

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

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

**Clerk:** Mrs J. Bentley

<b>25/76</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> All members were present therefore there were no apologies.
<b>25/77</b>	It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments and representations through the Chairman in respect of the business on the agenda. 2 members of the public were present, and no questions were asked.
<b>25/78</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Council of 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 were received and approved.
<b>25/79</b>	<b>CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk sent Easingwold Town Council's response to NYC's Local Plan on the 16<sup>th</sup> July and receipt was confirmed by NYC</li> <li>Greg Milburn will fell the diseased sycamore tree in Drovers Court</li> <li>The Park Run has been entered for the NYC Community Awards</li> <li>The £3000 contribution has been paid to Easingwold Parish Churchyard</li> <li>The Clerk has requested that the Handyman put back the sign for the Veteran Oak</li> <li>The application for the Mayor's High Street Fund has been submitted. The Council acknowledged the work done by Di Watkins in submitting the application and in particular the very significant contributions from Andrew and Andrea Hayes who led the whole project with drive and determination!</li> </ul>
<b>25/80</b>	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE</b> An electronic update was received from North Yorkshire Police. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should request further information regarding anti-social behaviour and concern for safety. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should put details of the community surgery on facebook.
<b>25/81</b>	<b>ACTION PLAN</b> The action plan was received, and it was it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Emergency Plan should be added to the agenda of the next Operations Committee meeting. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should follow up the sink hole with the MP and to put the trauma bag and the defibrillator information on facebook.
<b>25/82</b>	<b>ALLOTMENTS</b> A proposal was received from Councillor Varney regarding allotments, and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the site should be cleared initially and then a tip licence obtained for the Miscellaneous Works Contractor and that in future Town Council waste should only be stored on a temporary basis at the allotment pending disposal at the tip as soon as possible.
<b>25/83</b>	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL</b> An update was received from Councillor Knapton.
<b>25/84</b>	<b>PRECEPT 2025/6</b> The letter was received from NYC, and it was agreed that the same process for determining the precept would be followed as in 2024/25.
<b>25/85</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS &amp; MATTERS</b> 85.1 The minutes of the Operations Committee meeting from the 14 <sup>th</sup> of July were received and approved and the minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee meeting of the 18 <sup>th</sup> of August were received. 85.2 Councillor Varney provided an update on the Memorial Park Working Group, it was <b>AGREED</b> that two bollards should be placed on the car park outside the toilets in front of the proposed site for the bench. Councillor Colwell is aiming to set up a Long Street Working Group. Councillor Whiteside provided an update on the Chase Garth Working Group, Councillor Barnes provided an update on the VJ day celebrations, and the EV charger project and it was <b>AGREED</b> to go ahead with the EV charger project.
<b>25/86</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>

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	a) Correspondence for decision			
	<b>Correspondence for Decision: August 2025</b>			
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Request From</b>	<b>Request</b>
	1.	04/08/2025	Royal British Legion	Wreath for Remembrance Sunday; <b>approved</b>
	To note – was circulated prior to the meeting.			
<b>25/87</b>	<b>IT</b> 87.1 An email from Puro regarding payment plans was received and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay for November and December. 87.2 An email was received from HCI data, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to transfer the registrar of the domain name. 87.3 An email was received from Computer Courage, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the council should move emails to Microsoft 365. 87.4 Recommendations were received from Councillor Whiteside regarding managing emails and the domain name and <b>AGREED</b> .			
<b>25/88</b>	<b>EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE</b> Emergency expenditure actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting included £525 to fell a sycamore tree, £640 to fell a silver birch and £90 to remove a limb from the blue cedar tree in Larch Rise.			
<b>25/89</b>	<b>FINANCE MATTERS</b> 89.1 The income from previous month and the Income & Expenditure Report for 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 were noted. It was agreed to transfer £50 from code 4095 to the appropriate code. 89.2 The accounts for payment were approved:			
	<b>EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS AUGUST 2025</b>			
	<b>Payee Name</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Transaction Detail</b>
	Tree & Conifer Removal	BP250801	90.00	Larch Rise tree
	J Hudson	BP250802	1750.00	Stalls contract
	HM Revenue & Customs	BP250803	1114.25	Tax & NI
	NY Pension Fund X3300	BP250804	1181.62	Superannuation
	Salary 2	BP250805	616.99	Salary 2
	Salary 1	BP250806	2291.32	Salary 1 plus subscription
	Garden Studio	BP250807	650.00	Maintenance of town gardens
	Yorkshire Drainage Specialists	BP250808	1422.00	Toilet drains
	Top Cut Tree Services	BP250809	1465.00	Silver birch, oak tree, sycamore
	YLCA	BP250810	54.80	Training
	Forth Plant	BP250811	2112.00	Tiplady Close entrance
	CE & CM Walker Ltd	BP250812	2388.00	Grass cutting
	The George Hotel	BP250813	180.00	Friendliness Initiative
	BATA	BP250814	57.43	Litter picking equipment
	Arbor Environmental	BP250815	120.00	Valid Oak Tree Assessment
	Welcoms	BP250816	90.88	Wifi expenditure
	J Tate Ltd	BP250817	1320.00	Mowing paths, blackthorn, JW

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	Easingwold Town Hall Co Ltd DAC Beachcroft Edwards Garden Maintenance PKF Littlejohn LLP A Nelson G H Brooks A & M Cleaning G H Brooks  <b>Total Payments</b>	P250818 BP250819 BP250820 BP250821 BP250822 BP250823 BP250824 BP250825	33.00 1.40 225.00 756.00 2885.07 294.10 1435.50 341.11  <b>22875.47</b>	Advert friendliness Claim Weekend watering Audit Misc. Works Contract Materials Cleaning toilets Boardwalk wetlands materials
	89.3 There were no other matters to consider.			
25/90	<b>TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</b> Requirements and actions to be taken include: two cobbles need cementing around the disabled parking outside Curious Coffee and the yellow lines need painting urgently around the flagged area outside the ladies toilet to highlight any potential trip hazard.			
25/91	<b>YLCA SALARY REVIEW</b> The agreed spine point increases for 2025/6 were received and noted.			
25/92	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b> <u><b><i>This item was taken at 8.00pm</i></b></u> 92.1 The Town Council’s response to planning applications received was received			
	<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Application details</b>	<b>Address</b>	
a	ZB25/01320/ADV	Tiddlywinks Nursery external sign located in a similar position on the building as the former Barclays Bank sign Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b>	Tiddlywinks Easingwold Ltd Galtres House Chapel Street	
b	ZB25/01136/FUL	Two additional external doors created at the rear of the property, demolition of external steps, doorway, and bollards and replacement of all windows, entrance doors, external signage, and existing hard surface Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b>	Tiddlywinks Easingwold Ltd Galtres House Chapel Street	
c	ZB25/01259/FUL	Importation of material and engineering works to enable the completion of a noise bund along the site boundary <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b> subject to the condition that the lorries access the site via the A19.	Thornhill Farm Thirsk Road	
d	ZB25/00968/FUL	Application for change of use of agricultural land for the siting of a static caravan and associated drainage to be used for the applicant to reside in while tending to livestock <b>NO COMMENT</b>	Land south east of the Novie Crankley Lane West Low Crankley	
e	Zb25/01352/FUL	Amended application for the erection of an agricultural works dwelling, construction of access and installation of non-mains drainage. <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	OS Field 5436 Pennycarr Lane Easingwold	

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f	ZB25/01410/CAT	Notification of Proposed Works to a tree in a Conservation Area (copper beech) <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	Beech Cottage Back Lane
g	ZB25/01321/FUL	The construction and operation (including maintenance) of a 49.9 MW solar farm to include ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays, electrical substations grid balancing infrastructure, cabling, an on-site battery energy storage system (BESS - 10MW capacity), other associated infrastructure, areas for biodiversity net gain (BNG) enhancement and landscape mitigation. <b>NO COMMENT</b>	Land at Brownmoor Lane, Huby
h	ZB25/01141/TPO	Application for works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order: T1 (Silver birch) remove three limbs and prune canopy. (TPO Ref. 2002/13) <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	Cronk Beg, 11A Bonneycroft Lane
92.2 Decisions on planning applications considered North Yorkshire Council were noted and total of applications for new dwellings approved.			

The meeting closed at 20.30