

# Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday 19 March 2025**  
**Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Peter Mitchell (Chairman), Cllr Mark Darwin, Cllr Angela Horner, Cllr Steve Lewis, Roger Clements (Clerk) plus one Member of the Public (Lizzie Wignall for CP&HS).

In the Absence of the Chairman, Cllr Mitchell took the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence
  - 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Andy Gale, Nigel Denison, Deidre Brown and Alyson Baker (North Yorkshire Council).
2. Co-option of Steve Lewis
  - 2.1. Steve made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the council.
3. Declarations of Interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
  - 3.1. No declarations were made.
4. Public Participation
  - 4.1. A question was asked about the limited street lighting at the western end of School Terrace. 'Ownership' of the street is important here and Clerk will check where the western end of the highway lies.
  - 4.2. Some trees were reported to be partially obstructing the river near the Swale bridge. Clerk will assess the issue.
5. Chairman's report
  - 5.1. Chairman made no report but welcomed Steve onto the council and hoped he would find the role rewarding.
6. News from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) – Cllr Baker was indisposed but had sent an email of current issues from which the Clerk would publish relevant extracts.
7. The minutes of the Council meetings held on 19 Feb 2025 & 5 Mar 2025 were accepted as true records and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
8. Clerk's report
  - 8.1. Main Street lamppost painting. An undercoat had been applied to the two galvanised posts - a topcoat was still to come.
  - 8.2. The council had a new computer and all previous problems with the old one had now vanished. A quiet 'Hurrah!' from the Clerk.
9. **Financial Matters**
10. Clerk's financial report
  - 10.1. £1,450 had been spent from the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy account.
  - 10.2. The end of FY 2024/25 outturn was expected to be circa £6.5k as per budget.
11. May Day event – available information suggested that the event was unlikely to go ahead. Chairman proposed that the Council grant up to £150 towards event expenses if the event were to run – **resolved**.
12. Purchase of a dog poop bag dispenser
  - 12.1. The dispenser type chosen at the previous meeting was found not to be suitable as it would involve frequent reloading with bags. The Chairman proposed that a more suitable dispenser at approximately £140 be purchased – **resolved**.
13. The account received was approved for payment:
  - 13.1. M Harland hedge flailing £72.00
14. **Matters for Consideration**
  - 14.1. Future of the Golden Lion
    - 14.1.1. LW provided a progress update from the Golden Lion Community Pub & Hub Society (CP&HS). The Society was completing and pricing structural and decorative surveys, in particular those to bring the kitchen back into use. Paper and social media surveys were continuing to draw in support and the list of skilled volunteers was growing.

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Registration of the CP&HS as a Community Benefit Society had been submitted but the process could not be completed within the Initial Moratorium period of 6 weeks. Chairman proposed that the Council should submit its prepared letter to NYC registering its 'interest to bid' for the Golden Lion, then pass this interest to the CP&HS once its process to be a Community Benefit Society was complete – **resolved**.

### 14.2. Village Emergency Plan

14.2.1. The initial draft of an emergency plan was discussed. Further details would be needed before the plan could be registered with the Easingwold & Villages Partnership.

14.3. RR11 gate and fence repair – an estimate was being prepared.

14.4. Bridleway fence repairs – the work was about to start. Closer inspection had revealed that a gate post had rotted through and some additional work at the east end of the fencing would be necessary.

14.5. Lych gate border

14.5.1. ND and PM had met with a contractor to discuss re-profiling and cutting back the base of the bank by about 1m. The flower planting on the bank was likely to be replaced with grass or a meadow flower mixture. Costs should be available at the next meeting.

## 15. Ongoing Issues

15.1. Cobbles project – Drury Lane improvements expected in April.

## 16. Planning Matters

### 17. Planning Decisions/information

17.1. Planning Application ZB25/00148/CAT, works to 5 trees in a Conservation Area at St Peter's Church of England school on School Terrace, Brafferton - **granted** by North Yorkshire Council.

17.2. Planning Application ZB25/00062/FUL, first floor extension, replacement roof and alterations to first floor and second floor layouts at The Post House, Main Street, Helperby – **granted** by North Yorkshire Council.

17.3. Planning Application ZB24/02113/FUL, proposed small porch extension, side extension and single storey rear extension at High Farm Cottages, Raskelf Road, Helperby - **granted** by North Yorkshire Council.

17.4. Planning Application ZB24/02089/OUT, outline application to consider access for the construction of 2 x self-build dwellings on land adjacent Telephone Exchange, Back Lane, Helperby - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council.

17.5. Planning Application ZB24/00913/FUL, proposed residential scheme for 8 units on land to the south of Raskelf Road, adjacent to Balk Avenue, Helperby - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council.

17.6. Planning Application ZB23/02384/FUL, proposed creation of a locally equipped play area at the Sports Ground, Back Lane, Helperby - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council (afternote **granted** on 20 Mar 25).

17.7. Planning Application ZB23/00771/OUT, outline planning application for 1 x dwelling with all matters reserved except access on land at Brafferton Manor, Brafferton – awaiting decision from North Yorkshire Council.

## 18. Closing Matters

19. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

19.1. Works to Bridge Street western end bank, south of St Peter's lych gate.

20. The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed as Wednesday 16 Apr 25

21. Council went into Closed Session to consider staff remuneration.