

## **Hovingham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – Parish Council Periodic Update**

**Review Period: May – July 2025**

### **1. Look Back**

Meetings:

28/05/25 – Meeting with NYC

09/06/25 – Steering Group Meeting

11/06/25 - Meeting with Planning Consultant

01/07/25 - Steering Group Meeting

09/07/25 - Webinar (optional) - Local Nature Recovery Strategy North Yorkshire Council

### **2. Points of information**

Caroline Davis has stepped down as Chair of the Steering Group considering her pending house move. The group are unanimous in thanking her for her excellent stewardship and laying the sound foundations we have. David Webb has agreed to take on the role of Chair. Carolne remains part of the group for the time being.

### **3. Key Focus Points**

- Future of Neighbourhood Plans (NP) following change in government. Unconfirmed suggestions that the scheme has or is to be closed and replaced with Plans for Neighbourhoods.
- Funding – Likely to link with above, but national funding has been withdrawn.
- What direction does Hovingham Parish Council once the above are confirmed.

### **4. Look Ahead**

- Group will continue to monitor status of NP Scheme and keep PC updated.
- Group are actively developing a questionnaire which will either form part of the NP project or, subject to discussion with PC, be used by way of an update on the last Community Questionnaire. Group are collating question sets from other examples and will use that data to form the new questionnaire.