

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre
20th October 2026 7.00pm

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

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

26/107	APOLOGIES 107.1 No apologies were received. 107.2 No approval of reasons were given.
26/108	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. Three members of the public were present, and questions were asked about delaying the planned resurfacing of the roads in the town centre pending progress with the Town Investment Plan (TIP) and developing plans for the remodelling of the marketplace. Councillors welcomed the public interest in Market Place improvements but explained that as well as resurfacing, the substructure of the roads also needed to be repaired. It was highly likely that the progress of the TIP and any agreed plans and funding for changes to the Market Place would take a number of years to come to fruition (if ever). In the meantime, any delays to the necessary NYC road repairs project would run a substantive risk of the allocated funding being lost, particularly as the Council elections in May 2027. In the light of all this councillors voted unanimously not to ask NYC to delay the road repairs project but to push ahead as quickly as possible.
26/109	MINUTES The minutes of the full council meeting on the 15 th of September 2026 were received and approved.
26/110	CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT - The Clerk has emailed the member of the public regarding speed limit reductions in Easingwold and requested signage on Tanpit Lane from NYC - The Clerk has requested an update on costings for road works for Long Street and the Market Place, progress on the Linden Estate link footpath and EV charging. - The Clerk's office has contacted Acorn Lighting, ETC Wainwright, Jessa Liversidge, Dawnay Christmas tree farm, the Primary School, the Lions and St John's Ambulance regarding the Christmas tree light up event on Saturday 28 November. It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact Acorn Lighting to discuss the lights. It was AGREED to ask the Town Band to play.
26/111	NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE An update was received from Sergeant Martin on North Yorkshire Police. It was AGREED that the Clerk should circulate Sergeant Martin's contact details to councillors.
26/112	ACTION PLAN The action plan was received and updated. It was AGREED that chair racking, the trailer for watering flowers, the Changing Places toilet and the electric point on the buttercross should be added. The Clerk would also organise a follow up meeting with RAOTW, chase up progress with the bus shelter and note that the no parking signs action had been completed.
26/113	NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL An update was received from North Yorkshire Councillor Knapton. Councillor Bilson asked why COZIE does not get any funding from North Yorkshire when other market towns receive funding for youth provision. Councillor Knapton AGREED to provide the contact at NYC so that Easingwold Town Council may contact them. It was AGREED that Councillor Johnston-Banks would share previous correspondence related to COZIE and NYC/HDC. Councillor Knapton provided an update on costings for road works for Long Street and the Market Place, the Linden Estate link footpath and EV charging.
26/114	COMMITTEE REPORTS & MATTERS 114.1 The minutes of the Social & Events committee meeting from the 14 th of September were received and approved and the minutes of the Operations committee meeting from the 19 th of October 2026 were received. Councillor Hunter agreed to join the Operations committee. 114.2 Councillor Barnes provided an update on the Changing Places toilet, Councillor Nottage provided an update on EV charging in the Market Place, Chapel Street lightin/bunting and Millfields Lighting. Cllr Varney provided an update on The Hub.

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26/115	CORRESPONDENCE			
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	Correspondence for Decision October 2026			
	Note	Date Received	From	Subject
	N1	17.10.26	Citizens' Advice	Grant request; a donation of £500 was approved .
	N,2	30.09.26	Easingwold Lions	Request for sponsorship; a donation of £50.00 was approved .
	N3	09.10.26	Duncan Smith	Request to sell coffee at Millfield during parkrun; request refused but it was agreed that requests for future events would be considered on a case by case basis.
	N4	12.10.26	Member of the Public	Request for donation to purchase a bench at Millfields highlighting mental health issues; request approved .
	N5	13.10.26	Millfield Surgery	Fire Safety Gate Access at Millfield Surgery; request approved in principle.
	N6	02.10.26	Member of the public	Town centre resurfacing and the Town Investment Plan. This item was covered in the public session.
N7	06.10.26	Member of the public	Market Place resurfacing, putting ETC's vision into practice. This item was covered in the public session.	
To note – was circulated prior to the meeting				
26/116	EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE No emergency expenditure had been actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting.			
26/117	TREE SURVEYS 117.1 The tree surveys from Elliott Consultants were received and it was AGREED that this item would be on the Recreation & Open Spaces committee meeting agenda in November. 117.2 A quote for work on Uppleby trees was received and APPROVED .			
26/118	TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN Councillor Nottage provided an update on the Town Investment Plan.			
26/119	EMERGENCY PLAN A revised draft of the Emergency Plan was received from Councillor Bilson and APPROVED subject to a couple of principal personnel updates.			
26/120	ROAD MARKINGS 120.1 An email was received from NYC regarding road markings and it was AGREED that Councillor Knapton would request an updated plan from Paul Crosby. He would also check the possibility of adding double yellow lines to the road outside of Morrisons. 120.2 Quotes for the provision of wooden bollards was received from the Assistant Clerk and it was RESOLVED that a total costed proposal be provided at the next full council meeting by Councillors Johnston-Banks and Butcher.			
26/121	FINANCE MATTERS 121.1 The income from previous month and the Income & Expenditure Report for 30 th September 2026 were noted. 121.2 The accounts for payment were approved: EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS OCTOBER 2026			

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	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
	HMRC	BP261001	1016.03	Tax & NI
	NY Pension Fund X3300	BP261002	753.36	Superannuation
	Salary 1	BP261003	2128.95	Salary 1
	Salary 2	BP261004	1166.14	Salary 2 plus expenses
	Wrights of Crockey Hill Ltd	BP261005	2160.00	Dredging wetlands
	RBL	BP261006	27.00	Wreath
	British Gas	BP261007	71.28	Electricity the hub
	ETC	BP261008	29.00	Thermostat control gents
	Anne Bousfield	BP261009	250.00	Artist fee
	Jackson Plant Ltd	BP261010	463.67	Millfields work
	J Hudson	BP261011	1750.00	Stalls contract
	Chris Chapman	BP261012	623.99	Stalls storage
	Safety Signs 4 Less	BP261013	165.60	No parking signs
	BATA	BP261014	199.14	Gift cards & cable ties
	Water2business	BP261015	33.79	Water the hub
	G H Brooks	BP261016	23.08	War memorial
	Easingwold Town Hall Co Ltd	BP261917	33.00	Friendliness ad
	Top Cut Tree Services	BP261018	620.00	Spraying in marketplace
	CE & CM Walker Ltd	BP261019	2712.00	Grass cutting
	The George Hotel	BP261020	180.00	Friendliness tea
	Bow House Digital Ltd	BP261021	1757.64	Interpretation board
	K&UO Internal Drainage Board	BP261022	7.08	Agricultural land
	Melbourne Tree Services	BP261023	105.00	Watering plants
	J Tate Ltd	BP261024	6180.00	Millfields & Daffodil bank
	Boston Seeds	BP261025	97.99	Lawn seed
	Askham Bryan College	BP261026	560.00	Training GC & RH Brushcutting
	Robin Hannaway	BP251027	850.00	Various
	Glasdon UK	BP261028	915.00	Seat for Millfields
	A Nelson	BP261029	1725.00	Misc. Works Contract
	A & M Cleaning	BP261030	1457.33	Cleaning toilets
	C Fletcher	BP261031	17.49	Earmuffs & petrol
	Total		28078.56	
26/122	MEETING DATES 2027			
	The proposed meeting dates for 2027 were received and approved.			
26/123	TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE			
	Requirements and actions to be taken included replacing the missing post on the Crescent.			
26/124	PLANNING MATTERS			
	<u>This item was taken at 8.00pm</u>			
	124.1 To consider Town Council response to planning applications received (see list attached)			
	Ref No	Application details		Address

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a	DCPARISH 26/04379/FUL	Proposed infill to existing courtyard opening to form a further internal room. NO COMMENT other than to express concern about the loss of parking space.	Wren House, Back Lane, Easingwold, North Yorkshire, YO61 3BW
b	HAMZB25/02126/FUL	Proposed barn conversion to create two no two-bedroom single-storey dwellings and two no ancillary workshops and storage for domestic purposes. NO COMMENT , although Easingwold Town Council remains concerned about the potential increase in traffic from two new dwellings and a commercial unit.	Land and buildings rear of Linton House, North Moor Road, Easingwold
c	DCPARISH 26/05057/FUL	Demolition of Agricultural Building and Erection of Single Dwelling NO OBJECTIONS	Low Shires Farm, Easingwold, North Yorkshire YO61 3PF
d	DCPARISH 26/04698/TPO	Application for works to a tree to remove 1 no. Sycamore tree (T1) and removal of 1 no. Cherry tree (T2) within TPO No. HAM/1997/12 Wish to see APPROVED	Mallison Hill Woodland, Easingwold, North Yorkshire
e	DCPARISH 26/05277/TPO	Works to T1, T2 and T4 (Lime) subject to TPO ref 1961/13 - Prune around electric cables, reduce overhanging branches, pruning on all sides, remove deadwood. NO COMMENT	Woodlands, Church Hill, Easingwold, North Yorkshire
f	DCPARISH 26/05645/DVCON	Application for Removal or Variation of a Condition 5 (occupancy restriction) to a previously approved application (ZB25/02080/FUL) Demolition of buildings (metal store and house B) Part demolition of antiques shed and residential development of three dwellings. NO COMMENT	White House, Thirsk Road, Easingwold YO61 3NF
g	DCPARISH 26/04117/FUL	Conversion of a single storey outbuilding used for storage and feed preparation associated with Falconry Breeding Facility, to a one and a half storey, four-bedroom dwellinghouse, including extension and alterations to the building. NO OBJECTIONS	Dawnay House Farm Dawnay Lane Easingwold North Yorkshire YO61 3NN
h	DCPARISH 26/06310/TPO	T1 Holly - Reduce the overall height by no more than 1.25 metres and the lateral growth by approximately 1ft, retaining its natural shape and maintaining the tree. T2 Cherry - Reduce the cherry by selectively shortening the longer, extended branches that are protruding beyond the main crowns shape, while retaining a natural and balanced form. NO OBJECTIONS	7 Carpenters Court Easingwold North Yorkshire YO61 3QS
124.2 No decisions on planning applications considered by North Yorkshire Council have been received.			

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	124.3 The York Road Saddington Taylor consultation was reviewed and it was AGREED that the petrol station and Aldi should be Phase 1.
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The meeting finished at 20.40