

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre
18th February 2025 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: P. Nottage (Chairman), C. Bilson, N. Madden, F. Johnston-Banks, E. Whiteside, R. Varney, S. Shepherd, K. Butcher

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

24/167	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from County Councillor Knapton and Councillors Buckle and Barnes and reasons given approved.
24/168	No members of the public were present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.
24/169	NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE An electronic update was received from North Yorkshire Police. It was AGREED that the Clerk should thank the police for the narrative and ask if there is anything that Easingwold Town Council can do to help gain extra resources. It was AGREED that the Clerk should request confirmation of the specific area the police are patrolling in Millfields and ask that the Town Centre be included in the patrols.
24/170	MINUTES The minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council of January 21st, 2025, were received and approved.
24/171	CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The white lines on the mini roundabout on the junctions of Long Street, York Road and Stillington Road have been reported to Highways and put on the schedule of works to be undertaken in Spring The Clerk contacted NY Police to request regular updates/attendance at meetings and NY police confirmed that despite staff shortages they will endeavour to provide attendance/reports The lighting in Millfields will be installed shortly The Town Centre Improvement plan has been sent to all councillors An email was sent to NYC to accept their offer of payment for the 2025 season An email was sent to Springhill Court to refuse their request for funding for seated yoga An email was sent to Easingwold Scouts to approve their request for dates for the Fireworks Spectacular in 2025 An email was sent to Easingwold Running Club to approve their request for a donation and to commit to a sum of £400 <p>It was AGREED that the Clerk and Councillor Nottage should approve works for the sink hole by email under delegated authority. It was also AGREED that the Clerk should contact Paul Crosby to enquire about the yellow line markings on the adjoining road.</p>
24/172	ACTION PLAN The Action Plan was received.
24/173	NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL No member of NYC was present, but Councillor Nottage provided an update of his meeting with NYC Executive Director Karl Battersby and NYC Councillor Knapton. A review of car parking arrangements was being undertaken by NYC focussed on Market Towns and ETC would be consulted. Councillor Johnston-Banks requested that NYC monitor their road repair/closure signage more effectively as signs are being left up displaying incorrect or out of date information. It was AGREED that the Clerk should request information about the rules and regulations on parking controls from Cllr Nigel Knapton.
24/174	COMMITTEE REPORTS & MATTERS 174.1 The minutes of the Operations Committee meeting of 20 th January 2025 were received and approved and the draft minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee meeting on the 17 th February 2025 were received. 174.2 An update on the Chase Garth Working Group was received from Councillor Whiteside regarding the Basketball Court. It was AGREED that the rampant ivy could be cut back in Chase Garth. Councillor Varney provided an update on the Town Centre Working Group, and it was AGREED to approve the quote from Paul Webb regarding painting the buttercross and to paint it black and gold. It was AGREED

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	that an urgent site visit is required with an NYC engineer and a senior member of NYC regarding the sink hole.		
24/175	STANDING ORDERS The revised Standing Orders were received, and it was RESOLVED to approve them.		
24/176	POLICIES 176.1 The draft Privacy Policies were received, and it was RESOLVED to approve them with one amendment on the Staff Privacy Policy. 176.2 The draft Co-option Policy was received and it was RESOLVED to approve it subject to a number of amendments after confirmation on the legal/procedural details with Electoral Services.		
24/177	CORRESPONDENCE a) Correspondence for decision		
	Correspondence for Decision February 2025		
	No.	Date Received	Request From
	1.	24/01/2025	Classic Car Club
	2.	28/01/2025	EDCCA
	3.	10/02/2025	Great British Spring Clean
	4.	11/02/2025	Royal British Legion
	5.	11/02/2025	Easingwold Tractor run
	To note – was circulated prior to the meeting		
24/178	FINANCE MATTERS 178.1 The income from previous month and the Income & Expenditure Report for 31 st January 2025 were noted. 178.2 The accounts for payment were approved: EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS FEBRUARY 2025		
	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid
	J Hudson	BP250201	1750
	NY Pension Fund X3300	BP250202	991.61
	HM Revenue & Customs	BP250203	692.14
	Salary 2	BP250204	642.74
	Salary 1	BP250205	2039.64
	M E Willis	BP250206	58.32
			Transaction Detail
			Market Stalls contract
			Superannuation
			Tax & NI
			Salary 2
			Salary 1 & subscriptions
			Miscellaneous O/S costs

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	Playworks	BP250207	15323.55	Claypenny Park refreshment
	Wallgate Ltd	BP250208	917.71	Annual service cover
	BATA	BP250209	426.92	Various Misc O/S items
	Easingwold Town Hall Co Ltd		33	Advertisement
		BP250210		
	Smith of Derby Ltd	BP250211	1544.4	Supply & install a new PIC Unit
	Welcoms	BP250212	82.39	Wifi
	The George Hotel	BP250213	200	Friendliness tea
	A Nelson	BP250214	2028	Misc Works Contract
	G H Brooks	BP250215	74.29	Concrete
	SSE Energy Solutions	BP250216	690.13	Electricity Toilets
	R B Handyman	BP250217	813.57	Handyman work to include benches, toilets, allotments & park work
	A & M Cleaning	BP250218	1135.97	Cleaning toilets
	Total Payments		29444.38	
24/179	VIBRANT & SUSTAINABLE HIGH STREET FUNDING An email regarding Vibrant & Sustainable High Street Funding was received and it was RESOLVED to create a small working group to include Councillors Varney, Nottage, Bilson, Johnston-Banks and Leah Follington (Wold Class) to explore the funding opportunities available. It was AGREED that Councillor Johnston-Banks would contact Leah Follington to set up the group and also to gather information on the business premises that are presently unoccupied.			
24/180	CCTV The CCTV proposal from Councillors Barnes and Whiteside was received and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Whiteside should send a one-page summary to NYC to contribute to their review into CCTV systems and to ensure, as far as possible, that Easingwold is linked into their system/provision.			
24/181	RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR The resignation of Councillor Sparrow was received, and it was AGREED that the Clerk contact Electoral Services regarding legal requirements and next steps.			
24/182	GENTS TOILETS A quote was received for the gent's toilet refurbishment, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk and Councillor Varney should review the quote for inclusion in the March council meeting.			
24/183	TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE Requirements and actions to be taken included the lights on the town clock, it was AGREED that Councillor Whiteside would inspect the clock to see if adjustments were possible. The light is loose on its mounting on the belisha beacon at the primary school. There are piles of twigs in Lime Tree Avenue that need removing.			
24/184	EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE There was no emergency expenditure actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting.			
24/185	PLANNING MATTERS <u><i>This item was taken at 8.00pm</i></u> 185.1 The Town Council's response to planning applications received was approved			
		Ref No	Application details	Address

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a	ZB25/0079/FUL	Single storey side extension NO OBJECTIONS	4 Buckden Close Easingwold
b	ZB25/00087/FUL	Two storey side extension to existing dwelling, replacing the existing adjoining garage. Construction of a detached single storey garage. Wish to see REFUSED on the grounds that there is a loss of amenity, and the materials proposed for the garage are not in keeping with the rest of the estate. Easingwold Town Council encourages NYC to take into account the thorough, detailed objections submitted by the 3 neighbours.	4 Lime Tree Avenue Easingwold
c	ZB25/00101/FUL	Proposed side extension to the Presbytery Wish to see APPROVED	St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Hall 151 Long Street
d	ZB25/00120/CAT	Works to a Group of Trees in Conservation Area - Town centre tree works Wish to see APPROVED	Easingwold Town Council Town Centre Market Place
e	ZB25/00168/CAT	Works to a Group of Trees in Conservation Area - Memorial Park Tree Works Wish to see APPROVED	Easingwold Town Council
f	ZB25/00007/FUL	Application for a two-storey side extension and alterations to existing dwelling Councillor Bilson declared an interest as a neighbour NO OBJECTIONS	Kellgarth Spring Street
185.2 Decision on planning applications considered by North Yorkshire Council and total of applications for new dwellings approved were noted.			

The meeting closed at 20.30