

Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 16 July 2025

Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Nigel Denison (Chairman), Cllr Peter Mitchell, Cllr Deidre Brown, Cllr Andy Gale, Cllr Steve Lewis, Roger Clements (Clerk) plus a member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence
 - 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Mark Darwin and Angela Horner.
2. Declarations of Interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
 - 2.1. None were declared.
3. Public Participation – no comments were made.
4. Comments from Councillors- no comments were made.
5. Chairman's report
 - 5.1. Bin collection problems had finally been resolved. Change of personnel at Hambleton Street Scene had caused collection issues but now collections are back to normal.
 - 5.2. The Boroughbridge Road closure have been extended to 18 July; recent rain had confirmed that drains clearance had not been carried out - Council would continue to press North Yorkshire Council (NYC) for action.
 - 5.3. He had attended a site meeting at the Sports Ground with representatives from the Helperby & Brafferton Recreation Trust, NYC Community Team, the North Yorkshire Sports Manager and the Helperby & Brafferton Sports Association, as negotiations to lease ground for a recreation area are close to a conclusion. NYC Highways had provided an estimate of £20k to construct a footpath from Back Lane to the Sports Ground entrance (Council efforts continue, to gain access to additional Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) cash to pay for this footpath).
 - 5.4. He will discuss with NYC, Area 2, Highways the puddle which forms on the corner of Hall Lane and Bridge Street during heavy rain. The puddle, once formed, is persistent and it forces children turning the corner to step into the road. He will seek action from Area 2 or authority to engage a local contractor.
6. News from North Yorkshire Council
 - 6.1. Cllr Baker was delayed at another meeting and did not expect to visit Helperby.
7. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 June 2025 were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
8. Clerk's report and correspondence
 - 8.1. Most actions from the last meeting were complete but to date no response had been received from the Pilmoor solar farm company regarding Community Benefit and a revised allotment agreement remained in preparation.
 - 8.2. Item of correspondence are included as agenda items below.
9. **Financial Matters**
10. Clerk's financial report
 - 10.1. On 30 June 25 account balances stood at: Current £5,752.73; Reserve £4,385.00 and CIL £12,004.15.
11. Boroughbridge library grant application – the application was reviewed and the Chairman proposed that a grant of £100 be made to Boroughbridge Library – **resolved**.
12. Yorkshire Air Ambulance grant application - the application was reviewed and the Chairman proposed that a grant of £100 be made to Yorkshire Air Ambulance – **resolved**.
13. Payment Card Purchases (PCP) and accounts received: no new PCP had been made, and no new invoices had been received.

14. Matters for Consideration

- 14.1. Wayleave Agreement Main Street, Helperby

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14.1.1. The Wayleave Agreement submitted by Northern Powergrid was considered.

Chairman proposed that the Wayleave agreement be approved and signed off by the Clerk – **resolved**.

14.2. Future of the Golden Lion – Chairman had received an update: share purchases now totalled more than £100k; the Golden Lion Community Asset Group (GL CAG) had manned a stand at the Feast where interest and share purchases continued to grow and a meeting with Sir Alec Shelbrooke MP was planned. The moratorium period ends on 13 Autumn so the CAG were widening their catchment area to locate more potential shareholders.

14.3. Remembrance Day Road Closure Arrangements Sunday 9 Nov 25

14.3.1. Community Road Traffic Management (CRTM) had been asked to provide a quotation for managing the road closure (the closure can only take place with such professional management). Cllr Steve Lewis agreed to undertake training by CRTM to enable him to form part of the closure team. Chairman proposed accepting the CRTM quotation of £210 (+VAT) - **resolved**. The Easingwold Town Band had confirmed their attendance at the service.

14.4. New Clerk recruitment

14.4.1. (following an accepted procedural motion by Cllr Peter Mitchell, this item was taken after item 1.1) Chairman announced that Mr A Whiting had been offered the position of Clerk to the Council wef 10 September 25 and has accepted the post. Following a handover, the current Clerk will retire on 30 September 25. Councillors welcomed Tony and hoped he would find the role interesting and rewarding.

14.5. Allotment fencing update – replacement fencing will be erected on plot BL 10 at the end of the current growing season.

14.6. Lych gate border

14.6.1. The border re-contouring and associated widening of Bridge Street is expected to take place in Sep/Oct 25. Friends of Bridge Street are approaching their pledged total of £4-5k for re-surfacing at the western end of Bridge Street. It is intended that the two projects will be carried out concurrently. He proposed that the Council approached Cllr Baker requesting a grant towards the Bridge Street works – **resolved**.

15. Ongoing Issues

15.1. Cobbles project – nothing to report.

16. Planning Matters

16.1. Planning Application ZB25/01010/FUL, change of use of acupuncture treatment room within existing garage at 10 Dunroyal Close to return the use to residential function – the application was **supported**.

17. Planning Decisions/information

17.1. Planning Application ZB25/01072/FUL, to form a parking area in the front garden and create larger area of accommodation in the garage with new opening to the front and rear elevations at 14 Dunroyal Close, Helperby - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council.

17.2. Planning Application ZB25/00954/FUL, proposed change of use of land for the siting of 24 holiday cabins (phase 2) at Brafferton Manor Farm, Brafferton Manor Station, Brafferton - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council.

17.3. Planning Application ZB25/00828/CAT, to remove 2 lower limbs on Cherry Tree at Toft House, Tofts Lane, 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 to the Telephone Exchange, Back Lane, Helperby - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council.

17.5. Planning Application ZB24/00913/FUL (amended), 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.

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- 17.6. 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.
- 17.7. Planning Application ZB25/00126/FUL, construction of 27 dwellings including associated infrastructure, open space and landscaping on land off Broad Ford Drive, Brafferton - awaiting decision from North Yorkshire Council.

18. Closing Matters

- 19. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting
 - 19.1. Removal of St Peter’s School banner from the Brafferton Pinfold.
- 20. The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed as Wednesday 20 August 25.