

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre
18th August 2026 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: P. Nottage (Chairman), C. Barnes) F. Johnston-Banks, K. Butcher, C. Bilson, N. Madden, E. Whiteside, S. Hunter, County Councillor N. Knapton, Assistant Clerk G. Clayton

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

26/07	APOLOGIES 1.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Whiteside 1.2 Approval of reasons was given
26/07	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. There were 3 members of the public present, and a question was asked regarding the Yorkshire Water drainage system works on Back Lane. Yorkshire Water have stated that they have no legal responsibility for the roadside gullies that are vital for taking water into their system. The member of the public wants NYC check and maintain the gullies to ensure that the system works. Councillor Knapton will contact Karl Battersby of NYC Highways to determine the legal position on responsibility and establish if plans are in place to ensure the new and expensive system will be effective. Easingwold Town Council will also contact Paul Crosby of NYC Highways to try to establish the gully cleaning schedule on Oulston Road that feeds water into the YW system.
26/07	MINUTES The minutes of the full council meeting on the 21 st July 2026 were received and approved.
26/07	CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT • The Clerk has requested a more detailed and frequent police report from the Inspector • The Clerk has requested that the woods and parks are patrolled more frequently by the police • The Clerk has sent the list of meeting dates to NY Police • The Clerk has contacted Coral & Crown regarding the design of the banners for the Tour of Britian and is awaiting a quote.
26/07	NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE An electronic update was received from North Yorkshire Police. It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact the police to express disappointment at the lack of report and concerns about drugs in Easingwold. It was AGREED that the Clerk should liaise with Councillor Knapton to write a letter to Jo Coles the Deputy Mayor about this issue.
26/07	COZIE PRESENTATION A presentation was received from COZIE about the activities of the Youth Club and their funding challenges. It was RESOLVED that Councillor Knapton would find out about the current situation of NYC's youth provision. It was AGREED to put the item on the September Social & Events agenda and on the budget and precept meeting. Councillor Madden declared an interest as a Trustee. The Chairman gave thanks to the members of COZIE for attending and for their continued voluntary efforts to support young people in Easingwold.
26/08	ACTION PLAN The action plan was received and updated.
26/08	NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL An update was received from Councillor Knapton on North Yorkshire Council. He has chased up progress with the Aldi development site and progress with the access link between the Red Row and Linden estates that are between Stillington Road and York Road. He confirmed that the establishment of EV charging sites will be taken in house by NYC, with Easingwold, Thirsk & Stokesley the priority towns.
26/08	COMMITTEE REPORTS & MATTERS 82.1 The minutes of the Operations committee meeting from the 20 th of July 2026 were received and approved and the minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee meeting from the 20 th July 2026 were received. 82.2 Councillor Bream provided feedback from the 10K race event organised by the Running Club and explained that whilst it had been a great success there had been some issues with TransDev over their bus route information. He confirmed that it is planned to go ahead again next year. It had previously been resolved to carry out a review of the operation of the Rockin' All Over the Wold event in July. It was

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	AGREED to contact the organisers to ask for a review report and to invite them to the next Social and Events Committee to discuss any lessons learned for future events.			
26/0	CORRESPONDENCE			
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	Correspondence for Decision August 2026			
	Note	Date Received	From	Subject
	N1	20/07/2026	St John the Baptist and All Saints Church Easingwold	Request for Churchyard Maintenance donation Councillor Varney declared an interest. Request approved .
	N2	20/07/2026	Cllr Frank Johnston-Banks	Parking in the marketplace; it was agreed that this would be dealt with following the resurfacing of the marketplace.
	N3	07/08/2026	Member of the public	Sign at BATA and trees at Barns Wray trees – the member of the public is entitled to deal with the trees that overhang their property but in line with our Tree Policy they will not be dealt with by Easingwold Town Council. It was agreed to write to BATA asking them to relocate the sign and to raise this as a highways safety issue with Paul Crosby of NYC.
N4	12/08/2026	Area2	Double yellow lines; request approved ; It was agreed that an update meeting should be held with Paul Crosby and formally request for the introduction of double yellow lines on Long Street at both the junction with Little Lane and outside the Co-op to assist with visibility when turning onto the road.	
	To note – was circulated prior to the meeting			
26/07	EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE Emergency expenditure actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting included the skip for the allotment for £390.00			
26/07	FINANCE MATTERS			
	71.1 The income from previous month and the Income & Expenditure Report for 31 st July 2026 were noted. 71.2 The accounts for payment were approved.			
	EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS AUGUST 2026			
	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
	Acorn Festive Lights Ltd	BP260801	674.76	Storage and test of Xmas light
	J Tate Ltd	BP260802	1080.00	Flail and mow meadow, 1.5m strip Jacko's Way
	J Tate Ltd	BP260803	930.00	1 m verge round the bike skills track
	M E Willis	BP260804	63.31	Misc O/S costs
	Water2business	BP260805	34.93	Water hub
	HAGS-SMP LTD	BP260806	280.80	Playground inspections
	G H Brooks	BP260807	10.84	Concrete

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26/07	LITTLE BIRD MADE MARKET DATES 2027 A request for dates for the market in 2027 and to reduce the rental charge were received and AGREED .																																																																								
26/07	LIGHT UP A LIFE/CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS An email was received from St Leonard’s Hospice explain that they would no longer be holding a Light Up a Life event in Easingwold. It was AGREED that Easingwold Town Council would purchase a tree and lights and incorporate it into wider Xmas celebration events.																																																																								
26/07	TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE The lights in the town clock are no working and it was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should speak to Councillor Whiteside for details of the electronic devices in order to arrange their repair. It was RESOLVED to repair the loose coping stones around the War Memorial and replace all the wooden pots around The Crescent with tanalised posts.																																																																								
26/07	PLANNING MATTERS <i>This item was taken at 8.00pm</i> 77.1 To consider Town Council response to planning applications received (see list attached)																																																																								
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		ALREADY APPROVED	
b	ZB26/01023/FUL	Application for garden shed, summer house, patio and path NO OBJECTIONS	58 Uppleby, Easingwold
c	ZB26/00944/LBC	Application for Listed Building consent for a garden shed at rear of garden (include summer house patio and path) WITHDRAWN	58 Uppleby, Easingwold
d	DCPARISH 26/04033/TCON	T1 - Cherry tree reduction by roughly 2.5 meters in height then roughly 1.25 meters of lateral growth to encourage it not to go over next door's side whilst keeping it in a nice shape and size. T2 reduce holly by roughly 1.25 meters then trim the lateral growth up to encourage it to keep in a good shape whilst not out growing its position and competing with the cherry NO OBJECTIONS	7 Carpenters Court Easingwold North Yorkshire YO61 3QD
e	DCPARISH 26/04034/TCON	T1 Removal of declining oak tree WISH TO SEE APPROVED	Memorial Park Recreation Ground Crabmill Lane Easingwold North Yorkshire
f	DCPARISH 26/03551/FUL	Installation of combined defibrillator and bleed kit cabinet to external wall of Nationwide Building Society branch WISH TO SEE APPROVED	Nationwide Building Society Spring Street Easingwold North Yorkshire
77.2 Decisions on planning applications considered by North Yorkshire Council and total of applications for new dwellings approved were noted.			

The meeting finished at 20.34