GREEN HAMMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Green Hammerton Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7.30pm** in Green Hammerton Village Hall.

Present: Councillors A. Mistry (Chairman), M. Simpson, A. Taylor, C. Jeffries, I. Mills, L. Ormandy, W. Melnyk

Clerk: J. Merriman

2026/88 An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.

2026/89 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. 6 members of the public were present and no questions were asked.

2026/90 **Apologies**
No apologies were received.

2026/91 **Declarations of interest**
a) No declarations of interest were received under council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
b) No applications of dispensation were received.

2026/92 **Minutes**
The minutes of the Meeting of Green Hammerton Parish Council held on 29th July 2026 were approved and signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

2026/93 **North Yorkshire Council Report**
No report was received from NYC

2026/94 **Clerk's Report**

- The donation of £505.00 has been made to Cancer Research
- The Clerk has requested that NYC dig out the undergrowth on the hedge on Harrogate Road
- The Clerk has requested litter picking equipment for the 8th November from NYC
- An invoice has been received for the cycleway, a PID sent to Commuted Sums and a remittance advice received

2026/95 **Financial matters**
The following financial matters were considered:
a) The Schedule of Payments was approved including Vision ICT £30.00, Zurich Insurance £1,170.36, Richard Church (cycleway) £91,765.08, PKF Littlejohn £756.00, M E Electrical £2,898.83 (it was agreed to pay 50% since the work is not completed.)

b) The Bank Reconciliation was noted:

£ Balance as at 21/07/2026	£ 8,972.80
£ Income	£ 0.00
£ Expenditure	£ 8,187.25 (incl £5k transfer to deposit a/c)

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£ Balance as at 24/09/2026 £ 785.79

Unity Trust Deposit £ 35,522.55

It was **AGREED** to move the majority of money from the current to the deposit account whilst the cash flow is being arranged.
(c) PKF Littlejohn's report was received, and it was noted that the minor errors could be corrected and **AGREED** that the Clerk should follow up the recommendations for 2026/7. It was noted that the AGAR and conclusion of audit were published on the noticeboard and on the website within the time required.

(d) The precept letter was received from NYC and it was **AGREED** that Councillors Mistry, Simpson and the Clerk should arrange a finance meeting and that the proposed budget and precept for 2026/7 be agreed at the November meeting. It was **AGREED** that all councillors should consider requirements and projects for the next financial year.

(e) The spend against budget to date was reviewed and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should prepare this for each meeting.

2026/96 The following planning matters were considered.

a) **Planning consultations**

Application reference	**Proposal**	**Location**	**Comments**
DCPARISH 26/04919/FUL	Addition of bespoke timber orangery garden room to south elevation	Gains House The Green Green Hammerton North Yorkshire YO26 8BQ	**NO OBJECTIONS**
DCPARISH 26/04649/FUL	Part single storey rear extension with lantern and part 2 storey extension to side and rear. Alterations to fenestration.	6 The Crescent York Road Green Hammerton North Yorkshire YO26 8BW	**ALREADY APPROVED**
DCPARISH 26/05553/FUL	Two storey and single storey rear extension	2 Kirk Hammerton Lane Green Hammerton York North Yorkshire YO26 8BS	**NO OBJECTIONS**

b) Planning decisions - no planning decisions were received

c) Planning enforcements – no planning enforcements were received

2026/97 **Maltkiln**
Councillor Mistry provided an update.

2026/98 **Helenfield Report**
Councillor Taylor provided an update on Helenfield and there will be a subgroup meeting to determine work required for the future.

2026/99 **Emergency Resilience & Training**
Councillor Welnyk provided an update on progress. It was **AGREED** that the documents require updating and that the Clerk should investigate model documents available from NYC and determine the workload necessary to complete them.

2026/100 **IT Provision, & Website**

(i) The IT provision was reviewed, and it was **AGREED** to move to Microsoft 365 with TPSL. Councillor Mills will contact TPSL.

(ii) It was **RESOLVED** that the website will be reviewed in November.

2026/101 **Cycleway**
An update on the cycleway project was received, and it was noted that thanks should be given to Jon Purday for his excellent work and time spent on the project. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should invite David Skaith to an official opening. Councillor Ormandy **AGREED** to take the lead to organise the opening and seek others outside the Parish Council to assist. It was **AGREED** that provision for maintenance of the path in the future should be considered and that any documentation such as guarantees for the work, completion certificates and a construction pack should be given to the parish council. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would investigate insurance implications. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Melnyk should arrange a handover with Jon Purday.

2026/102 **GHRC**
102.1Councillor Ormandy provided an update on the GHRC; the warm space project will return on the 14th October, the next meeting will take place on 6th October and there will be a financial review. The Decades Disco was cancelled due to lack of tickets being sold. The police have been very supportive regarding criminal damage in the village. The current Chair has resigned, and the hall group needs another trustee to continue. More volunteers are needed to come forward. It was **AGREED** that every effort should be made to request that more members of the community become involved. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should speak to Great Ouseburn regarding the running of their village hall

102.2 An update on the GHRC S106 working group was received and it was **RESOLVED** to consider the make up of the working group. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should organise another meeting as soon as possible. The suggestion of inviting more people to the group was put to the vote and agreed 4 to 2.

Councillor Mills left the meeting at 20.49

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2026/103 **Plinth & Phone box**
Councillor Welnyk provided an update and will contact Hudson's to investigate the cable issue. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should pay 50% of M E Electricals since the work is not finished.

2026/104 **Grass Cutting**
An update was received from the grass cutting working group. Councillor Mistry wished to step down from the grass cutting working group and it was proposed that Councillor Taylor be Chair and unanimously approved. It was **AGREED** that the tender document should be reviewed, added to and sent out for a 3-year tender. Councillor Taylor provided a quote for hedging for . £1,275 excluding VAT. It was **AGREED** that further quotes should be sought and that the final decision could be made by email.

2026/105 **Grant applications**
There were no grant applications.

2026/106 **Litter picking**
An update was received from the Clerk, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should seek equipment from NYC for 20 people for the 8th November.

2026/107 **Salary scales**
The agreed salary scales for 2026/7 were noted and approved. The Clerk was thanked for her hard work.

2026/108 **Memorial garden access**
The access to the proposed Memorial Garden was considered and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should invite the owners of the land to attend the next meeting.

2026/109 **Insurance**
The quote from Zurich was received and **APPROVED**. It was **AGREED** that Councillors Simpson and Taylor would review the risk assessment and the asset register.

2026/110 **York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Local Transport Plan Consultation**
The council's response to the consultation was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Simpson will respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

2026/111 **NYC - Rural Digital Inclusion grant opportunity**
An email was received from NYC regarding a rural digital inclusion grant opportunity, and it was **RESOLVED** not to apply since the Parish Council do not meet the criteria.

2026/112 **The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 28th October 2026.**
Councillor Ormandy sent apologies in advance.

The meeting finished at 21.29