

New Earswick Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting – Minutes
20 April 2026 – 18.30 hours

Attending Councillors: Roy Love (Chair) (RL)
Ian Murphy (IM)
Yvonne Orton (YO)
Carol Runciman (CR)
Audrey Steel (AS)
Peter Vaughan (PV)
Joan Whitehead (JW)

Visitors: Two residents

Clerk/Minute Taker: Sally Bruckshaw (SB)

Cllr Love welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly the two residents.

1 Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting

The last Annual Parish Meeting had taken place on 22 April 2025 and the minutes approved on the 19 May, 2025.

2 Matters Arising

YO noted that one resident who had attended the meeting had raised matters relating to the Sleeper Path. Trees in the area had been cut back since then.

3 Chair's Annual Report

Cllr Roy Love read out his annual report. This covered the previous year and it was noted that he had taken the Chair in January, following the retirement of Sue Glenton. A copy would be placed on the web site.

4 Business Raised by Electors of the Parish

Members responded to a number of items raised by the residents attending:-

Attendance at York Bus Forum – Following the resignation of a Member of the Council there had been no attendance at these meetings. YO agreed to attend the next meeting.

Speed limits particularly on the main road through New Earswick – CR notified that it

was still a matter for COYC, however, due to the new large building development and issues with the needs of public transport, it was unlikely that 20 mph zones would be introduced in the near future.

Who had responsibility for the repair of potholes and how did the Council notify problems? Cyclists in particular faced difficulties with this issue. It was confirmed that the Parish Council notified COYC or JRHT in some cases (for the unadopted roads they had responsibility for). The public could also make reports direct through the Report Problems page on the COYC website.

The recent meeting with the developer of the Old School Field had been considered helpful.

The annual accounts are included on the Parish Council web site and residents may inspect them in person by contacting the Clerk.

5 Consideration of the provision of an information board (history of New Earswick)

Following the discussion on this proposal at previous Parish Council meetings. The Manager at the Folk Hall had been contacted to query whether this could potentially be sited in the grounds of the Folk Hall. There had been a negative response to this due to limitations on space when events were being held.

It was agreed that there was a considerable amount of information relating to the history of New Earswick, that had been compiled by various sources over the years. JRHT staff were again considering the possibility of displays being located within the building. This had been partly developed previously, but the project had ceased once a staff member had left the organisation. One resident outlined the work that had been undertaken by the local history group (since disbanded). A university project relating to the history of the area was being undertaken by a student.

This matter was to be considered further to see if progress could be made.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.10 hours.

Signed _____ Chair, 18 May, 2026