

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre**  
**21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors: P. Nottage (Chairman), C. Barnes (Vice-Chairman), D. Bream, F. Johnston-Banks, K. Butcher, C. Bilson, E. Whiteside, N. Madden

**Clerk:** Mrs J. Bentley

<b>26/001</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> 1.1 Apologies were received from County Councillor Knapton and Councillor R. Varney 1.2 Approval of reasons was given.
<b>26/002</b>	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> 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 a question was asked about specifics of the lighting in Millfields. Councillor Nottage explained that, following changes to the initial installation, the current lux levels achieved are now largely consistent with those in the lighting design that the public consultation was based upon. However, the temperature of the current lights are colder (4000K) than specified in the design and the Council will consider this evening if these should be changed to warmer lights (3000K) as originally envisaged.
<b>26/003</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Council of 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 were received and approved.
<b>26/004</b>	<b>CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk requested an update from North Yorkshire Police on staffing</li> <li>• The Clerk has contacted Forth Plant regarding Millfields car park and a response has been received and work will start as soon as possible</li> <li>• The Clerk has notified North Yorkshire Council regarding the casual vacancy; a notice has been displayed and NYC confirmed that North Yorkshire Council's Proper Officer has received insufficient requests from eligible electors for an election to fill the casual vacancy</li> <li>• The planning consultant has been engaged for Millfields lighting</li> <li>• The Clerk has responded to the RBL regarding traffic management of the Remembrance Day parade to confirm that there was no reason to change existing arrangements</li> <li>• The member of the public was informed that Easingwold Town Council will not sell public land to individuals</li> <li>• The door has been installed at the gents toilets</li> </ul>
<b>26/005</b>	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE</b> An electronic update was received, and a personal update was received from PC Hamish Carroll from North Yorkshire Police.
<b>26/006</b>	<b>ACTION PLAN</b> The action plan was received and updated.
<b>26/007</b>	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL</b> No representative was present from NYC, therefore there was no update.
<b>26/008</b>	<b>MILLFIELDS</b> This item was brought to the start of the agenda after the North Yorkshire Police item. It was <b>AGREED</b> to replace all the existing 4000K fittings on the path and the skatepark with the warmer white colour (3000K) lights. It was also <b>AGREED</b> to install an additional lamppost with two warm white colour fittings (3000K) along the section of the path that runs parallel with the tarmac foot/cycle path and to remove the existing floodlights mounted on the NYC lampposts that run along the tarmac. These changes will cost circa £6,500 but will provide the warmer lighting originally envisaged as well as further minimise any unnecessary light spillage. These changes will form the basis for a planning application and will only be installed once planning approval is obtained.
<b>26/009</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS &amp; MATTERS</b> 9.1 The minutes of the Social & Events Committee meeting from the 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 were received and approved and the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting from the 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 were received.

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	9.2 Updates were received from the Working Groups including Councillor Bilson on the Millfields Working Group, Councillor Barnes on EDCCA and the Clerk on the Mayoral Vibrant and Sustainable Fund Working Group.																																																				
<b>26/010</b>	<b>CASUAL VACANCY</b> An update was received on the Casual Vacancy, and it was <b>AGREED</b> to advertise the vacancy.																																																				
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<b>26/012</b>	<b>POST OFFICE</b> The Chairman reported that he has been in touch with External Affairs Officer for the Post Office to lobby for the reopening of the Easingwold Branch and was advised that, whilst a temporary agent has been put in place for now, they have no plans to permanently close the Easingwold Post Office.																																																				
<b>26/013</b>	<b>ANNUAL NEWSLETTER</b> The annual newsletter was received and approved and Cllr Barnes thanked for his work on this.																																																				
<b>26/014</b>	<b>EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE</b> No emergency expenditure has been actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting.																																																				
<b>26/015</b>	<b>FINANCE MATTERS</b> 15.1 The income from previous month and the Income & Expenditure Report for 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026 were noted. 15.2 The accounts for payment were approved (list was circulated prior to the meeting).  <b>EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS APRIL 2026</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Payee Name</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Reference</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Amount Paid</th> <th style="width: 45%;">Transaction Detail</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>J Hudson</td> <td>BP260401</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1925.00</td> <td>Market stalls contract &amp; new sheets</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YLCA</td> <td>BP260402</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1179.00</td> <td>Annual subscription</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NY Pension Fund X3300</td> <td>BP260403</td> <td style="text-align: right;">893.24</td> <td>Superannuation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>BP260204</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1074.24</td> <td>Tax &amp; NI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salary 2</td> <td>BP260405</td> <td style="text-align: right;">458.31</td> <td>Salary 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salary 1</td> <td>BP260406</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2264.06</td> <td>Salary 1 + subscription &amp; MF expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M E Willis</td> <td>BP260407</td> <td style="text-align: right;">127.89</td> <td>Hydraulic breaker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BATA</td> <td>BP260408</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21.51</td> <td>Oil &amp; paint for seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Chapman</td> <td>BP260409</td> <td style="text-align: right;">623.99</td> <td>Contract stalls storage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forth Plant</td> <td>BP260410</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1963.20</td> <td>Tarmac Edge of the bus stop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Healthmatic</td> <td>BP260411</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1909.20</td> <td>50% remaining payment toilet door</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The George Hotel</td> <td>BP260412</td> <td style="text-align: right;">180.00</td> <td>Friendliness tea</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail	J Hudson	BP260401	1925.00	Market stalls contract & new sheets	YLCA	BP260402	1179.00	Annual subscription	NY Pension Fund X3300	BP260403	893.24	Superannuation	HM Revenue & Customs	BP260204	1074.24	Tax & NI	Salary 2	BP260405	458.31	Salary 2	Salary 1	BP260406	2264.06	Salary 1 + subscription & MF expenses	M E Willis	BP260407	127.89	Hydraulic breaker	BATA	BP260408	21.51	Oil & paint for seats	Chris Chapman	BP260409	623.99	Contract stalls storage	Forth Plant	BP260410	1963.20	Tarmac Edge of the bus stop	Healthmatic	BP260411	1909.20	50% remaining payment toilet door	The George Hotel	BP260412	180.00	Friendliness tea
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	G H Brooks	BP260413	182.84	Mayoral fund building mats.
	J Building Services	BP260414	325.00	Urinals blockage
	Steven Ripley	BP260415	300.00	Millfields lighting site visit
	YLCA	BP260416	10.00	Training ponds
	CloudyIT	BP260417	48.00	Training Clerk AI
	R Hannaway	BP260418	250.00	Mayoral fund & toilets
	Saddington Taylor	BP260419	1110.00	Planning application Millfields Lighting
	Rialtas	BP260420	252.00	Rialtas subscription
	ETC	BP260421	28.99	Thermostat toilets
	Easingwold Town Hall Co Ltd	BP260422	33.00	Advertiser adverts
	Gala Signs	BP260423	100.00	Signs for the toilet doors
	Acorn Festive Lights	BP260424	1200.00	Taking down Xmas lights
	A & M Cleaning	BP260425	1435.51	Cleaning toilets
	Andrew Nelson	BP260426	1579.24	Miscellaneous Works Contract
	Andrea Hayes	BP260427	361.82	Mayoral fund expenses
	Louise Clixby	BP260428	94.32	Mayoral fund expenses
	Brookes	BP260429	19.43	Mayoral fund expenses
	Northminster holdings	BP260430	529.62	PSA Insurance Mayoral Fund
	<b>Total</b>		<b>20479.41</b>	
<b>26/016</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>			
	<i><b>This item was taken at 8.00pm</b></i>			
	16.1 The Town Council's response to planning applications received (see list attached) was considered and approved.			
	<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Application details</b>		<b>Address</b>
	a ZB26/00412/MRC	Removal or Variation of a condition 2 to previously approved application 22/02235/FUL (Revised application for internal and external alterations from previously approved application 20/02269/FUL (Amended plans received 4 May and 23 October 2023 including lean-to rear extensions and retention of high boundary wall).  Wish to see <b>REFUSED</b> as little or no work has been done since the original planning was given in 2021. Furthermore, the granting of the original planning permission was later acknowledged by Hambleton District Council as not being consistent with their own policy regarding ground floor business premises in town centres. In addition, there is no provision for parking for the proposed 3 new dwellings particularly given that the immediate locality of Windross Square has designated disabled parking spaces thereby reducing further the immediate parking availability.		Former Thorntons Butchers Market Place Easingwold

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c	ZB26/00415/TPO	Works to fell T21 (1997/12 T229) and T30 (1997/12 T231) and works to T14(1997/12 T233) trees subject to a Tree preservation order 1997/12  Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b>	Recreational Land Millfield Lane Easingwold
d	ZB26/00416/TPO	Works to fell (T1/T2,T4, T6,T9) works to (T3,T5,T7,T8,T12,T13,T14,T15,T16,T17,T18,T19,T20,T21 and T22) trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order 1997/12  Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b>	Amenity Lane, Rear of Mallison Hill Drive Easingwold
e	ZB26/00435/FUL	Application for the construction of a detached garage  <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	Cottage Farm Meadowfields Close Easingwold
16.2 Decisions on planning applications considered by North Yorkshire Council and total of applications for new dwellings approved were noted.			
<b>26/017</b>	<b>TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</b> Requirements and actions to be taken included the noticeboard doors on the market green.		

The meeting finished at 20.52