

GREEN HAMMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Green Hammerton Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 7.30pm** in Green Hammerton Village Hall

- Present:** Councillors M. Simpson (Chairman), A. Mistry (Vice-Chairman), A. Taylor, C. Jeffrey, L. Ormandy, County Councillor Warneken
- Clerk:** J. Merriman
- 2025/123** An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.
- 2025/124** It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments and representations through the Chairman in respect of the business on the agenda. 5 members of the public were present, and no questions were asked.
- 2025/125** **Apologies**
a) Apologies were received from Councillors Melnyk and Mills
b) Reasons for absence were approved
- 2025/126** **Declarations of interest**
a) There were no declarations of interest under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
b) No applications of dispensation were received.
- 2025/127** **Minutes**
The minutes of the Meeting of Green Hammerton Parish Council held on the 26th November 2025 were approved and signed as a true and correct record of proceedings. (Circulated under separate cover).
- 2025/128** **North Yorkshire Council Report**
A report was received from NYC Councillor Arnold Warneken. NYC's budget process is ongoing until 14th February. NYC is in deficit and has dipped into reserves. There will be an increase in council tax of 4.99% to residents for 2026/27. There are 270 empty properties in this area. There is a proposal to increase council tenant's rent but Councillor Warneken is proposing to reduce this. Councillor Warneken is querying the Home to School policy committee. Councillor Warneken has taken the issue of poor-quality water to Yorkshire Water and there will be a meeting on 10th February at 7.00pm at Green Hammerton Village Hall with representatives from Yorkshire Water. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Warneken would send details of the meeting to the council to publicise the event. Councillor Warneken has asked for the next 12 months meeting dates for the police to attend. Councillor Simpson stated that it would be a good idea for the police to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. Councillor Warneken has had a meeting with a Highways officer to attempt to progress parking and speeding issues. The boundary review has been published. The hub funded by the locality budget is in its 3rd week and is being well-used. Fly-tipping at Helenfield has been reported, it is important to leave the materials intact as it is safer for the public and it is evidence. It was **AGREED** that the Website should contain links to fly tipping, highways, potholes, planning applications and other NYC services.
- 2025/129** **Clerk's Report**
 - The precept request has been submitted to North Yorkshire Council

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- An email has been sent to Kirk Hammerton Parish Council to support them with the Maltkiln appeal
- An email was sent to Monk Fryston to support their appeal to change NYC's VAS speeding protocol
- An email was sent to Darren Griffiths and Chris Blackburn to request the installation of a slip road on the A59, as well as requesting data from the last two years, an acknowledgement has been received but no further information received. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should follow this up.
- An email was sent to Chris Blackburn to request that the solid salt in the salt bins be emptied before the bin is filled again, a receipt was acknowledged

2025/130 Financial matters

The following financial matters were considered:

a) To approve the Schedule of Payments, circulated in advance of the meeting including TSP £351.08, £168 VTS

b) The Bank Reconciliation was noted:

£ Balance b/wd 17/11/2025	£ 4,771.99
£ Income	£ 25.00
£ Expenditure	£ 970.97
£ Balance as at 22/01/2026	£ 3,826.02

Unity Trust Deposit £ 25,283.23

2025/131 Cycleway Update

An update was received on the cycleway, which was made as a bridleway, concerns were expressed that horse riders should not be using it as they will damage the newly created surface. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Taylor should contact the horse-riding community.

2025/132 The following planning matters were considered:

a) Planning consultations

Application No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
25/04399/FUL	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.	14 The Crescent York Road Green Hammerton North Yorkshire YO26 8BW	No COMMENT
25/04500/FUL	Conversion of existing detached garage to annexe with first floor extension.	Rosedale Cottage Boroughbridge Road Green	OBJECT due to the fact that there is a query if part of the

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		Hammerton North Yorkshire YO26 8AE	work has been carried out on the existing garage and if so is a retrospective planning application required for that? And the development will be out of character with the surrounding properties and detrimental to the visual amenity, especially as it is within the conservation area.
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b) Planning decisions - no decisions were received

c) Planning enforcements – no planning enforcements were received

2025/133

Grass Cutting

- (i) A request was received from the PCC for funding, and it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the amount requested and if it was £1,300 then it was unanimously agreed with Councillor Simpson abstaining from the vote.
- (ii) A letter was received from NYC regarding urban grass cutting and it was **AGREED** to accept it.
- (iii) The contract for 2026/7 season was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to issue a 3-year rolling contract after checking with the YLCA.

2025/134

Malkiln

This item was moved to the meeting after the NYC update. Alex Smith provided an update on the Malkiln Masterplan process to date. No information has been provided by the planners and the villages have had no involvement. The Master Plan does not hit certain requirements outlined in the DPD, which has been approved, but the correct process is not being followed and it is important to make the planners and developers understand that. It is not what we were promised. Data was collected from residents on the consultation process and people were concerned that the officers were unable to give answers to specific questions. It was **RESOLVED** that Green Hammerton Parish council endorses and supports the Coalition of Local Councils and that Green Hammerton Parish Council will also submit their own response by 30th January 2026

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- 2025/135 Helenfield Report**
An update was received from the Helenfield Committee
- 2025/136 Plinth and phone box**
To receive an update from Councillors Melnyk and Mills and agree any actions. This was deferred until the next meeting, and it was **AGREED** to put it on February's agenda.
- 2025/137 GHRC**
- (i) An email regarding weed control was received from the GHRC and it was **AGREED** that we will request that Highways action this.
 - (ii) An email was received from a member of the public regarding the GHRC consultation process and Councillor Simpson provided an update of progress made.
 - (iii) An update on the Chair's meeting was received from Councillor Simpson.
- 2025/138 Village View**
An update was received on the Village View and its financial position. Record thanks to Jane Kellett for editing. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Jeffrey would contact potential editors. It was **AGREED** that the council would fund the Village View for up to £1000. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk and Councillor Simpson would create an ad to put on the Village website and facebook. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Simpson would get a quote for printing. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would take on the Village View.
- 2025/139 Emergency Resilience & Training**
It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next agenda.
- 2025/140 YLCA**
Councillor Simpson provided an update on the AGM.
- 2025/141 Highway & Pedestrian Concerns**
- (i) An email was received from a member of the public regarding the Harrogate Road/Paddock Way Junction and the member of the public thanked Councillor Warneken for his help. The officer concerned will feed back to Councillor Warneken.
 - (ii) The VAS renovation/data was reviewed, and the Clerk should be able to download the information onto the laptop from a card in the VAS unit.
- It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should email Scott Baker and ask him to clear the gutter above the defibrillator.
- 2025/142 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 25th February 2026.**
- 2025/143 The meeting was closed for confidential items**

The meeting finished at 9.30pm