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**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held at The Rockingham Arms, Towton  
on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm.**

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

Present: Cllr T Fielden (Chairman), Cllr C Gallagher, Cllr H Matthews, Cllr G Barlow, Cllr D Wheeler and Mrs J Bedford, Clerk to the Council.  
Two members of the public present.

**MINUTES**

52/25 Apologies and approve reasons for absence.

**Apologies were received from Cllr P Fletcher and Cllr D Goodrick**

**Resolution: To accept the reasons for absence.**

53/25 Declarations of Interest and to approve any Dispensation Requests.

*It is a requirement in law, Localism Act (2011s31) that Council members declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.*

**None**

54/25 Matters of Public Participation.

**Residents expressed concerns about:**

- **The impact of a newly installed flagpole on the village's character.**
- **Frequent power outages in the area.**
- **Faded and damaged highway signs at village entrances.**

**Resolutions: The Parish Clerk will report the damaged road signs.**

55/25 Reports from other Authorities - County Councillor, Police.

**None in attendance.**

**Resolution: The Parish Clerk will follow up with the County Councillor regarding the previously verbally approved grant and copy in Cllr. Fielden.**

56/25 To approve the Minutes of previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 as a true and accurate record.

**Resolution: To approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.**

57/25 **Planning**

a) Applications to be considered since last meeting; acknowledged if date passed for consultation.

**None**

b) To consider any planning enforcement issues

**None**

**Resolution: The Parish Clerk will contact the homeowner regarding the flagpole.**

58/25 **To receive Representative Reports** - To receive updates and consider any further action:

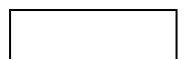
1 Allotment Committee

To include consideration of a rent review

**Council received an update from the committee:**

**Two of three returned plots have been relet, with the remaining ones advertised. If unlet, one may become a community plot.**

**A rent increase will take effect in October 2025. Plot holders have been informed, and Cllr. Gallagher will confirm the amount three months prior.**



Water is connected but turned off due to a leak; repairs are underway, and it will be switched on in April 2025. A padlock for the water box is still required but the project will be within budget.

**Resolution:** To Council approved the allotment rent amount for 2025/26.

2 Village Field Committee

Council received an update from the committee:

Bulbs have been planted, and the committee is exploring future events for the field. Discussions included the need for a backup grass-cutting plan and concerns over the access road's deterioration due to Yorkshire Water's heavy vehicles accessing the sewage plant.

**Resolution:** The Parish Clerk to write to Yorkshire Water requesting assistance with repairs.

3 Kirkby Wharfe Flood Group Committee

The Council was informed that the funds for flood works at Kirkby Wharfe have now been received from the Environment Agency.

**Resolution:** To approve a payment of £14,457.00, for materials for flood repair works.

4 Defibrillator Guardians

Council received an update from the guardians.

59/25 To consider potential actions regarding the recurring power cuts.

A discussion was held on the impacts, previous communications with Northern PowerGrid, and the data collected.

**Resolution:** The Parish Clerk will write to Northern PowerGrid customer services.

60/25 To consider whether to sign up to the average and fixed speed cameras for North Yorkshire (AFSC-NY) campaign group.

A discussion took place, while there was support for a camera at the 60mph to 30mph transition into the village, there was a general reluctance towards a full fixed camera program without a balanced, common-sense approach.

**Resolution:** Cllr Wheeler will join the group.

61/25 **Regulatory & Financial Matters**

1. To note receipts, bank reconciliation, authorise payments and confirm DD/SOs.

**Bank Balances on account (28/01/25): Community Current Account, £53,196.84 and Business Premium Account, £17,163.34. The Council noted the receipts, confirmed the direct debit and authorised the schedule of payments.**

**Receipts since last meeting**

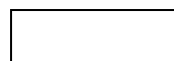
Date	Cost centre	Payee	Net	Gross
16/12/24	Allotments	Allotment rent		£85.00
24/12/24	Allotments	Allotment rent		£50.00
08/01/24	KWFG	North Yorkshire Council - Environment Agency Fund		£47,162.08
08/01/24	Allotments	Allotment rent		£85.00

**Direct Debits & Standing orders.**

Date	Cost centre	Payee	Net	Gross
16/12/24	Loan	Public Works Loan - Instalment 2 of 2		£2320.40

2. To approve the Schedule of Payments to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

Date	Cost centre	Payee	Net	Gross
06/02/25	Salaries	Clerk Salary – Q4 salary		£344.76
06/02/25	IT	Website hosting and email	£154.38	£185.26
06/02/25	Insurance	Annual Insurance premium	£443.96	
06/02/25	KWFG	Flood defence works	£14,457.00	£17,348.40



3. To consider the transfer of funds from the current to savings account.

**Resolution: To relocate £30,000 from the current to savings account. Cllr Fielden to action.**

62/25 To note correspondence received not discussed elsewhere on this agenda.

**The Clerk noted correspondence received regarding VE Day 2025 and the North Yorkshire Local Plan.**

63/25 To note agenda items for the next meeting.

**The salt bin for The Stables, which has been previously approved. The Parish Clerk will obtain price quotes.**

64/25 To confirm date and time of next meeting.

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm**

The Meeting closed at 9.01pm

Chairman's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

