

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre**  
**17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors: P. Nottage (Chairman), C. Barnes (Vice-Chairman), N. Madden, F. Johnston-Banks, E. Whiteside, K. Butcher, I. Buckle. S. Shepherd, R. Varney, C. Bilson and North Yorkshire Councillor Knapton

**Clerk:** Mrs J. Bentley

<b>25/39</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> All members were present therefore there were no apologies.
<b>25/40</b>	No members of the public were present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.
<b>25/41</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council of 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 were received and approved.
<b>25/42</b>	<b>CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sink hole has been repaired, and Sir Alec Shelbrooke has agreed to move the issue of responsibility forward with Yorkshire Water and North Yorkshire Council. The Clerk has forwarded all correspondence to Sir Alec Shelbrooke</li> <li>The ivy and foliage have been removed from the toilet block and the area paved</li> <li>The refurbishment of the gents' toilets has been completed</li> <li>The re-siting of the benches in the Memorial Park has been completed</li> <li>A response was sent to the organisers of Rockin' All Over the Wold to approve their request for a donation of £450 with the proviso that the contribution of the council be acknowledged in advertising materials</li> <li>The AGAR and accompanying materials have been submitted on 21<sup>st</sup> May to PKF Littlejohn LLP to comply with the statutory deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025</li> <li>The Clerk has requested funding for the Friendliness Initiative from the NYC Locality Budget</li> <li>The lock on the disabled toilet has been mended by the Handyman</li> </ul>
<b>25/43</b>	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE</b> An electronic update was received from North Yorkshire Police.
<b>25/44</b>	<b>CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR</b> Two candidates were welcomed individually for the casual vacancy and their applications were discussed with them.
<b>25/45</b>	1 member of the public was excluded under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for item 8 & 9 due to the confidential nature of the business.
<b>25/46</b>	<b>CO-OPTED CANDIDATES</b> The discussions with the co-opted candidates were reviewed.
<b>25/47</b>	<b>CO-OPTED CANDIDATES</b> Councillor Buckle resigned as a councillor and was co-opted onto the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee and the Chase Garth Working Group. The casual vacancy was put to the vote and David Bream was elected after receiving 5 votes to Kay Colwell's 4. It was <b>AGREED</b> to co-opt Kay Colwell to the Operations Committee. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should verify the co-option process with Democratic Services.
<b>25/48</b>	<b>ACTION PLAN</b> The action plan was received, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to add the Sustrans bench to the Social & Events Committee, under the Operations Committee to alter the Windross Square EV location to the marketplace and remove the item of locks on toilets. Under the Recreation & Open Spaces to remove the horseshoe hole item, the rusty bin item, and to alter the stoning of the link path to include the length of Jacko's Way from North Gate to the start of the main footpath.
<b>25/49</b>	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL</b> An update on North Yorkshire Council was received from County Councillor Knapton. There is no further progress on EV and it was <b>AGREED</b> to involve Sir Alec Shelbrooke in the process to move it forward. Councillor Malcolm Taylor has been made Cabinet Member for Highways. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should contact Highways and request an update meeting to discuss the roadworks schedule and invite Councillor Taylor to the meeting.

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25/50	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS &amp; MATTERS</b> 50.1 The minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee meeting from the 19th of May were received and approved and the minutes of the Social & Events Committee meeting on the 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 were received. 50.2 Councillor Bilson provided an update on the Millfields Working Group, and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should reconfirm with North Yorkshire Council that the Giant Hogweed is being dealt with as a matter of urgency. Councillor Varney provided an update on the Town Centre Working Group and the Memorial Park Working Group. Councillor Buckle provided an update on the Chase Garth Working Group.															
25/51	<b>LOCAL PLAN</b> Easingwold Town Council’s response to North Yorkshire’s Local Plan was considered and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to request a day’s extension so that the response may be approved at the next full council meeting on the 15 <sup>th</sup> July. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Johnston-Banks would lead the response and circulate draft responses to the rest of the council for approval at the next council meeting. It was <b>AGREED</b> the Clerk would re-circulate Easingwold Town Council’s response to the previous Hambleton District Plan to the council.															
25/52	<b>ADOPTION OF A BT PHONE BOX ON UPPLEBY</b> The adoption of a BT phone box sited on Uppleby was considered and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Easingwold Town Council do not wish to adopt it.															
25/53	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> a) Correspondence for decision															
	<b>Correspondence for Decision: June 2025</b>															
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Request From</b>	<b>Request</b>												
	1.	27/05/2025	Royal British Legion	VJ Day August 15 <sup>th</sup> , request to fund the Piper, Bugler and Advertising and to lay a wreath; request <b>approved</b> and it was <b>agreed</b> that Councillor Barnes would lay the wreath.												
	2.	30/05/2025	Royal British Legion	VJ Day August 15 <sup>th</sup> ; request for the council to consider hosting a street party; it was <b>agreed</b> that Easingwold Town Council supports the event in principle and would consider a donation but does not have the capacity to organise a street party but would recommend that the RBL approach the Galtres Management Committee, the Air Cadets, the Scouts, EDCCA and the Business Forum												
	To note – was circulated prior to the meeting. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should respond to the request regarding the Neighbourhood Plan from the YLCA.															
25/54	<b>EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE</b> Emergency expenditure to be actioned by the Clerk included the authorisation of £100 for a tree survey on the ash tree in Millfields															
25/55	<b>FINANCE MATTERS</b> 55.1 The income from previous month and the Income & Expenditure Report for 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025 were noted. 55.2 The accounts for payment (list circulated prior to the meeting) were approved.  <b>EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS JUNE 2025</b> <table><tr><th>Payee Name</th><th>Reference</th><th>Amount Paid</th><th>Transaction Detail</th></tr><tr><td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td><td>BP250601</td><td>817.41</td><td>Tax &amp; NI</td></tr><tr><td>NY Pension Fund X3300</td><td>BP250602</td><td>1046.02</td><td>Superannuation</td></tr></table>				Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail	HM Revenue & Customs	BP250601	817.41	Tax & NI	NY Pension Fund X3300	BP250602	1046.02	Superannuation
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	Salary 2	BP250603	608.89	Salary 2 plus expenses
	Salary 1	BP250604	2154.58	Salary and expenses
	Leaf Groundcare Ltd	BP250605	588.00	Extra days for paving
	SSE Energy Solutions	BP250606	197.99	Electricity toilets
	The George Hotel	BP250607	180.00	Friendliness tea
	J Hudson	BP250608	1750.00	Market stalls contract
	Rockin' All Over the Wold	BP250609	450.00	Donation
	Welcoms	BP250610	86.84	Wifi
	G H Brooks	BP250611	140.01	Concrete & TC
	P & S Atkinson	BP250612	14112.00	Millfields Lighting
	M E Willis	BP250613	822.79	Various
	BATA	BP250614	187.99	Summer flower
	Earley Ornaments	BP250615	1380.60	Summer flowers
	CE & CM Walker Ltd	BP250616	2388.00	Grass cutting
	J Tate Ltd	BP250617	960.00	Millfields work
	HAGS-SMP LTD	BP250618	2886.00	Retention invoice
	Top Cut Tree Services	BP250619	2495.00	General tree work
	Easingwold Town Hall Co Ltd	BP250620	171.60	Adverts
	A Nelson	BP250621	2566.00	Misc Works Contract
	A& M Cleaning	BP250622	1282.93	Cleaning toilets
	R Hannaway	BP250623	700.00	Benches, toilets, parks, bike racks
	G H Brooks	BP250624	66.67	Postcrete
	T Bentley	BP250625	195.00	Benches Memorial Park
	<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>38234.32</b>	
	55.3 No other matters were considered.			
<b>25/56</b>	<b>TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</b> Requirements and actions to be taken include loose posts by the Curious Coffee Company on the bird's eye fence, to remove branches and clothes on top of the bandstand and to issue a notice to say keep off the grass when the seeds are sown in the Memorial Park.			
<b>25/57</b>	<b>PLAYGROUND ANNUAL INSPECTION QUOTES</b> Quotes for the annual playground inspections were received, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept GB Sport and Leisure's quote.			
<b>25/58</b>	<b>YLCA BRANCH MEETING</b> An email was received from the YLCA.			
<b>26/59</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b> <b><i>This item was taken at 8.00pm</i></b> 59.1 The Town Council's response to planning applications received was considered and approved:			
	<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Application details</b>	<b>Address</b>	
	a	ZB25/00907/LBC	Application for Listed Building consent for alterations of a listed Building. The East-facing gable parapet has undergone repair using materials and form in breach of the protection of the listed building. This proposal is to return the	
			Ainsty House 38 Uppleby Easingwold York	

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		parapet to its pre-existing form using stone copings. See 24/00351/CAT2.  Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b>	
b	ZB25/00941/CAT	T1 Cherry - Crown reduce height by 2-2.5m and spread by 1.5-2m  Wish to see <b>REFUSED</b> , following NYC advice	Invergarry 14 Bonneycroft Lane Easingwold
c	ZB25/01037/CAT	Application for Tree Works: Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area: 3 small/medium sycamore trees to be reduced in overall height and width by a total of 30%  <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	Tiddlywinks Easingwold Limited Galtres House Chapel Street Easingwold
59.2 Decisions on planning applications considered by Hambleton District Council and total of applications for new dwellings approved were noted.			

The meeting closed at 21.30