

**New Earswick Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**16 March 2026**  
**Business Commenced at 19.00 hours**

**Attending Councillors:** Roy Love (Chair) (RL)  
Christine Durrant (CD)  
Yvonne Orton (YO)  
Carol Runciman (CR)  
Audrey Steel (AS)  
Peter Vaughan (PV)  
Joan Whitehead (JW)

**Apologies:** Will Durrant (WD)  
Ian Murphy (IM)

**Visitors:** One resident  
JRHT (Resident Involvement Officer)

**Clerk/Minute Taker:** Sally Bruckshaw (SB)

26.03.01 **Notices of the meeting**

The notices of the meeting had been posted on the Parish notice board and web site.

26.03.02 **To receive and note apologies from Members who were unable to attend the meeting**

As above.

26.03.03 **To consider and accept the reasons for absence provided**

The reasons for absence were accepted.

26.03.04 **To receive declarations of interest on any items on the agenda**

None received.

26.03.05 **Membership of the Council**

One Casual Vacancy remained.

26.03.06 **To receive reports on Police matters**

A Monthly update – Circulated. It was noted that the Police were increasing patrols relating to incidents of anti-social behavior.

B Speed concerns including pedestrian crossing outside the Folk Hall – No updates received.

C Dates for future Drop In sessions - 27 March at the Folk Hall (10.00 – 11.00)

D Parking outside the University Sports Ground – Users of the facility continued to park on the yellow lines. The Police and University were aware of the problem. YO reported that cameras were in use on the road.

26.03.07 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February, 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February, 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. It was noted that JW had represented the Council at the Boxing Club Topping Out Ceremony.

26.03.08 **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

A Information on youth support work in New Earswick – Several of the groups based at the Sports Club had junior teams. The venue was installing lockable shutters in the bar area to allow some after school activities to be held.

B JRHT - Future use of empty properties in New Earswick – Confirmation had been received that JRHT were refreshing the options for both Westfield House and the Methodist church and would provide a more detailed response in due course. The resident who had raised concerns relating to Westfield House was to be notified.

C Consideration of an information board (history of New Earswick) – The majority of Members supported this proposal. It was agreed that it would be considered in more detail at the Annual Parish meeting.

26.03.09 **To receive correspondence since the previous meeting other than circulated for information**

A Maintenance of closed churchyard – Correspondence from the Church Administrator had been forwarded by Huntington Parish Council. This related to specific areas that required work.

B Green Corridors – Several activities were being organised and these had been notified to Members.

26.03.10 **Update on gov.uk addresses for the Parish Council**

The general email address for the Parish Council had been registered – [clerk@newearswickparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@newearswickparishcouncil.gov.uk) and the domain for the web site – newearswickparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Individual email addresses for Members would be issued and these would require further external IT support.

26.03.11 **Planning consultation**

26/00385/FUL – York St John University Sports Centre, Haxby Road York YO31 8TA  
Erection of a canopy structure over padel courts, with alterations to existing fencing.

Members had no objection to this application. Response B.

The resident attending the meeting raised concerns about the development of the Old School Field and in particular the flooding risks around the site. It was considered that it would be helpful if more background and a timeline for the works were available for residents to view.

26.03.12 **Recycling – Update**

YO circulated a paper relating to the various projects and updated Members on the background details.

26.03.13 **Update from the Finance Committee held on 19 February, 2026**

CR gave the background to the meeting (the draft minutes had been issued to all Members).

A Grant Application and Financial Agreement forms – Changes to the dates on the forms were agreed.

B Internal Control and Internal Audit requirements – Members had considered the details and the document agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Internal Control and Internal Audit requirements were confirmed.

C Date of Internal Audit (2025-26) – 30 April, 2026.

D Update on procedural matters raised at the meeting – The Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting at this point. A paper with the items raised (11 December, 2026 and the progress considered on 19 February was circulated).

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk should be paid additional hours in lieu of outstanding leave entitlement.

The paper also highlighted contractual details relating to the Clerk’s contract.

In addition the office procedures that had been updated following the change of Chair of the Council including DMS checks were detailed.

26.03.14 **To approve the financial transactions listed below**

A Huntington Parish Council (11.2.26)	1526.02 (20.2.26)
B Banner Business Solutions Ltd (20.2.26)	109.80 (3.3.26)
C JRHT (Room hire) (5.3.26)	66.00
D HMRC	1034.11
E Salary (March)	As agreed

**RESOLVED:** That the above payments be accepted.

In addition invoices had been received from the payroll provider and JRHT for room hire. An invoice from the IT provider was also due. These would be paid and included on the next agenda.

26.03.15 **Items for the next meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting -18.30 hours followed by the Parish Council meeting – 20 April, 2026.

No further items were raised.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.10 hours.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair, 20 April, 2026

