

**Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council – Meeting**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm**  
**Hovingham Community Room**

<b>Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Those attending:</b> - Phil Chapman, Nicole Robson, Giles Naish, Kev Brennan, Ann Chapman. Plus, one resident. <b>Apologies for absence:</b> - Steve Britland, Mark Wilson	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026:</b> - Approved	
<b>3</b>	<b>Report North Yorkshire Councillor Steve Mason:</b> - None received	
<b>4</b>	<b>Questions or Comments from the Public:</b> - None received	
<b>5</b>	<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 met with Penny Coldbeck in December. She confirmed that the practice will be applying to the NHS to close Hovingham surgery.</li> <li>• Subsequent to this meeting we received notification of ‘closure’ and a public event on 15<sup>th</sup> April where residents can discuss their concerns.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Grass Cutting –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYC Grass cutting proposals for 2026 have been lodged.</li> <li>• With fuel price volatility there may be some increase in charges.</li> <li>• Nicole will liaise with James (Circle) to schedule the cuts for Scackleton</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” <a href="https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan">Call for Sites - Details - Keyplan (objective.co.uk)</a></b></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. Winter maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bench repairs. John Anderson has oiled the circular bench on the green.</li> <li>• A big thank you to Mark Wilson for collecting, storing and delivering all the benches.</li> </ul> <p><b>e. Closure of the Worsley Arms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have suggested the outside lights be left on a time switch to improve security.</li> </ul>	<p>Ann/ Nicole</p> <p>Mark/ Nicole</p> <p>Ann</p> <p>Ann</p> <p>Mark</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Scackleton Actions: -</b></p> <p><b>a. Action Group Report</b> attached to minutes on website (<a href="http://www.hovingham.org.uk/council">www.hovingham.org.uk/council</a>)</p> <p><b>b. Woodland Proposal in Scackleton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no further news, although there is work outstanding around Thwaites Cottage</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Wild Scackleton –</b> an initiative from Nicholas Burrows at NYC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manor Farm dew pond is completed and Highfield House is now completed, both with clay linings.</li> <li>• Planting will be supplemented once Spring growth reveals the needs.</li> </ul>	<p>Nicole</p> <p>Steve</p>
<b>7</b>	<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>Need for volunteers:</b> - The Playground and other groups need to find more volunteers. It is thought a stall at the market might help attract locals. Notices can also go in the Village Diary and WhatsApp. Ann will ask Debs if she likes the idea of a market stall. Frank (Project Purple) agreed with the idea of a stall.</li> <li>• <b>Hovingham Recycling Centre:</b> - This is now closed and fenced in. The unforeseen loss of the Salvation Army bin is being investigated in the hope it can return and be relocated in the recycling centre (after removal of a section of fence).</li> </ul>	<p>Ann</p> <p>Mark</p>

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<p><b>7. Hovingham Actions: - continued</b></p> <p><b>b. Cemetery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cemetery Noticeboard and Fence:</b> - Mark and Stuart have offered to help with the posts and installation. This will be late April. <span style="float: right;">Mark</span></li> <li>• Ann offered to prepare and paint the gates in Spring <span style="float: right;">Ann</span></li> <li>• The pathway has been reduced to mud (mini digger tracks, so gravelling may be required. We will look at this when we do the working bee. <span style="float: right;">Ann/ Mark</span></li> </ul> <p><b>c. Playground:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve will discuss options with Debs re the pagoda, to see if repairs are warranted or replacement would be better.</li> </ul> <p><b>d. Drainage &amp; Flooding.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brookside Flood Door Scheme:-</b> some activity is taking place and a workshop has been organised for interested residents. <span style="float: right;">Mark</span></li> <li>• <b>Road Gullies:</b> NYC advise that the Gully outflow pipes are not wide enough to take the volumes of water away. The system appears to be unable to cope with current levels of storm water. Ann and Mark will discuss this and possibly approach Yorkshire Water for information and remedy. <span style="float: right;">Ann/ Mark</span></li> </ul> <p><b>e. Village Maintenance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Beckside railings the repairs need to be tidied up.</b> <span style="float: right;">Ann</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYC have chased the contractor and the railing should be done by the end of April</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Painting of railings.</b> <span style="float: right;">Giles</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giles and his team will do this when the Beckside railings are repaired and Spring is here</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Myse Restaurant Mounting Steps.</b> <span style="float: right;">Ann</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We asked Myse specifically if the old stone was saved, they have not yet replied</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Playground Turning Circle.</b> <span style="float: right;">Mark</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The road surface will be gravelled as appropriate with a working bee in late April</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <b>Rotten Posts on Village Green.</b> <span style="float: right;">Ann/ Mark</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark and Ann surveyed the green posts. Some 4 shaped, 10 bird mouth and 3 railings were identified, although a full survey is needed.</li> <li>• All the posts need to be taped to identify them <span style="float: right;">Ann</span></li> <li>• Paul Becroft looked at the work and will provide a quote (possibly several thousand pounds. A post size of 5" x 4" was decided on (there are a multitude of sizes) and the use of Larch from Scackleton Mill. <span style="float: right;">Ann</span></li> </ul> </li> <li>6. <b>Village Hall Carpark.</b> <span style="float: right;">Mark</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The drain needs clearing again</li> <li>• The resurfacing a realigning of the car park might be a suitable use of Section 106 monies resulting from the housing development <span style="float: right;">Ann</span></li> </ul> </li> <li>7. <b>Road signage.</b> <span style="float: right;">Mark/ Kev/</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The fingerpost</b> on the corner of Mowbray and the B1257 is in for repair and should be back soon. The location is vulnerable but utilities block relocating the post.</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. <b>Litter Pick.</b> This is scheduled for April 11th. <span style="float: right;">Giles</span></li> <li>9. <b>Village Hall damaged tree.</b> <span style="float: right;">Ann</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Bayes (arborist) is coming to check the tree and advise remedial work if needed and the costs. <span style="float: right;">Ann</span></li> </ul> </li> <li>10. <b>Church street resurfacing and levelling.</b> <span style="float: right;">Ann</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways advise they have requested a Capital Works budget for this year for this work.</li> <li>• We will be informed when the result of this request is known.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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9	<p><b>New Planning Applications: - continued</b></p> <p><b>g. Park Street Café ZE24/00090/73A</b>  The applicant has asked for extended opening hours.  From 9am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and: 10am and 6.00pm on Sundays and Public Holidays  To 8.00am to midnight Monday to Sunday and Public Holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have responded with questions relating to the residential nature of Park Street, Parking Issues, Business Use issues, Nuisance and Waste Bins</li> <li>• We have requested more information before we can support this application.</li> </ul> <p><b>h. Boggitts Cottage, Park Street ZE26/00133/HOUSE and ZE26/00134/LB</b>  Erection of rear lean-to extension, internal alterations, sash window refurbishment, rear joinery replacement, chimney repairs, installation of external oil boiler and formation of rear parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicants appear to have taken significant trouble in proposing matching materials and a sympathetic design.</li> <li>• They also personally approached neighbours and talked through the designs with them, they are to be commended for this.</li> <li>• We will log our support for this application.</li> </ul>	<p>Ann</p> <p>Ann</p>
10	<p><b>Correspondence: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None received</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>Any other business: -</b></p> <p><b>a. Voneus Superfast Broadband:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voneus have offered free broadband for the Village Hall. This is due for installation on April 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Voneus also offered Hovingham Church free broadband and this was installed Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Solar Panels:</b>  Hovingham Estate have requested a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council to talk through the issue of Solar Panels in Hovingham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent government legislation says all new builds should have solar/heat pumps</li> <li>• Research is needed to see what the implications are for existing buildings wanting solar</li> <li>• What is the status of listed buildings, in a Conservation Area, or National Landscape, will they also be subject to this new legislation</li> <li>• We will schedule a meeting with the Estate in late April or early May</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Parish Clerk:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann Chapman announced she will not be continuing as Parish Clerk for much longer.</li> <li>• A suitable handover date will be organised</li> </ul>	<p>Ann</p> <p>Ann</p> <p>Ann</p>
12	<p><b>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS 2026</b></p> <p>•27<sup>th</sup> May •22<sup>nd</sup> July - Scackleton •23<sup>rd</sup> September • 25<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>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>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 <a href="mailto:parishclerk@hovingham.org.uk">parishclerk@hovingham.org.uk</a></p>	