

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Mainprize (Chairman); Cllr M Stockill; Cllr H Tyson; Cllr N White; Cllr D Jeffels (NYC)
J Ingham CPFA (Clerk & RFO).

Apologies for absence: -

Absent: -

1560 Cllr Paul Mainprize opened the meeting and thanked members present for their attendance.

1561 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2025, were presented and were agreed as a true record.

1562 Matters arising: The Clerk reported on the letter sent to the Estate thanking them for their donation of the Christmas tree and the Council making a donation to St. Helen's Church. A reply has been received and it looks promising for the provision of a Christmas Tree in 2025.

1563 Declaration of Interest; None

1564 Open Forum –matters raised: -

- ❖ A report was received from the Chair of the Snainton Village Hall on recent events; a sum of some £2,000 had been raised at the recent Jumble Sale. The Chair was pleased to advise that the Hall has 'broken even' over the year. However internal fees/recharges for the use of the playing field are being increased to properly reflect the costs of their maintenance. The primary users have been advised that the Parish Council may consider grant aiding them.
- ❖ A parishioner advised that they had been approached about engraving on a headstone and they have advised the individual to contact the Council. (No contact yet)
- ❖ A report was given re fundraising for repairs/renovation of the 11th century Lychgate and associated matters with the graveyard, which is the responsibility of North Yorkshire Council (successors to Scarborough BC). There are a small number of Commonwealth War Graves in the graveyard. Particular concern was with the trees in the graveyard.
- ❖ A lively discussion on the installation of the village 'gates' with the chairman confirming that the Council was in the process of their installation. This led to a further discussion on using some of the council maintained verges to create wildflower sanctuaries. Whilst the 'triangle' of the A170 and Yedingham Rd were identified, the Council will need to consider their development and maintenance, mindful of any need to maintain visibility splays at certain road junctions. The core issue is that the cutting regime is so fundamentally different and the areas are left uncut for a large part of the summer, and some residents would prefer cut grass. The Council will consider this further.

1565 The Police report was received, and noted.

1566 North Yorkshire Council Member report: -

- ❖ Cllr Jeffels reiterated that his 'Locality Budget' is largely spent, and that it has been reduced for 2025/2026 and consequently he was prioritising schools.
- ❖ Cllr Jeffels reported that NYC were seeking judicial review of the allocation of Levelling Up funds.

1567 Flood prevention

- a) The Clerk reported on the progress with the Ryedale Flood Prevention Group and the forthcoming 'launch/promotion' event to be held in Snainton Village Hall on April 26th. A further report would be made to the April Parish Council meeting. The School are to be very involved. The Council is grateful to a parishioner without whom and their industrious endeavours one wonder what, if anything, would have happened with the grips on Nettledale Lane.
- b) The Council noted the progress with the Ryedale FPG and the report from the Clerk on the means to achieve the targeted objective from the RyeFPG and Snainton's needs.
- c) The works on Cliff Lane have been completed, and there are now 18 grips in Cliff Lane.

1568 Village Maintenance (incl. Biodiversity duty)

- a) The Chairman and Cllr M Stockill gave an update on the Village Gateway project. The 'gates' are completed. Cllr Mainprize reaffirmed that he will arrange installation by himself and Mr H Stockill, and other volunteers, once found.
- b) The Clerk reported on prices received from contractors for grass cutting 2025. *After consideration, the Council resolved to award the work to All Seasons Groundcare.*

1569 Planning applications : -

ZF24/01820/FL; conversion of stable block to form 1no. dwelling at South Lodge Farm, Green Lane, Snainton YO13 9BL Application withdrawn.

The Council noted that that the application has been withdrawn.

It was raised that the occupiers of South Lodge Farm have planted a beech hedge alongside Green Lane, and there was concern over its location (possibly on NYC land), and its future growth. NYC have been contacted and have said that they have no concern, and that the hedge is not on NYC land.

1570 Reading Room

The Clerk presented the proposed contract for the supply of Gas and Electricity to the Reading Room. *The Council, after discussion, resolved to approve the contract with British Gas for the supply of Gas and Electricity for the next 3 years.*

The Clerk advised that they are working on a list/schedule of works for the Reading Room to be approved at a later meeting.

1571 Financial Matters

The Clerk presented the Schedules of cheque payments for March 2025.

- *The Council resolved to approve the schedules of cheque payments for March 2025:-*

i) Administration etc.	£	703.46
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	201.50
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	0.00
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	0.00
v) Grants & Donations	£	0.00

1572 Correspondence

- Website contact emails;
 - Query re the purchase of a grave; resolved by the Clerk

1573 Training;

- ❖ The Clerk will be participating in the regular on-line Clerk's discussion forum and participating in the NYC Parish Councils Liaison group.

1574 Attendance at Outside meetings: -

- Report Back:
 - ❖ The Clerk advised that they had not been able to attend the Village Hall Committee meeting on Thurs 6th March

1575 Matters raised by Councillors for consideration at future Council meetings: -

- The Council asked the Clerk to research additional 'handymen' to undertake various tasks in the village.

Date and time of next meetings:

Monday	April 14 th	7:30 pm
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Monday	May 12 th	7:30 pm
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Annual Meeting of the Council

following the Annual Parish Assembly at 6:30 pm

Monday	June 9 th	7:30 pm
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Monday	July 14 th	7:30 pm
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