

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre
15th July 2025 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: P. Nottage (Chairman), N. Madden, F. Johnston-Banks, E. Whiteside, K. Butcher, R. Varney, C. Bilson, D. Bream, Assistant Clerk J. Fairbrother and North Yorkshire Councillor N.Knapton

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

25/60	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillors Barnes and Shepherd and reasons for absence approved.
25/61	1 member of the public was present and no questions were asked therefore the meeting was not adjourned.
25/62	MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of the Council of 17 th June 2025 were received and approved.
25/63	CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk contacted Highways on 23rd June to request an update meeting regarding the roadworks schedule and is awaiting a response Leaf Ground Care is dealing with the Giant Hogweed and Councillor Bilson has put hazard tape around the area to alert the public The Clerk confirmed the arrangements with the RBL for VJ day The Clerk confirmed to the RBL that it does not have capacity to hold a street party for VJ Day but identified potential bodies that may be able to GB Sport & Leisure's quote for the annual playground inspections has been accepted Councillor David Bream's email has been created The Clerk has confirmed that Easingwold Town Council does not wish to adopt the BT phone box
25/64	NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE An electronic update was received from North Yorkshire Police. It was AGREED to thank PCSO Nikki Pounder and to request a more detailed narrative especially as the violent crimes figure seems high at 15 incidents. It was AGREED to also query the 0 drugs figure. It was AGREED that the Clerk should put the Police surgery times on Facebook.
25/65	CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda after item 25/62. It was proposed by Councillor Nottage that Kay Colwell be co-opted as a councillor, and she was duly elected unanimously.
25/66	ACTION PLAN The action plan was received and updated, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should note in the asset register that a bruschcutter is located with Shaun Robson
25/67	LOCAL PLAN Easingwold Town Council's draft response to North Yorkshire's Local Plan was considered and it was RESOLVED to approve it. The Chairman gave thanks to Councillor Johnston-Banks for his work on the response. It was AGREED that the Clerk would send the response on the 16 th July.
25/68	NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda after the Co-option item. It was AGREED that Councillor Knapton would investigate the status of the funding for the new Culvert on Millfield Lane and the status of the planning permission for Thornton's in Windross Square. There has been no further progress on Clayton's shop, EV or Redrow footpath. It was AGREED that the Clerk should put the roadworks schedule on Facebook.
25/69	COMMITTEE REPORTS & MATTERS 69.1 The minutes of the Social & Events Committee meeting from the 16 th of June were received and approved and the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting on the 14 th July 2025 were received. It was AGREED that cones, the bench and the 3 extra planters should be added to the Operations Action Plan. The quote for 3 extra planters for £1272.78 excluding VAT was approved 69.2 Updates from the Working Groups were received: Councillor Varney provided an update on the Memorial Park Working Group, work will begin on the hedges. Councillor Varney provided an update on the Town Centre Working Group confirming work will begin on the market cross renovation, Councillor Bilson

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	provided an update on Drovers Court and it was AGREED that the diseased tree should be felled as a matter of urgency. Councillor Whiteside provided an update on the Chase Garth Working Group and it was AGREED that the Clerk should ask the handyman to put the Veteran Oak sign up again, the group is awaiting the results of a VALID assessment on the Veteran Oak and a quote for the basketball court. Councillor Bilson provided an update on the Millfields working group and Councillor Bream confirmed that he was trained in brushcutting and emergency first aid.			
25/70	CORRESPONDENCE			
	a) Correspondence for decision			
	Correspondence for Decision: July 2025			
	No.	Date Received	Request From	Request
	1.	07/07/2025	Easingwold Running Club	NYC Community Awards; approved and it was agreed that the Clerk should work with Colin Fletcher.
	2.	08/07/2025	Easingwold Parish Churchyard	Request for contribution; £3000 approved.
	To note – to be circulated prior to the meeting.			
25/71	MAYOR'S HIGH STREET FUND. Councillor Nottage provided an update on potential projects to be submitted and the proposal was agreed unanimously.			
25/72	EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE Emergency expenditure actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting included £324.00 to unblock the toilet drains and £120 for a VALID assessment on the Veteran Oak.			
25/73	FINANCE MATTERS			
	73.1 The income from previous month and the Income & Expenditure Report for 30 th June 2025 were noted.			
	73.2 The accounts for payment were approved.			
	EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL LIST OF PAYMENTS JULY 2025			
	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
	Joe Hudson	BP250701	1750.00	Stalls contract
	HM Revenue & Customs	BP250702	1128.21	Tax & NI
	NY Pension Fund X3300	BP250703	1046.02	Superannuation
	J Bentley	BP250704	1938.04	Salary & Expenses
	Salary 2	BP250705	371.54	Salary 2
	DA & SM Widd	BP250706	623.99	Stalls storage x 3 months
	NYCC	BP250707	418.49	Litter Bin siting
	Acorn Festive Lights Ltd	BP250708	4055.16	Storage & repair Xmas lights
	North Yorkshire Council	BP250709	250.00	Visit Easingwold Leaflet
	YLCA	BP250710	36.50	Training JB
	P.S.W Home Improvements	BP250711	2396.87	Refurbishing toilets
	The George Hotel	BP250712	180.00	Friendliness tea
	J Tate Ltd	BP250713	960.00	Millfields Maintenance
	ALCC	BP250714	100.00	2 x membership

The meeting closed at 20.30

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