

SHIPTON BY BENINGBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Thursday 26th February 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

At the Community Centre

Present

Cllrs Hexter (Chair), Egan, Chapman, Heartshorne, Souter, Walker, Bascombe-Fox & Megan Remmer (Clerk)

26-019 **Apologies** – Cllr Heartshorne and Chapman sent their apologies

26-020 **Reasons for Absence** – Reasons were accepted

Declarations of Interest

26-021

None received.

26-022 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January having been previously circulated were approved.

Actions from Previous Meeting

26-023

26-010.4 Cllrs request to discuss dropped curb opposite church – Clerk has sent in an application

26-010.5 Business Debit Card – application form completed and signed

Public Forum

26-024

6 members of the public attended this meeting but did not wish to speak at this point.

1 asked about the football field flooding asking if the path contributed to this. It was agreed the issue was the volume of water.

North Yorkshire Councillor's Report

26-025

Cllr Taylor sent his apologies and reported there is not too much to report other than the 2025/26 budget which is an increase of 2% on adult social care and 2.99% on council tax.

Yorkshire Green

We were joined by Chris Humphreys - National Grid, Community Engagement and Jonathan Richardson – Community Benefit to talk about the grants available to local organisations.

Overhead lines still being done, most work will be finished at end of this year, if any work is intrusive they will let us know in advance.

Fund – some has been allocated from wider National Grid fund, just for the Yorkshire Green community, first launched in October, £205,000 has already been already given out. Applications are looked at every 3 months. A further £150k has been awarded recently.

How does fund work, who's eligible etc?

26-026

YG will be working in the area another 2.5 to 3 years, the grant will be available for another 10 yrs after they have gone, £10m is available for the area, organisations can apply once per year, only for not for profit groups and charities. PC's can also apply. Only individual projects, the fund will not top up the budget of an ongoing project. They can't fund traffic projects. Areas of inclusion: STEP, wellbeing, improving local communities.

Applications are weighted according to distance from the work, so we are very close. Further away will be considered but must be very good. 5-10 miles radius preferred; stringent checks are made on organisations.

Schools – PTA's can apply.; they won't pay for things school is obliged to do – enhancement vs compulsion

Quick process for applications, there were 19 at last application. Local Giving administers applications, score on criteria, important to show how many would benefit from the project.

Some examples of applications that have been funded: Lighting in swimming pool, library heating system, outdoor gyms, mental health support for primary school, irrigation, solar panels, lawn mower

Make sure application links to key themes. Projects have to be delivered in 12 months.

They also asked for opportunities for staff volunteering in the local area: ie painting, litter picking, path laying, ditch clearing (contractor Murphey's will help with work)

Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

26-027.1 Clerks General Verbal Report and bank rec were presented and approved

26-027.2 The following accounts were approved:

26-027

- Clerks salary –Jan
- Bank Charges - Jan
- 100 Club Prizes – Jan
- Community Centre 1306 (Nov late) & 0008 - £32 + £32
- Forest of Flowers (SWW purchase) 1538 - £240

Planning

26-028

To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:

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To Report on the Following Planning Application Decisions:

26-028.1 ZB25/01979/FUL Householder Application for Planning Permission for works or extension to a dwelling: Proposed 2 storey side and rear extensions and single storey rear extensions, 6 East Lane **REFUSED**

Matters requested by Councillors/ New Items

26-029.1 To report on lack of response from NYPFCC/ Deputy Mayor office re speed of unmarked police and with response to info from Road Safety Surgery, Feb 25 – Clerk has emailed Mayor

26-029.2 To consider joint fundraising event with school PTA, possibly in May in addition to Scarecrow Festival Family fun day in the park and hall, proposed more as village day rather than fundraiser. Proposed date: 16/17 May
RESOLVED: Agreed to support it, Clerk to find out if football will be on.

26-029.3 To report on request regarding pavement clearing on Main St from Church northwards - Clerk has put in request to Highways; to also ask Yorkshire Green

26-029.4 To note with sadness the passing of Alan Theakstone and to consider how to honour his contribution to the village and the Parish Council in his lifetime

The Parish Council shared their sympathy and recognised Mr Theakstone's contribution to the village.

After consideration it was thought an arch into the play area using the old gas lamp poles could be used as a memorial. Other Cllrs and family to be asked.

Correspondence

26-030.1 YLCA WRU and YLCA Training and Law and Governance Bulletins and Parish Liaison newsletters – various forwarded for information

26-030.2 North Yorkshire Local Plan and the Third Public Release of 'Call for Sites' Submissions

26-030.3 Assets of Community Value info request, Marton cum Grafton Parish Council – for info

26-030.4 To report on notification from North Yorkshire regarding 20mph zone proposed for Station Lane
RESOLVED: The PC agreed support for the proposals

26-031 **Highways/ VAS**

26-031.1 To confirm next date to move VAS – moved 1/2, next due 8/3

26-032 **Affordable Housing Project/ Broadacres**

26-032.1 To confirm allotment path agreement has been signed and returned to solicitor

Playground & Recreation Field

26-033.1 To update as necessary on playground inspection

26-033 Dog mess has been highlighted as an issue – Clerk to ask dog officer to come at the time when it is believed that this is usually happening

26-033.2 To consider overall playground improvements – meeting on 3rd March

26-034 **Community Centre**

26-034.1 To receive any updates – Clerk to ask Committee for contribution to meeting.

Allotments

26-035 **26-035.1** To update regarding plots – 1 plot still available

26-035.2 To report on and discuss allotment holder tree query and consider action – Clerk has asked for a tree surgeon to look at the tree and quote for the work

26-036 **Middleton Trust**

26-036.1 To receive any updates

Sipton Wildflower Woodland

26-037.1 To report on funds received to date and any expenditure – future expenditure: signs & bran

26-037 **26-037.2** To update actions and progress to date as required – planting seeds will take place in spring

26-037.3 To discuss and agree regarding grass cutting of field and impact on area of wildflowers

Wavy edge – Chair of SWW will talk to grass cutters and explain

Items for Next Agenda

Chairman's Closing Remarks – meeting closed at 9.35

Next Meeting: 26 March 2026

Signed: _____ Date: _____