

**New Earswick Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**19 January 2026**  
**Business Commenced at 19.00 hours**

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

**Apologies:** Christine Durrant (CD)  
Will Durrant (WD)  
Yvonne Orton (YO)

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

26.01.01 **Notices of the meeting**

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

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

As above.

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

The reasons for absence were accepted.

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

None received.

26.01.05 **Membership of the Council**

Following the retirement of Sue Glenton, Cllr Roy Love as Vice Chair took over the Chair. COYC had been notified of the vacancy.

26.01.06 **To receive reports on Police matters**

A Monthly updates for November and December had been received and circulated to all Members.

B Speed concerns including pedestrian crossing outside the Folk Hall and Road Safety Drop In – 16.12.25. CR had attended the Road Safety Drop In which had been well attended. No update had been received relating to a possible zebra crossing outside the Folk Hall.

C Parking outside the University Sports Ground – Staff at the University had agreed to emphasise to users that the parking restrictions were in place. The Police had been asked to monitor the situation.

D Dates for future Drop In sessions had been notified as Tuesday, 17 February and Friday 27 March at the Folk Hall (10.00 to 12.00).

26.01.07 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November, 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November, 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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

A Maintenance of footpaths adjacent to the River Foss – SB to contact COYC again.

B University of York and St Nicks – The Green Corridors project linked into the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

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

A COYC – Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Wards – CR updated the meeting on this item. The only potential change to the Huntington and New Earswick area involved Crompton Terrace. The main emphasis was likely to involve the Hull Road area of the City.

B COYC – Bus Priority Proposals – Ongoing correspondence relating to these changes had been notified to all Members, in order that they could respond personally if they wished.

C COYC – Community Infrastructure Levy – Charging Schedule – Owing to the type of properties, the planned development in New Earswick would not attract this funding.

D Esh Construction/JRHT – Update on new homes – Old School Field – Notification of the start of the construction on site.

26.01.10 **Update from the Finance Committee meeting held on 11 December, 2025**

A Amendments to documents:- The Model Publication Scheme, Risk Assessment and Assets Register.

**RESOLVED:** That the proposed changes to the above documents were agreed.

B Matters relating to staffing matters and office changes highlighted by the Clerk – These mainly related to office procedures and would be considered in more detail in due course.

26.01.11 **To agree the budget and approve the precept for the 2026-27 financial year**

A draft budget had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council, prior to the meeting of the Finance Committee. Members had considered the proposals in detail. Their recommendation of an increase of £1000 on the current year, was then outlined to all Members before a final decision on the precept be agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the budget for 2026-27 be confirmed resulting in a precept of £31,000.

26.01.12 **Planning consultations**

A 25/02328/LBC – Hall Cottage, Haxby Road, New Earswick YO32 4AQ  
External works to include the replacement of existing windows and external doors to 1 and 2 Hall Cottage.

B 25/02415/LBC – 14 Western Terrace, Station Avenue, New Earswick YO32 4BW  
External works to include replacement of existing external doors to 14, 15 and 16 Western Terrace.

C 25/02489/TCA – 1 Western Terrace, Station Avenue, New Earswick YO32 4BW  
Removal of lateral branch adjacent to path of 1 no. conifer – Tree in a Conservation Area.

D 25/02532/TCA - Street record – Footpath Western Terrace.  
Fell 2 no. Beech – Trees in a Conservation Area.

Members had no objection to these applications. Response B.

26.01.13 **Attendance at meetings**

A Haxby Patients Group – The draft minutes of the meeting held on 15 January, 2026 had been circulated. It was noted that JW had sent her apologies to the meeting.

B Local Nature Recovery Strategy in York – It had been agreed that updates would be sent to the Parish Council as the project developed.

26.01.14 **Annual membership renewals**

- A Society of Local Council Clerks (noted at Finance Committee 11.12.25)
- B York Bus Forum
- C River Foss Society

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the annual memberships for the above three organisations be renewed.

26.01.15 **Proposed changes to banking arrangements**

Following the difficulties encountered when a signatory was changed some time ago. It was agreed that SG would remain for the time being and one change would be made initially.

**RESOLVED:** CC would be replaced by Cllr Y Orton as a signatory.

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

Over recent months details regarding the change to a gov.uk domain for emails and the web site had been sought from various sources.

**RESOLVED:** That New Earswick Parish Council register as a gov.uk user.

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

Income	
VAT refund	463.28 (6.11.25)
Payments	
A Mittas (Computer renewals) (12.11.25)	948.00 (17.11.25)
B JRH (Room hire) (11.11.25)	66.00 (20.11.25)
C JP Services Contractors Ltd (1.12.25)	360.00 (3.12.25)
D Petty cash	50.00 (11.12.25)
E Salary (December including 23.40 mileage)	As agreed (20.12.25)
F HMRC	1116.94 (20.12.25)
G Pinnacle Web Design York (2.1.26)	167.99 (5.1.26)
H Society of Local Council Clerks (2.1.26)	200.00 (5.1.26)
I Salary (January)	As agreed (20.1.26)

The payments to York Bus Forum and the River Foss Society were also confirmed.

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

The quarterly finance statement and bank reconciliation for the period to the end of December had been circulated. CD had carried out a finance check on 8 December, 2025 again using the template provided by the Internal Auditor.

26.01.18 **Items for the next meeting – 16 February, 2026**

Frequency of meetings.

Improvements to the river bank (River Foss).

Local Government boundary review.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.40 hours.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair, 16 February, 2026