

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30pm

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Present

Councillors: E Simpson (ES) (Chairman), J Green (JG), A Wragg (AWr), J Shields (JS), H Robinson (HR), Clerk: J Walker (JW)

In Attendance

3 Members of the public

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Wilkinson (AW), T Cramond (TC)

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Disclosure of Interests

None

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 11th November 2024

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November are approved, and the Chairman duly signed them in order to verify approval

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Chairman's Formal Announcements

None

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Police Report

CLlr Shields provided Councillors with a verbal report:

- a) Notification of violence towards an individual no further information
- b) The annual drink and drug driving tests resulted in 151 arrests
- c) Holiday scams are currently prevalent
- d) JS to publish 'Get Safe Online' that gives parents advice on managing their children's safety online and includes advice from the NSPCC website
- e) Operation Tornado has been targeting drug and burglary offences. A Richmond male in their 30s was arrested for intent to supply and a raid was carried out on a business in Northallerton
- f) A police officer was killed in an accident on the A19, police are appealing for dashcam footage
- g) Noted that plans to increase dual carriageways on the A1 has been deferred again
- h) Noted there is an increase in the smell of cannabis around the village
- i) The Beeswing have put out an alert on social media regarding the theft of oil from their premises
- j) North Yorkshire Police are holding a property marking event from 14-15:30 on 19th January – **resolved** JS will publish details on the website

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Financial Accounts

- a) It was **resolved** that the payments below be authorised as regular payments

Invoice Date	Description	£	Authority
11/01/2025	Clerk's wages – Jan	164.28	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)
11/12/2024	PG Window Cleaning Services – Bus Shelter	12.00	Highways Act 1980, s115B and Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)
04/11/2024	WGS Garden & Grounds – Grass/Hedge Cutting Play Area	225.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)

- b) Accounting Statements – it was **resolved** the accounting statements show a true record
- c) ES advised the Clerk has invoiced NYCC for support with the 2024 grass cutting costs to the value of £94.40
- d) As attempts to update the mailing address on ECPC bank statements has failed the process should begin again with new documents produced. AWR to visit the branch to obtain relevant documents

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Planning Applications

- a) ZB24/01876/FUL Application to Alter an Existing Bungalow into a Larger 1.5-Storey Family Home, Including Extensions, Roof Height Increase, New Garaging, and Removal of Existing Render - Firtree House East Cowton Northallerton North Yorkshire – ES advised that planning consent has been approved
- b) ZB24/01853/FUL Demolition of existing garages and construction of a single storey rear/side extension to the main house, Station Farm East Cowton Northallerton North Yorkshire – ES advised that planning consent has been approved
- c) ZB24/02013/FUL Application for new external wall cladding and new roof covering to the existing village hall in East Cowton – ES advised that planning consent has been approved
- d) ES advised that no decision has been made for the planning application for a new dwelling on Raby Lane - ZB24/01763/FUL
- e) ES advised that the Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to 2 Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) and for Associated Operational - ZB24/01671/MBN has been granted and that a contaminated land survey is required before works can commence

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Annual Inspections

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk will circulate responses

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Vehicle Parking

Councillors discussed the issues around the village with regards to parking close to junctions; social events; on pavements and grassed areas. ES suggested that the Beeswing could assist with signage and traffic cones. It was **resolved** that JS contact the PCSO to arrange a meeting to discuss the problem and that photographic evidence be sent to JS for use in that meeting. It was **further resolved** that the topic be added to the February agenda so Councillors can consider the actions that need to be taken. It was **further resolved** the Clerk would contact the resident near to the Birkby Lane junction to point out the issues in that area

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Public Participation

- a) Noted that there is a potential flood risk posed by a new drive built near the cottages/railway bridge close to Birkby due to the construction design
- b) Question raised as to whether there will be improved WiFi when the new estate is completed so that service levels will not be impacted – ES to follow up
- c) Councillors were advised there had been two incidences of foul water backing up from the pumping station on 5th/6th January and no reply had been received from Yorkshire Water. Parish Council asked if they could add their support to the issue. It was **resolved** that the Clerk be provided with the incident reference so it could be investigated
- d) Noted that surface water drains at the Bungalow Farm development were a concern prior to work commencing and needs to be complete before any building work takes place. ES advised that the developers have a permit to dig dated 22.01.25

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Date & Time of Next Meeting

10th February 2025 at 19:30 was agreed

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Any Other Business

- a) JS advised that a WhatsApp group could be set up where only Administrators can post village news. As group member's numbers would be visible it was **resolved** this should not be pursued
- b) ES advised that Councillor Wilkinson had circulated details of an online climate change workshop, it was **resolved** AWR would attend the event

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Meeting Closed

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 20:40

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