

Minutes of a meeting of Hinderwell Parish Council & Burial Authority

12th June 2025, 18:45hr at St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell

2025:06-00 Those Present

Cllr I Walker, Chair. Cllrs: Jackson, J Longster, Kilpatrick, Dorgan, Smith, Metcalfe, Wilson, Ellis and two members of the public.

Mrs G Glasby Clerk

2025:06-01 To allow Public Consultation

01.1 Mr T - spoke about the concern of parents' regarding the withdrawal of funded school transport for pupils attending Whitby School. This will affect some pupils in Hinderwell and all pupils in Staithes who are eligible to attend senior school from September 2025. Geographical restrictions now apply and part of Hinderwell, all of Staithes and Dalehouse will now fall into 'closest school' (Freebrough College, Brotton), catchment policy of NYCC. The council will fund transport to the closest school and if parents choose Whitby, then they will have to apply for a place on the current transport bus at a cost of £880/ anum. North Yorkshire County Councillor, Mr David Chance, was present at this time and agreed to discuss and explain further to Mr A, in person. This issue is also on the current Agenda of this meeting.

01.2 Mr G – spoke about information from Mulgrave estates regarding section 106 and planning with NYMNP. To be agendered for July meeting with further information supplied.

2025:06-02 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence

Cllr Buck, Cllr Brooker, Cllr I Longster.

The Chair, Cllr Walker, reported to the council that he had received a resignation with immediate effect from Cllr Buck (Hinderwell Ward). Cllr Buck had enjoyed his time with the council but was unable to continue to serve at this present time.

Proposed Cllr Jackson / Seconded Cllr Metcalfe

2025:06-03 Declarations of interest

None.

2025:06-04 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the May 2025 meeting of the Council were accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Dorgan / Seconded Cllr Jackson

2025:06-05 Report from North Yorkshire County Councillor, David Chance

Councillor Chance reported that there had been attempts at a recent meeting to reverse the decision of the revision of the home to school transport policy. This was not upheld and the Council will implement this revised policy this year.

The council will provide transport to all those who qualify. Catchment area is not in the guidance and so some pupils will fall into the closest school being cross-county border and transport would be provided to the closest school across the border if this was the case.

There has been a marked reduction in rural payment and there is also a review of local grants and it is likely that this will mean more money to urban areas and rural North Yorkshire will loose out financially. With the increase in National Insurance too, this is causing great financial pressure and concern.

The bill for Home to school transport has risen from £22 million to £50million, and the cost of funding transport for specialist school transport has risen too.

When questioned, Mr. Chance said he did not abstain and voted to stay with the policy as there was agreement that it would be reviewed after one year.

Buses will continue to come for those who qualify and spare seats will be sold, to parents of pupils who do not qualify if available.

This policy will be applied across the whole of North Yorkshire County urban and rural. Cllr Metcalfe pointed out that this would only affect the rural areas. Cllr Metcalfe asked about a possible change in the County boundaries? Cllr Chance confirmed that there was a consultation regarding boundary change, but this was Ward boundaries within North Yorkshire and not the County Boundary.

Chair thanked Cllr Chance for his report. Cllr Chance left the meeting.

2025:06-06 Matters arising from previous minutes

- 06.1 Play Park Private inspection quotes - The Clerk had received a quote for a private playpark inspection. Emailed to Cllr J Longster who will take to the next Staithes Community Group Meeting.
- 06.2 Asset Transfer update – The Chair reported that this was still ongoing, the form will be completed and he is hoping to confirm a meeting with Kate Dawson, NYCC to discuss the issue.
- 06.3 Cemetery Fees – still no change from Redcar and Cleveland. To add to next agenda. Clerk will bring examples from other authorities for comparison.
- 06.4 To update Parish Website and Email address. Chairman asked that all Councillors have a look at the website and email the clerk with suggestions for improvement. Clerk reported that SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) and YLCA (Yorkshire Local Clerks Association) are recommending use of gov.co.uk email. This can be changed as we update the website.

2025:06-07 Financial Statement

- 07.1 The Council received and resolved to approve the monthly financial statement for April 2025
Proposed Cllr Smitth / Seconded Cllr Metcalfe
- 07.2 The Council received and resolved to approve payments totaling £3141.62
Proposed Cllr Walker / Seconded Cllr Jackson
- 07.3 **Update on Termination of Onecom services** – The Clerk emailed Onecom to request removal of the charge with evidence that they had not upheld the contract. They are looking into this claim. Clerk will also contact YLCA to ask for advice
Action: Clerk.
- 07.4 **Update on Internet banking and signatory mandate.** The Chair reported that all necessary paperwork had been completed and we are awaiting confirmation of change from the bank.
- 07.5 Council Resolved to approve the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return)

Proposed Cllr Metcalfe / Seconded Cllr Dorgan

07.6 Financial Accounts Audit – The Clerk confirmed that the yearly financial accounts audit had been completed by Wren Accountancy services.

2025:06-08 To Receive and update on Staithes Play Park

Cllr J Longster gave the following report:

The majority of the committee were unhappy with the prospect of a NYCC lead of the rehabilitation project, with the idea of Staithes Community Forum fundraising on behalf of NYCC (North Yorkshire County Council). It was agreed by a majority that SCG would rather advocate that NYCC take on the playground project completely, and the SCF should work to provide evidence to NYCC that the playground is dangerous.

It was agreed that two options available to SCF were:

1. To work with NYCC but to seek clarity on how to apply for grants as a community group if the money will eventually end up with NYCC.
2. To discuss with Hinderwell Parish Council the idea of having HPC contact NYCC to request full funding.

After a discussion of the above points the council resolved to initiate an asset transfer of the Staithes play park.

Proposed: Chair, Cllr Walker / Seconded Cllr Durgon

Passed with Majority vote: Cllr Ellis Voted against

2025:06-09 Parish Housing Needs Survey

Following the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2025. The Parish was offered a Housing needs survey by K Carver, Rural Housing Enabler NYCC. A copy had been circulated to all councilors prior to the meeting. The Survey will be conducted by NYCC.

After discussion, the Council resolved that the Parish Housing Needs survey should be conducted.

Proposed: Chairman / Seconded Cllr Jackson

Passed with Majority vote: Cllr J Longster abstained.

Action: The Clerk.

2025:06-10 NYCC Withdrawal of Home to School Transport (September 2025)

Following on from Cllr Chance's report and a representation from a Parish resident earlier in the meeting, a discussion ensued on how the council can support the affected parishioners.

Unfortunately, we cannot affect a change to this policy. The council resolved to send a letter to local MP, Alison Hulme. Cc'd to NYCC Chief Executive & Cllr Chance

Proposed: Chairman / Seconded Cllr Metcalfe

All voted in favour

Action: The Clerk.

2025:06-11 Land ownership and overhanging branches Rosedale Lane:

A Parishioner, had contacted the clerk with information and photographs regarding the bankside between the cemetery and Old High Street/ Rosedale Lane. There had been previous questions about this area and Hinderwell Parish Council does not own the land so have not got the responsibility or permission to cut anything back. Clerk will look into who may have this land registered, previous enquiry showed an ongoing registration application. with no outcome recorded.

Action: The Clerk

2025:06-12 Hinderwell Cemetery Skip

The Clerk reported that there had been comment about the visible skip with grave spoil at the cemetery. It had been screened in the past but there was a problem with accessing the skip so it had been re-sited. The skip also has some damage to the door and it won't shut properly. The skip is owned by HPC. The clerk has contacted the company that empties the skip and they are happy for their maintenance engineer to exam the skip and see if a repair can be affected next time it is emptied. The Chair and Clerk will meet with Grave digger to discuss options going forward to screen the skip as required.

Action: The Chairman / The Clerk.

2025:06-13 Consider displaying Official Parish notices on Staithes Noticeboards.

Following the Annual Parish Meeting, the clerk suggested that official Parish notices of Agenda and minutes could be displayed on notice boards at Staithes as well as Hinderwell. Unfortunately, space could be a problem as community notices are also displayed. A possible solution is to display the agenda to give all parishioner a chance to come to a meeting if an item interests them with a follow-up QR code with a link to minutes. Cllr Longster, would be happy for an agenda to be emailed to her for inclusion on the notice board in bottom of Staithes. All official correspondence will continue to be displayed in full on the Parish notice board in Hinderwell, in accordance with statutory regulations. This can be linked into the update of the parish website. The Clerk will look into this further.

Action: The Clerk

2025:06-14 Parish Maintenance

14.01 Cllr Metcalfe reported Runswick Bay turning circle roundabout had been tarmacked and no yellow lines installed so parking was inevitable. She will report to NYCC.

14.02 Cllr Metcalfe wondered about an update on the Vintage lights on display at Robin Hoods Bay, and whether a visit is possible to look at them with Cllr Wilson? The Clerk will contact NYPCA representative to confirm what is happening

Action: The Clerk

14.03 Cllr Longster reported that Rolling Cross Footpath at Staithes is very overgrown and has not been cut for more than a year. Not sure who has responsibility for this. NYMNP or National Trust. The Clerk will look into it

Action: The Clerk

14.04 Cllr Ellis reported that the etched, stonework on the bridge at Dale House is becoming worn. The Chair will take pictures to send to clerk.

Action: The Chair, Cllr Wright / The Clerk.

2025:06-15 Consider any Urgent Correspondence received

The Clerk reported, that following a query raised at the Annual Parish Meeting regarding Broadacres Housing and the ongoing matters regarding flooding at the houses they manage at Runswick Bay, Karina Carver, rural Housing Enabler had received the following Correspondence from them:

They confirm that they currently have some unoccupied houses and this will remain the case whilst additional surveys are undertaken. They have no plans to rebuild the properties.

In respect of the Culvert at Ellerby Lane: They have carried out offsite surveys to the existing infrastructure and minor works have been done to make sure it is working to its optimum capacity, the

extent of this is that the existing culvert has been cleaned and blocked ditches cleared. They continue to explore if there are any additional measures to put in place to help with flood protection. They are working closely with the landowner, NYCC and Yorkshire Water in planning and undertaking any minor works required. All appropriate consents will be applied for if required.

2025:06-16 To Notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

Cllr Dorgan had requested by email that clerk add an agenda item regarding the sharing of venues for the monthly Parish meeting between Staithes and Hinderwell. The clerk had omitted this from the current agenda. The clerk apologised to Cllr Dorgan and will make sure of its inclusion onto the July agenda.

Meeting closed at 20.06hrs

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 3rd July 2025

Moved By

Seconded by:

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 04.04.2025 having been circulated be taken as read and approved by the Council.

Chairman to sign: