

## Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council – Meeting Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Hovingham Community Room

Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm		
1	<p><b>Those attending:</b> - Phil Chapman, Steve Britland, Mark Wilson, Nicole Robson, Giles Naish, Kevin Brennan, Ann Chapman. Councillor Steve Mason also attended.</p> <p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> -</p>	
2	<b>Minutes of the last meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025:</b> - Approved	Action
3	<p><b>Report North Yorkshire Councillor Steve Mason:</b> -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moseys Planning application; legal advice and questions are being submitted. Delays in FOI questions are frustrating. Legal Fees paid for by Ryedale Charter. The need for an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) has been highlighted. It will be the New Year before any further progress is made.</li> <li>2. A visit from Highways to assess local conditions is planned. (The Parish Council requested, that due to our good relations with James Peacock of Highways that this relationship not be compromised). A proposal for Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) might be forthcoming as well as changes in speed limits.</li> <li>3. Mobile coverage, Parish Council will send Steve Mason a copy of our latest correspondence</li> <li>4. Flood doors, Parish Council will send Steve Mason our latest correspondence</li> </ol>	Ann Mark
4	<b>Questions or Comments from the Public:</b> - None were received	
5	<p><b>General Actions (Hovingham and Scackleton):</b> -</p> <p><b>a. GP Surgery –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole and Ann will meet with Penny Coldbeck, hopefully in December, and find out the latest position and try to clear up the confusions and rumours that abound. A planned earlier meeting during October and November was delayed due to the CQC inspection.</li> <li>• It appears that nursing appointments are no longer available at Hovingham and there is some confusion about blood tests. Patient transport is likely to be a big issue. With the closure of the Worsley Arms in February, or when works begin, the surgery may close.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Grass Cutting –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 cuts have taken place, 1 more than planned. No more are needed.</li> <li>• Quotes are needed for 2026 from the 2 contractors. This will now again include Mossburn bank, as the wilding project has been stopped. Hovingham Estate who own the land said they would cut it annually, and previously the Parish Council had organised and paid for cutting on a more frequent basis. It is thought that perhaps 3 cuts per year will be enough as grass growth is slow due to poor ground conditions.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan “Local Plan”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation closed on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025. We submitted our comments and asked for feedback. <a href="https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan">https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan</a> There has been no news</li> </ul> <p><b>“Call for sites”</b> <a href="#">Call for Sites - Details - Keyplan (objective.co.uk)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYCC call for sites was released on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The consultation has now been delayed until 2026. There is no further news.</li> </ul> <p><b>d. Cell phone coverage -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A position paper on the problem was send to Steve Mason for his action. He advises this has been referred to the AAC (Area Committee?) in March 2025. There has been no news.</li> <li>• Follow up revealed Michael Grayson is no longer there and no one has been appointed in his place. Parish Liaison (Peter Cole) is trying to find contact details of someone elsewhere who can help.</li> </ul> <p><b>e. Winter maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grit for Hovingham and Scackleton. Hovingham will order a tonne bag and. Scackleton will check their requirements and advise needs to Mark Wilson.</li> <li>• Bench repairs. 14 benches are now in Mark’s shed. John Anderson will be asked to help with Maintenance. The bench on Coronation Green (circular) should be teak oiled in the Spring.</li> </ul>	Ann/ Nicole  Mark/ Nicole  Ann  Ann  Ann  Mark Nicole  Mark

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7	<p><b>Hovingham Actions: -</b></p> <p><b>a. Hovingham Action Group Report: -</b> Full report attached to minutes on website (<a href="http://www.hovingham.org.uk/council">www.hovingham.org.uk/council</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Neighbourhood Plan Group</b> has quiesced and its costs have been reimbursed</li> <li><b>Village Market</b> is seeking more volunteers for the Committee, due to the importance of the Market, we hope resources can be found.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Cemetery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Survey and mapping:</b> A survey team and subsequent research has extended the known burials from 179 to approximately 700. A further 100 or so burials are registered but their grave site is not known. A spreadsheet now includes everything known and thanks to Phil it has search facilities and other tools to make it very useful. In future it should be simple to maintain.</li> <li><b>Cemetery Noticeboard:</b> This has been delivered and Steve has done a beautiful job of the Oak frame for it. Stuart Dean has offered to help with the posts and installation. It will be positioned to the right of the pathway.</li> <li><b>Cemetery Fee Review:</b> Fees and services have not been reviewed for a few years. The proposal for new fees effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 was approved (Proposed Nicole Robson, Seconded Giles Naish, with unanimous approval). Undertakers etc will be advised of these fees and they will go up on the Website</li> <li><b>Cemetery Maintenance:</b> Some shrubbery and lower branch removal and ivy need attention. A working Bee for Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> is planned.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Playground:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the vandalism, damage to the Pagoda has been assessed and there is only 1-2 years life left in the structure. It really needs proper footings.</li> <li>Steve will discuss options with Debs, to see if repairs are warranted or replacement would be better.</li> <li>The issue of liability of the person doing the repairs was discussed. Phil advised as the structure is already a risk, then 'best endeavours' are considered adequate for insurance purposes. A check is needed that a notice 'use at your own risk' is on the pagoda itself. We believe there is already a general notice on the Playground Notice Board to this effect.</li> </ul> <p><b>d. Drainage &amp; Flooding.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Brookside Flood Door Scheme:</b> the saga continues. Watertight have visited properties to assess individual needs (Budget of £7,500 per household). There is a list of approved solutions. As funding is still not clear, the project still has some doubts about it. Timings are not yet defined.</li> <li><b>Road Gullies:</b> NYC advise that they will have to involve Yorkshire Water as the Gully outflow pipes are not wide enough to take the volumes of water away. James Peacock from Highways is organising this review.</li> <li><b>Diversion Channel:</b> Mark believes this is all set up for the winter after improvements to the culvert etc. Following a query from a resident, we have passed on this current status</li> </ul> <p><b>e. Neighbourhood Plan:</b> this has now quiesced. Item closed.</p> <p><b>f. Mossburn Bank:</b> As the wilding project is to be stopped, we will ask Frances, what impact will 3 cuts per year have on the natural environment?</p>	<p>Ann/ Nicole /Phil</p> <p>Ann</p> <p>Ann/ Phil Ann/ Mark</p> <p>Steve</p> <p>Steve</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>Ann</p> <p>Giles Ann</p>

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8	<p><b>Finance and Admin: -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Finance Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report has been distributed.</li> <li>The term deposit account continues to attract worthwhile interest and the overall position is good.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Payment approvals:</b> None required</li> <li><b>Parish Precept 2026:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A proposal for the 2026 precept had been distributed for review.</li> <li>As there had been no increase since 2023 (£8400) it was thought advisable to increase the precept (to cover NYC policy change that requires Parish Councils to part fund their elections).</li> <li>A £200 fee increase was agreed (Precept £8600). Proposed Mark Wilson, seconded Kevin Brennan, approved unanimously. NYC will be advised.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Turning Circle budget: (see item 7g4)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A budget for an amount up to £500 was requested to cover costs for gravel, asphalt, fencing and cemetery notice board. This was approved unanimously</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Phil</p> <p>Phil</p> <p>Ann</p>

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9	<p><b>Planning: -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Myse, reinstatement of steps Approved by Planning.</li> <li>Hobbs Cottage, Brookside – interior changes, windows and doors. Work commenced and is subject to an '<b>Informative</b>' asking that no-one park on the verges.</li> <li>Hovingham Estate ZE25/00641/CAT Tree felling. Parish Council approved this application, NYC advised.</li> <li><b>Ian Mosey Planning Breach 11/00498/73A. Planning application ZE25/00498/73A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Parish Council have submitted their objection to this application.</li> <li>Timelines have been extended and a legal challenge is in progress.</li> <li>There is unlikely to be any movement on this until the New Year.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Brook House Hovingham</b>, double glazing for listed building <b>ZE25/00903/LBC</b>. The Parish Council supported this application and advised NYC.</li> </ol> <p><b>New Planning Applications</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hovingham Estate, Worsley Arms refurbishment and housing development ZE25/01174/MFUL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The application is logged but there is no Planning Officer nor dates or documents.</li> <li>We will review the documents and decide how to make a submission once the details are understood.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Ann</p>
10	<p><b>Correspondence: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An email from Wigginton asked about our village EV charger. This has been referred to Project Purple – Frank Colenso.</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>Any other business: -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Impact of closure of the Worsley Arms:</b> There is general concern about loss of facilities to the village. Ideas about pop ups have been discussed but have proved challenging due to 'red tape etc'. A replacement emergency centre is needed to replace the hotel as a temporary measure during the closure.</li> <li><b>Extensive Verge damage near Northfield House:</b> There is work at Northfield House which seems to have resulted in vehicles mounting the verge on the eastern side to avoid the skip and lorry parked on the West. The householder will be asked if they have plans to repair the verge.</li> </ol>	<p>Ann</p>
12	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS 2026</b></p> <p>• 28<sup>th</sup> January • 25<sup>th</sup> March • 27<sup>th</sup> May • 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Scackleton • 23<sup>rd</sup> September • 25<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p style="text-align: center;">These start at 7<sup>pm</sup> in Hovingham Village Hall - Community Room, except in July which is at St Georges, Scackleton. All welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please notify Clerk as soon as possible if unable to attend any of these meetings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ann Chapman, Wyvern House, Park Street, Hovingham YO62 4JZ email <a href="mailto:parishclerk@hovingham.org.uk">parishclerk@hovingham.org.uk</a></p>	