

# **New Earswick Parish Council**

## **Annual Report 2025-26**

### **Your Parish Councillors**

The Parish Council comprises ten Councillors and a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer who works part-time based at the Parish Council office at New Earswick Primary School.

Roy Love (Chair), Ian Murphy, Yvonne Orton, Carol Runciman, Audrey Steel, Peter Vaughan and Joan Whitehead.

During the year four Councillors retired – Christine Cooke, Christine Durrant, Will Durrant and Sue Glenton (the previous Chair). I would like to thank them for their service and support over many years. At the time of writing there were three vacancies.

### **Parish Council Office**

The office is rented from the Education Authority and is located in the upper level of New Earswick Primary School. Monthly meetings are held at the Folk Hall (for a fee as the school is not open in the evenings).

### **Finance**

The precept for 2025-26 was set at £30,000, arrived at by looking at the expected expenditure for the coming year and taking into account the reserves of the Council. Each year the accounts are examined at an independent internal audit before being passed to the external auditors. The accounts are available for inspection by prior arrangement with the Clerk. The Finance Committee of the Council meets regularly and ensures that any recommendations made by the auditors are carried out.

### **Grants**

In the course of each financial year Parish Councils are able to offer grants. An organisation wishing to be considered for financial support should contact the Clerk for an application form or download one from the Council web site. This year £1400 was awarded.

### **Environment**

The Parish Council assets, including grit bins, bus shelters and benches have been checked as fit for purpose with regular maintenance. This includes repairing items that have been vandalised. Thank you to CAN and the JRHT gardening team for their help.

## **Membership**

We continue to be members of various local and national groups and societies that are relevant to the work of the Council, at times attending meetings. These include:-

Campaign to Protect Rural England  
City of York Council (Ward meetings)  
Friends of New Earswick Swimming Pool  
Open Spaces Society  
Our Haxby Community (patient input group for the local surgery)  
River Foss Society  
Society of Local Council Clerks  
York Bus Forum  
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

## **Policing**

The Parish Council receives monthly updates relating to incidents and the initiatives that are being undertaken by the Police. The local PCSOs have attended several meetings during the year to offer advice on the current situation. They continue to work with Members to hold open events for local residents with concerns and to offer crime prevention and property marking schemes. Vandalism and anti-social behaviour still remains a priority. Although New Earswick appears to be a relatively low crime area, please contact the Police if you wish on 101 or [snayorknorth@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:snayorknorth@northyorkshire.police.uk)

## **Consultation/Community**

The Parish Council is consulted by COYC on planning applications for properties. The development of the area known as the Old School Field for housing has now commenced. The Parish Council also responds to COYC and other organisations regarding policies and proposals that concern the Parish. The majority of requests relate to tree works or the updating of housing. A new Local Plan has been adopted by COYC.

Requests for support from residents related to issues with plans for a new zebra crossing outside the Folk Hall, speed restrictions, anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood problems. These have been noted and communicated to the relevant organisation often involving Ward Councillors and Local Area Coordinators.

## **Meetings**

All residents are welcome to attend meetings. These are held on the third Monday of each month (except December) at 7.00 p.m. at the Folk Hall. Agendas and minutes are displayed on the Parish Council notice board outside the village shops.

## **Contact**

To get in touch, please contact the Clerk in the first instance:-

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Cllr Roy Love – Chair April 2026