

# GREEN HAMMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Green Hammerton Parish Council  
held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm** in Green Hammerton Village Hall

- Present:** Councillors M. Simpson (Chairman), C. Jeffrey, A. Taylor, I. Mills, L. Ormandy, A. Mistry, County Councillor Warneken
- Clerk:** J. Merriman
- 2026/001** An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.
- 2026/002** 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. Three members of the public were present, and no questions were asked at this point.
- 2026/003** **Apologies**  
a) Apologies were received from Councillor W. Melnyk  
b) Reasons for absence were approved.
- 2026/004** **Declarations of interest**  
a) Declarations of interest under council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests included Councillor Jeffrey regarding the Badapple Theatre grant application.  
  
b) No applications of dispensation were received.
- 2026/005** **Minutes**  
The minutes of the Meeting of Green Hammerton Parish Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were approved and signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.
- 2026/006** **North Yorkshire Council Report**  
County Councillor Arnold Warneken did not provide an update at this point but updated at specific agenda items relating to NYC.
- 2026/007** **Clerk's Report**
- A meeting has taken place with Lee Jones re: Commuted Sums and the Working Group
  - James Mackman has been appointed as the internal auditor
  - The Clerk is investigating signs for the cycleway and will bring examples to the council meeting for approval
- 2026/008** **Financial matters**  
The following financial matters were considered:
- a) The Schedule of Payments, circulated in advance of the meeting to include £484.00 YLCA annual subscription, £10.00 YLCA training, £352 GHRC rent, £49.95 for litter pickers for Councillor Simpson.
- b) The Bank Reconciliation was noted:

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£ Balance b fwd 18/03/2026	£ 5,063.80
£ Income	£ 0.00
£ Expenditure	£ 630.15
£ Balance as at 22/04/2026	£ 4,433.65

Unity Trust Deposit £ 20,406.25

- c) The reserves policy was received and approved. It was **AGREED** to allocate £10,000 to earmarked reserves for capital projects. It was **AGREED** that the aim should be to retain 50% of the annual spend as per our reserves policy.
- d) A letter was received from PKF Littlejohn regarding arrangements for the 2025/26 AGAR and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should undertake the work.

### 2026/009 **Cycleway Update**

- (i) An update was received on the cycleway. It is currently satisfactorily funded for the work that has been done and Green Hammerton Parish Council is awaiting invoices from the contractors. Up to half of the cycleway has now been tracked and preparations for a further quarter are in hand. The progress with the diversion around the farm lane is subject to discussions with the farmer regarding harvesting. Councillor Warneken pledged £1000 should the Mayoral fund not come to fruition.
- (ii) The signage for the cycleway was approved and 2 x cycleway signs and 2 x no horse signs will be ordered by the Clerk.

### 2026/010 **Comments were made on the following planning matters.**

#### a) **Planning consultations**

Application No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
26/01804/FUL	Single story rear extension and conversion of existing garage	First House York Road Green Hammerton North Yorkshire YO26 8BN	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
26/01444/DVCON	Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of Planning Permission 25/03639/FUL: Erection of two storey side extension and new garage. Amendments to fenestration and render to existing dwelling. Installation of new sewerage treatment plant, replacement oil tank and removal of Cherry tree to front garden.	Cherry Tree Cottage The Green Green Hammerton North Yorkshire	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b> but in the event of approval the fenestration should be in keeping with the

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			surrounding area.
26/01278/FUL	Proposed single storey glazed garden room situated on the south west elevation.	Gains House The Green Green Hammerton North Yorkshire YO26 8BQ	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>

### b) Planning decisions

Decision No.	Proposal	Location	Decision
26/00685/AMENDS	Non-material amendment to allow alterations to the car port of planning permission HGT23/01017/FUL 1 no. detached dwelling, double car port and entrance gates.	Site Of Harland Garden Machinery Ltd Boroughbridge Road Green Hammerton North Yorkshire	APPROVED

c) **Planning enforcements** – no planning enforcements were received

d) Setting up a working group to monitor outstanding planning requirements in respect of recent housing developments was considered and it was **AGREED** that a working group would be formed consisting of Councillors Jeffrey, Taylor and Mistry. An interim report will be on the next agenda. If any members of the public have a specific interest in planning, they should contact the Clerk.

#### 2026/011 **Malkiln**

Councillor Taylor provided an update on the Design Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 which was unsatisfactory, and little was resolved. Councillor Warneken confirmed that the meeting was developer led and there was no opportunity to engage with relevant issues. Councillor Simpson provided an update on the Yorkshire Water meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. For Yorkshire Water the main concern is Kirk Hammerton and the future of the water treatment plan, 2 concerns – water waste generated by the new development and a requirement to deal with phosphates by 2030, therefore the water treatment plan will be redeveloped for Malkiln. When the supply of fresh water is arranged for Kirk Hammerton, Councillor Simpson was assured there would be no impact on Green Hammerton water. Councillor Warneken is setting up a meeting with flood defence to speak to the Parish Group. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should ask for an extension to the planning application until the 30<sup>th</sup> May.

#### 2026/012 **Letter from a resident**

A letter was received from a resident. It was confirmed that the Reserves policy has been approved. The grass cutting grant to the RC is historical and

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has been in place for many years. The grant is revisited each year and is consistent with the PC's Grants Policy.

With a view to improving transparency it was **AGREED** that Councillors Mills and Simpson should look at the website and recommend updates.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should respond to the resident.

- 2026/013 Helenfield Report**  
An update was received from Councillor Taylor on the Helenfield Committee. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Taylor should contact the grass cutting contractor to amend the cutting arrangements at Helenfield.
- 2026/014 Plinth and phone box**  
An update was received from Councillor Taylor who has sent the approval to Northern Powergrid and then will obtain 3 quotes for moving the defibrillator. A supplier is in hand. There will be a lockable safe external plug.
- 2026/015 GHRC**  
An update was received on the Working Group and Councillor Ormandy provided an update on the GHRC; the Easter hunt was well attended, and thanks were given to the council for the funding. The warm spaces activities will stop now until Autumn. Discussions had taken place regarding the hall hiring agreements and making it more accessible to villagers. A draft policy has been set for the use of the field and will be available on the 19th May at 7.00pm. Councillor Mistry provided an update on the S106 funding.
- 2026/016 Damaged Notice board**  
It was **AGREED** that Councillor Mills will investigate the damaged noticeboard and report back on its condition.
- 2026/017 Emergency Resilience & Training<sup>9</sup>**  
This item was deferred in the absence of Councillor Melnyk.
- 2026/018 Speeding/Highway issues**  
(i) An update on the volunteer speed check was received from Councillor Jeffrey. There has been one volunteer but a maximum of five are required to make the project effective. It was **AGREED** to advertise on facebook, at the school and on the village website.  
(ii) The refusal of Highways to impose a lower speed limit on the A59 was considered and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should send a firm response to Highways requesting further information, copying in Councillor Warneken. Councillor Warneken has a meeting with officers to look at better signage and what can be done to improve it, and alternative ways of solving the issue.  
(iii) A working group was considered to assess future roads and footpaths and Councillor Simpson and Councillor Jeffrey **AGREED** to set up the group and to involve interested members of the public.
- 2026/019 Village View**  
Councillor Jeffrey provided an update on the new arrangements confirming that there is a new editor. Items for the next issue should include litter picking, the cycleway update and a Maltkiln update,
- 2026/020 Green Hammerton field – Primary School use**  
An email was received from Green Hammerton Primary School regarding the use of the field and their concerns should be resolved by the GHRC who have

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created a policy and will put signage up which will be available to all; dogs will only be allowed to be present on leads when activities are taking place.

**2026/021**

### **Grant Applications**

The Badapple theatre grant application for £450 relating to running costs was reviewed and approved.

**2026/022**

### **Parish Meeting**

Arrangements for the Parish meeting were considered, and it was **AGREED** that Councillors Jeffrey and Mistry will organise fliers to be printed and delivered to every house at a maximum cost of £100. The meeting will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Invitees will include the School, the Archaeological Society, the GHRC, the Football Club, Badapple theatre group, a local PCSO and Councillor Warneken.

**2026/024**

**The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

The meeting finished at 21.15