

Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council – Meeting

Wednesday 28th January 2026 – Hovingham Community Room

Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm		
1	Those attending: - Phil Chapman, Steve Britland, Mark Wilson, Nicole Robson, Giles Naish, Ann Chapman. Following co-option, Kevin Brennan joined the meeting. 2 residents attended. Apologies for absence: - Election to the Parish Council: - Following advertising of the two Parish Council vacancies, the required time period of advertising has elapsed, and the Parish Council can now co-opt members. Therefore, Kevin Brennan was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Proposed Giles Naish, seconded Nicole Robson and passed unanimously.	
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2	Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th November 2025: - Approved	
3	Report North Yorkshire Councillor Steve Mason: - None received	
4	Questions or Comments from the Public: - None were received	
5	General Actions (Hovingham and Scackleton): - a. GP Surgery – - Nicole and Ann met with Penny Coldbeck in December. She confirmed that the practice will be applying to the NHS to close Hovingham surgery in January 2026 (as being unviable). A public consultation in Hovingham will be arranged. The main issue foreseen with closure, is patient transport challenges. - This week, after asking Penny for an update, she said that following the CQC review, the practice is too busy with issues raised to progress this closure. We will keep in touch. b. Grass Cutting – - NYC have sent out the Grass cutting proposals for 2026. We can then review these and budget accordingly. - Quotes have sought from the 2 contractors. We will document our cutting scheme for the year, which will now to include Mossburn Bank c. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan “Local Plan” - Consultation closed on 15th July 2025. We submitted our comments and asked for feedback. https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan There has been no news “Call for sites” Call for Sites - Details - Keyplan (objective.co.uk) - NYCC call for sites was released on 31st January 2025. The consultation has now been delayed until 2026. There is no further news. d. Winter maintenance - Grit for Hovingham and Scackleton is in place. Hovingham ordered and received a tonne bag. - Bench repairs. The benches seem to be in good condition. The bench on Coronation Green (circular) should be teak oiled in the Spring. e. Closure of the Worsley Arms - The hotel will no longer be able to act as the village Emergency Centre. We will use the Village Hall instead. A review of requirements will be done of the Emergency Plan to ensure that the necessary facilities are available. - WiFi provision at the Village Hall could be improved for Emergency Centre use and Market/Event use. This is currently being investigated. - To enable village events, some consideration is being given to pop ups and upgrading Village Hall facilities.	Ann/ Nicole Mark/ Nicole Ann Ann Mark Nicole Mark
6	Scackleton Actions: - a. Action Group Report attached to minutes on website (www.hovingham.org.uk/council) - Concerns over closure of Hovingham Surgery (see 5a) - Worsley Arms closure, there were hopes that it would return as an affordable place to eat and drink.	

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6	Scackleton Actions: - continued: b. Woodland Proposal in Scackleton - There is no further news. c. Wild Scackleton – an initiative from Nicholas Burrows at NYC - Manor Farm dew pond is completed. Highfield House has been slowed by weather. - Following spring growth any additional planting will be identified.	Nicole Steve
7	Hovingham Actions: - a. Hovingham Action Group Report: - Full report attached to minutes on website (www.hovingham.org.uk/council) Village Market: - Graham Mason has retired and the chairman role will now be done on rotation. A WiFi problem is being resolved at present. Hovingham Recycling Centre: - Project Purple have reviewed usage of the facility and feel the new bin system may have overcome the need for the Recycling Centre. They are talking to Streetscene and may then make their proposal to close or not close the Recycling Centre. There is the risk of fly tipping if the centre closes. b. Cemetery Cemetery Noticeboard and Fence: - Mark and Stuart have offered to help with the posts and installation. It will be positioned to the right and left of the pathway. Cemetery Working Bee: On Saturday December 13th shrubbery and lower branch removal and ivy was dealt with. It all looks very tidy now. Thank you to the team. - The cemetery gates are not closing properly at present. Mark is going to have a look at them. - Ann offered to prepare and paint the gates in Spring c. Playground: - Steve will discuss options with Debs re the pagoda, to see if repairs are warranted or replacement would be better. d. Drainage & Flooding. Brookside Flood Door Scheme: the saga continues. Watertight have visited properties to assess individual needs. There is some confusion of legal liability if householders fail to respond to 'flood warnings.' There is an attempt to clarify this. - There is a meeting with the Environment Agency (EA) next week. The issue with constriction at Tufts Bridge has been referred to the EA. Road Gullies: 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. Diversion Channel: This has been maintained and all appears to be okay for winter. e. Village Maintenance Beckside railings the repairs need to be tidied up. - NYC are still chasing the contractors for a date to rectify the shoddy work. Painting of railings. - Giles and his team will do this when the Beckside railings are repaired and Spring is here Myse Restaurant Mounting Steps. - Myse advise that insurance issues are settled and when the weather warms up the work will be done. We will ask Myse specifically if the old stone was saved. Playground Turning Circle - The road surface will be gravelled as appropriate (when the weather warms up) Rotten Posts on Village Green. - Some posts are now failing. We will do a check of how many posts need 'replacing'. Village Hall Carpark. Thank you Mark for filling in the holes	Mark Mark Ann Steve Mark Mark Ann Mark Ann Giles Ann Mark/ Kev/ Ann

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7	Hovingham Actions: - continued 7. Road signage • The fingerpost on the corner of Mowbray and the B1257 has been destroyed by a Kingsmill lorry. Details have been given to NYC (James Peacock). NYC have made the area safe, and the post has been put in a safe place until NYC collect it. • Giveway sign on the corner of Park and High Street has been hit again. We have advised NYC and Ann has realigned the post for now. 8. Verge damage Northfield House. This has been repaired and netting is protecting the verges.	Giles Ann Giles
8	Finance and Admin: - 1. Finance Report: • The report has been distributed. 2. Payment approvals: Approval of purchase of additional Grit Bin for Scackleton (£125) was approved. Proposed Nicole Robson, seconded Giles Naish, passed unanimously 3. Parish Precept 2026: • A proposal for the 2026 precept has been submitted to NYC and approved. A £200 increase was recommended taking the total to £8,600. 4. Parish Councillors email addresses • The Parish Council has set up email accounts on hovingham.org.uk which complies with AGAR requirements. • Steve just needs to set his account up and then all are compliant. Please advise Phil when the account is set up, so he can activate it. 5. IT Policy for adoption. • There is now also a new requirement for the Parish Council to adopt an IT Policy as part of the annual account's compliance checklist. • A draft will be sent to Councillors for comment. It will be adopted at the next meeting in March to meet the target compliance date.	Phil Phil Ann Steve/ Phil Phil
9	Planning: - a. Hovingham Estate, Worsley Arms refurbishment and housing development ZE25/01174/MFUL • Our response has been submitted with support for the application. There are concerns and questions that have been raised with the applicant and planners. b. Ian Mosey Planning Breach 11/00498/73A. Planning application ZE25/00498/73A • The Parish Council have submitted their objection to this application. • New documents relating to past planning permissions have come to light • The Parish Council will submit a further response to planners concerning the capacity figures from 2006 and 2011. • There is no update to when NYC Planners will be progressing this breach. New Planning Applications: - c. ZE25/01302/HOUSE Pinfold House (The old quarry). • Some interior and exterior changes and replacement of windows and doors with PVC. • We queried PVC in a Conservation Village and were told that Pinfold sits outside the Conservation Village Boundary. We therefore supported the application while asking that our concern with adjacent properties falling inside and outside arbitrary boundaries within the same village be noted	Ann Phil

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9	New Planning Applications: - d. ZE25/01271/LBC and ZE25/01270/HOUSE Hovingham Lodge • Internal and external changes to the lodge and replacement of existing shed with a garden room. • There was concern about noise nuisance (Design Statement) involving the use of the garden shed, which we referred to the Planners. • The Planners have discussed this with the applicant who state the garden room will not be used for recording and rehearsal which is what is stated in the Design Statement. • We have asked that use of the garden room be clearly defined before we can fully support this application. • A change to our response is being considered with concerns raised by Steve and Nicole e. ZE25/01268/FUL Replacement of Hovingham Bakery Cupola. • We have advised NYC of our support of this like for like replacement.	
10	Correspondence: - • None received	
11	Any other business: - a. VAS Vehicle Activated Signs: • A resident mentioned that Steve Mason had allocated £5,000 to a Hovingham VAS. We had received notification of this several days ago and in response have asked for details of what was being proposed but have had no reply as yet. • We will review the proposal when it comes. • A general discussion recognised the speeding problem in Hovingham with various views on the effective of VAS/SID signs and lack of interest from the Police in Hovingham speeding b. Moseys (and other HGV's) travelling wide on corners, wrong side of the road etc. • Residents are concerned about these vehicles and growing more and more anxious with close calls becoming more common. • Mosey vehicles have dash cams and logs, so if we can provide dates, times and locations we can ask these be investigated. Residents will be asked for details. c. Local Plan (Enforcement Policy) Consultation is open • We will distribute this consultation around the Councillors for comment • Consultation closed 9th March 2026	
12	DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS 2026 • 25th March • 27th May • 22nd July - Scackleton • 23rd September • 25th November These start at 7^{pm} in Hovingham Village Hall - Community Room, except in July which is at St Georges, Scackleton. All welcome Please notify Clerk as soon as possible if unable to attend any of these meetings. Ann Chapman, Wyvern House, Park Street, Hovingham YO62 4JZ email parishclerk@hovingham.org.uk	