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 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						
	• The Clerk contacted Highways on 23 rd 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						
25/01	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 pu						
	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						
25/68	response. It was AGREED that the Clerk would send the response on the 16 th July. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL						
25/00	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 16th of June were received and						
	approved and the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting on the 14th 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

Corr	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 30th 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

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Leaf Groundcare Ltd	BP250715	293.40	Millfields & Giant
			Hogweed
BATA	BP250716	8.90	Gate spring
Welcoms	BP250717	82.39	Wifi expenditure
CE & CM Walker Ltd	BP250718	2388.00	Grass cutting
Elliott Consultancy Ltd	BP250719	1080.00	Tree surveys
Easingwold Town Hall Co	BP250720	66.00	Adverts
Ltd			
Andrew Nelson	BP250721	2832.00	Misc Works Contract
A & M Cleaning Services	BP250722	1422.10	Cleaning toilets
G H Brooks	BP250723	41.68	Postcrete for the market
			place
Total		23469.29	

73.3 There were no other matters to consider.

25/74 TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Requirements and actions to be taken included putting the sign back by the Veteran Oak.

25/75 PLANNING MATTERS

This item was taken at 8.00pm

75.1 The Town Council response to planning applications received was considered and approved.

	Ref No	Application details	
а	ZB25/01094/FUL	Application for replacement of the front elevation bay window NO OBJECTIONS	4 The Crescent, Market Place, Easingwold
b	ZB25/00493/FUL	Proposed change of use of land at Woodbine Farm to York Birds of Prey Centre involving the construction of timber avaries a reception building and café, conservation room and toilet block with associated car parking, access and landscaping Wish to see APPROVED	Land at Woodbine Farm, York Road
С	ZB25/00979/LBC	Application for Listed Building consent to form new coffee shop windows with awning over for takeaway service NO OBJECTIONS	The Curious Table 2 Market House Market Place
d	ZB25/00978/FUL	Application to form new coffee shop windows with awning over for takeaway service NO OBJECTIONS provided that a satisfactory queuing system is put in place to avoid congestion on the pavement	The Curious Table 2 Market House Market Place
e	ZB25/01216/MBN	Change of use and conversion of the existing agricultural barn to form 2 no two bed dwellinghouses NO OBJECTIONS	Low Shires Farm Easingwold YO61 3PF

75.2 Decisions on planning applications considered by Hambleton District Council and total of applications for new dwellings approved were noted.

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