

Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council – Meeting

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 7pm

Hovingham Community Room

Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm		
1	Those attending: - Phil Chapman, Mark Wilson, Nicole Robson, Giles Naish, Kev Brennan, Andy Royle, Ann Chapman. And one resident. Apologies for absence: - Steve Britland A minutes' silence was held for former Parish Councillor Eddie Lucas, who died recently.	
		Action
2	Minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd July 2026: - Approved	
3	Report North Yorkshire Councillor Steve Mason: - None received	
4	Questions or Comments from the Public: - None received	
5	General Actions (Hovingham and Scackleton): - a. Grass Cutting – - Due to the dry weather, we may not need all 6 cuts b. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan “Local Plan” - A draft local plan has been issued and an invitation to a consultation has been issued online via Teams. Ann will log in and there is space for another if anyone is interested? https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan “Call for sites” Call for Sites - Details - Keyplan (objective.co.uk) - NYCC have released a new map for the June 2026 period. Hovingham areas have been marked. - We are still waiting on the Consultation process, which is 18 months overdue	Mark/ Nicole Ann Ann
6	Scackleton Actions: - a. Action Group Report attached to minutes on website (www.hovingham.org.uk/council) b. Wild Scackleton – an initiative from Nicholas Burrows at NYC We have advised National Landscapes that Scackleton is interested in the Dark Skies initiative. We have not heard anything back yet	Nicole Steve
7	a. Hovingham Actions: - Hovingham Action Group Report: - Full report attached to minutes on website (www.hovingham.org.uk/council) Playground Committee, Debs is planning to drop a flyer around for parents with children. A resident has come forward to offer to help on the committee - The Lease is due for renewal, it needs a new date and signature. - As the Playground is constituted under the Parish Council, the Parish Council will meet legal costs if necessary and act a signatory. The previous lease was for 15 years and Peter Lawrence acted for the Parish Council. - Parish Council will write to Hovingham Estate, to obtain a copy of the lease for review and estimate of costs if any. We hope this is a simple renewal. - The Pergola cannot be saved and needs removal - Research showed this was donated by the Market and the Parish Council - It will be taped off for safety and the brass plaques will be removed and a new home found for them - The pergola will be removed - The cost and style of a new structure will be sought	Phil Ann DH Mark Giles

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7.	• Hovingham Actions: - continued	
	b. Cemetery • Gates: Ann will prepare and paint the gates shortly. Costs are likely to be about £45 for paint. (Teamac) • Pathway: We will seek a quote to asphalt the last few metres of the path by the gates, and separately for the whole pathway. Contractors have not yet responded	Ann
	c. Drainage & Flooding. • Brookside Flood Door Scheme: - work is ongoing with complications due to Listed Building Status and the need for planning permission. Three years have passed and there is growing agitation especially as winter is approaching. • New EA initiative for slowing water coming into the village. The Parish Council will ask the Estate if there is any news on this • The Flood Channel, David will be strimming the channel in due course	Mark Ann Mark
	d. Village Maintenance	
	1. Beckside railings the repairs need to be tidied up. James has done the bakery railings, and wants to do another 4 posts on the Coatesworth and Northfield sections. He had to order the posts and will come back in due course.	Ann
	2. Painting of railings. • Giles and his team will do this when the Beckside railings are repaired. • There is some concern about road safety when painting the Bakery railings.	Giles
	3. Myse Restaurant Mounting Steps. • We have written to NYC planning to see if they can get action on this reinstatement of the stone.	Ann
	4. Playground Turning Circle. • We have received the gravel and will organise a second working bee in the autumn.	Ann/ Mark
	5. Rotten Posts on Village Green. • All the posts have been taped for identification • Final figures are: 8 railings, 9 birds-mouth posts, 7 crowned posts • Paul Becroft will provide a quote. A post size of 5" x 4" was decided on (there are a multitude of sizes) and the use of Larch from Scackleton Mill.	Ann
	6. Village Hall Carpark. • The drain needs clearing again. After leaf fall is best. • A new Electric Vehicle Charger is to be installed soon	Giles
	7. Road signage. • The fingerpost on the corner of Mowbray and the B1257 has be reinstalled in a position a little further from the roadway. • Village Signs. Giles has identified three signs needing repainting (Stonegrave entrance; High Street/Main Street; Eagle Cottage Park Street Sign). He will ask Adrian if he is willing to do these	Giles Giles
	8. Village Hall damaged tree. • A sonic tomography survey is being undertaken to determine the health of the tree. Cost for this is £495.00. We are chasing them for a date.	Ann
	9. Speed Matrix Signs • Giles has offered to liaise with Steve Mason on this. Locations need to be determined and costs, equipment, maintenance etc	Giles
	10. Mobile Phone Coverage • The church has been approached to offer a site for a 'in keeping' mobile phone 'mast' for the village. The church will keep you informed of progress • Hovingham Estate was approached previously to see if they would consider their flagpole as a mast. We will update the Estate and see if they are interested. • There is also the 'Westminster' initiative about provide locate repeaters but we have heard nothing more. Kev will seek an update	Ann Kev

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8	Finance and Admin: - Finance Report: This showed a sound position Treasury Role. - Nicole has received the spreadsheets etc and will work through the role transfer with a session planned for next week. - A copy of MS Office 2024 has been purchased. Precept 2027, a decision is required for the November meeting. It will be affected by any decision made re the Parish Clerk role. Parish Council Records - Giles has kindly given the records a home. - A scan of the list of the contents list can be sent to Ann for the Archive please. Parish Clerk Role - A possible Clerk has come forward and Kev will contact her with further details. (Subsequent to the meeting Andy is now handling this.) - A job description and other details are need Fibre Network at the Village Hall - The basic system has been installed and is operating fine, although coverage in some locations needs to be improved, probably requiring masts. - We have been asking for someone to take on the role of completing the installation (determining system design), testing, documentation, and handling ongoing maintenance of this VONEUS system. - The Equipment Room needs tidying up - We are advertising in the diary to see if someone will do this	Andy Phil
9	Planning: - Hovingham Estate, Worsley Arms refurbishment and housing development ZE25/01174/MFUL - We supported this application while raising some concerns but have had no response from NYC - Updated documents have been submitted. Ann will document the changes and send out a short update of relevant sections Ian Mosey Planning Breach 11/00498/73A. Planning application ZE25/00498/73A - The Parish Council have submitted their objection to this application. - We are not being kept informed as a consultee about progress and were not invited to speak at a recent Planning Committee meeting (subsequently cancelled) - We will again ask for an update from Alan Goforth Park Street Café ZE24/00090/73A - We have responded with questions relating to the residential nature of Park Street, Parking Issues, Business Use issues, Nuisance and Waste Bins - NYC have responded to our concerns saying that only the opening hours are relevant, wider concerns are not part of their process. - We have subsequently responded citing NYC policy on opening hours in residential areas. We support the application if the hours are as per the Policy described, otherwise we will not support the application for late closing. Extension Tuft House Farm, we logged our support, we are awaiting NYC response Hovingham School change of use ZE26/00310/FUL and ZE26/00311/LBC Conversion of the school into business offices for local businesses. - We supported this application and we are awaiting NYC response. Swallow Cottage Planning Appeal Case 25/00124/CAT2	Ann Ann Ann

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	The Parish Council unanimously supported the appellants position i.e. that the building is not a listed building and that the windows and door need not be replaced. The error in the Listed Building Register status should be corrected. Sympathy was expressed for the appellant with regards to unnecessary stress and time delays involved in this process.	
	New Planning Applications: - Swift Cottage – tree removal – this was supported by the Parish Council. NYC to be informed.	Ann
10	Correspondence: - None	
11	Any other business: - Citizen’s Advice Bureau donation - A donation of £100 was approved Northern Powergrid Resiliency Grant. - These grants are designed for such things as generators, UPS etc to improve resiliency. - We have qualified and can make application in Round 9 in January. Ann and Phil will come up with a proposal for your discussion and approval. Car Charger at village hall. This is due for installation very soon. A sign has been made and is ready for installation Damage to road surface at the Ford. - Highways will be advised and subsequent to the meeting this was reported and repaired the same day as a safety issue, we have thanked Highways for their quick work. - There is an issue of land ownership as the Ford sits on the boundary between NYC and Hovingham Estate. This will be investigated. Chairman for the next meeting September. Giles Naish, will chair the next meeting. 2027 meeting dates. These dates will be added to these minutes	Phil Ann/ Phil Giles Ann Giles Ann
12	DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS 2026 • 25th November DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS 2027 • 27th January • 24th March • 26th May (AGM) • 21st July • 22nd September • 24th 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	