
INCOME:					
Virgin Money	Bank	Gross Interest 07/07/25 statement 260	401.38		
Cemetery Transfer	Bacs	John Cliffe May	57.68		
Cemetery Transfer	Bacs	Income tax May	108.20		
Church Commissioners	Bacs	Returned SO for Allotments	125.00		
			£692.26		

Checked and approved by: Councillor M. Duncanson

There are two additional payments received today : £1800 Malton Marquee deposit , £15 City of York Council Bus Stop rent.

It was **Resolved** to **Approve**

viii) To Note Current Financial Situation

Noted

25-26.35.

Huntington Cemetery Committeei) Update on the management of the cemetery (clerks report)

- MD has met with H Gill and undertaken a survey of the Ash trees within the cemetery so that a scheme of works can be developed
- MD has undertaken a survey of the benches and found two in a poor state of repair; the families will be contacted for return of the plaque attached to the benches
- MD is meeting with Yorkshire Water about sending a crawler camera down the drains to locate their locations on 30/06/25
- MD is meeting with David to check the footpaths and to arrange for the relaying of some of the slabs and to remove the brackets of the broken benches
- The litter bin has a hole in it and this need replacing
- A person has been prosecuted for fly tipping and issued with a £300 fine by CoYC
- There has been four cremated remains interned and three burials
- A missing ornament from a grave has been reported to the Police
- Two new benches have been installed and need adding to the asset register
 - The meeting scheduled for 10/06/25 was inquorate and has been rescheduled for 02/07/25 .

NF

ii) To Note Current Financial Situation

- There remains £223,538.72 in the bank

25-26.36.

Asset Managementi) Open Agenda Item for Community Centres/Halls to present a reporta) Huntington Memorial Hall

- They have replaced some windows

b) Huntington Community Centre

- They have a new Pilates group who will have their first meeting on 30/06/25

c) Orchard Park Community Centre

- The leak on the pipes to the basin have been fixed
- They now need the stop tap repairing
- The back door has had another lock fitted
- New Pilates starting
- They may have a new treasurer

ii) To Receive Reports from those Councillors who have nomination rights to Outside Bodies:a) Huntington Sports and Social Club

- They are holding a meeting to look at grant funding for the Family Fun Area and may approach the parish council for funding

b) River Foss Society

- They are holding a presentation event with guest speakers at the Riverside Centre on Thursday 10/07/25 at 7pm

- 187-189 Huntington Road, York, YO31 9BP

c) Yorkshire L.C.A.

- DB asked if there had been any response to the appeal in the White Rose about the Topple Testing, DB to contact Haxby Clerk

DB

iii) To Receive Ward Update

- The Ward has funded:

An idolisation in the Community Worker

A community worker at All Saints

And Boxing at New Earswick Sports Club

The Summer scheme at Orchard Park

(LF asked SJ for the dates of the summer activities by York City Knights at Orchard Park)

SJ

- KO noted that there had been comments about the cycle lanes not being re-instated after the resurfacing work, this is because the road is no longer wide enough under new government guidelines.

Non-raised

Resolved that; this offer should be accepted and that the oaks be planted near to where the deceased ash and beech had been removed.

LF

25-26.38.

i) To Consider the installation of two benches at Orchard Park

It was **Resolved** to replace the two wooden benches with two of the recycled benches previous agreed by the Parish Council

ii) To Note any issues with regard to Street Cleaning

Non-raised

iii) To Discuss any other Issues relating to General Maintenance of Huntington Parish

Non-raised

iv) To Note any Footpaths, Highways and/or Traffic Issues

- KO enquired about progress with the VAS signage; it was **Resolved** that LF should chase this with the suppliers as a matter of urgency
- KO noted that the feedback on the new trial speed ramp adjacent to the primary school had been mostly positive
- DJ asked LF to report to CoYC the weight limit signage at the bottom of Mill Hill next to the pumping station was obscured by the over growing hedge again.

LF

LF

25-26.39.

Gala 2025

i) To Note Gala updates

- SJ is concerned that there is a lack of entertainment in the Marquee after several groups have dropped out.

25-26.40.

Parish Council Administration Issues

i) Dates for Diary: Planning Meeting 30/07/25 and 20/08/25 Amenities Meeting 02/09/25, Finance & Policy 08/09/25 and Cemetery Meeting 09/09/25, 09/12/25, 10/03/26

Noted

ii) To Consider YLCA Community Centre Training

It was **Resolved** that; EF and any councillors who want should attend this training.

25-26.41.

To Confirm Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Monthly meeting of Huntington Parish Council to be held Wednesday 16th July 2025 which commences at 7.00pm in Huntington Community Centre, Strensall Road, Huntington.

Meeting closed at 8:19pm