

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.30pm

2507.01

Present

Councillors: E Simpson (ES) (Chairman), J Green (JG), A Wragg (Awr), J Shields (JS) Clerk: J Walker (JW), 13 Members of the Public

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Wilkinson (AW)

2507.02

Disclosure of Interests

None

2507.03

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 9th & 23rd June 2025

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the annual and ordinary meetings held on 9th & 23rd June 2025 are approved, and the Chairman duly signed them in order to verify approval

2507.04

Chairman's Formal Announcements

None

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Police Report

Cllr Shields provided Councillors with a verbal report :

- a) Nothing local to report
- b) A summer drink drive campaign is being launched with the message from the Police being to stop and think if you could be over the legal limit
- c) Report of theft of sheep from the North Yorkshire Moors thought to be Asian males driving a Skoda Octavia
- d) Reminder that any police phone lines are for emergency calls only

2507.06

Financial Accounts

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

Invoice Date	Description	£	Authority
11/07/2025	Clerk's wages – Jul &		
11/08/2025	Aug	329.56	Local Government Act 1972, s112(2)
	C E & C M Walker -		Highways Act 1980, s115B and Open
01/07/2025	Grasscutting	312.00	Spaces Act 1906, s10(b)
	Requisites to repair		
	Barriers & Swing in Play		Local Government Act 1972, Section
14/07/2025	Area - estimate	210.00	111(1)

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- b) The accounting statements were approved

2507.07

Asset Inspections

It was resolved that the Clerk will collate all Councillor's feedback and circulate

2507.08

Planning Applications

- a) ZB25/01134/FUL- The installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic array with associated infrastructure, security fence, CCTV, cable route, landscaping, and onsite biodiversity net gain, Land East Of Frigidale Wood Great Smeaton North Yorkshire – Councillors to consider the application – Councillors considered the application and discussed potential issues with members of the public. It was resolved that the Clerk would provide their feedback to NYCC
- b) ZB25/00587/FUL- Construction of Agricultural Building to Cover Existing Silage Clamp (Building 2), White House Farm Great Smeaton Northallerton North Yorkshire – ES provided a verbal update that the application had been approved
- c) ZB25/00573/FUL - Construction of Agricultural Building to Cover Existing Silage Clamp (Building 3), White House Farm Great Smeaton Northallerton North Yorkshire – ES provided a verbal update that the application had been approved
- d) ZB25/00574/FUL - Construction of Agricultural Building to Cover Existing Silage Clamp (Building 4), White House Farm Great Smeaton Northallerton North Yorkshire – ES provided a verbal update that the application had been approved
- e) ZB25/00586/FUL - Construction of Agricultural Building to Cover Existing Silage Clamp (Building 1), White House Farm Great Smeaton Northallerton North Yorkshire – ES provided a verbal update that the application had been approved

2507.09

YLCA Meeting

Councillors Green and Wragg provided feedback on the meeting they attended. Comments included: 2 Attendees from Yorkshire Water gave an update on river health: Yorkshire Water advised they are aware some county residents water has been wrongly connected and that remedial costs must be borne by the resident: it was noted that householders are using unnecessary amounts of water and a hosepipe ban is imminent: outlined plans of how sewage overflows will be managed

2507.10

Rural Services

Councillor Wilkinson has advised on current initiatives

- a) There is to be a county wide plan to increase the use of bus services in the County
- b) A 10 year health plan is being devised to cover the whole country with an emphasis on long-term healthcare for rural communities but funding is an issue

2507.11

Grant Application

Es gave a verbal update and confirmed that a grant application has been submitted to support a new village website and is awaiting confirmation it has been approved

2507.12

Chair's Update

- a) Benches and dog waste bins – ES asked Councillors to consider proposals to order new street furniture, it was resolved that 2 benches and 1 seat will be procured for the play area as well as 3 traditional benches for the village green. ES has contacted Karbon Homes to enquire if they are willing to make a contribution

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- b) Mobile library – ES has met with a representative from Library Services and they are offering a one-hour service outside the village hall each month to commence in October 2025. The vehicle will include a seating area for IT training
- c) Drainage concerns – ES has made enquiries as to the reason for ongoing delays to the proposed work in the village. Karbon homes have advised the delay has been caused by the council not approving a the S278 certificate and work will commence as soon as this is obtained. ES also advised that water to the new development will be commencing shortly as well as laying an electricity supply down Boynton Road
- d) Path keeper – ES advised that there are now 2 more volunteers to help with the work and that updated walking maps will shortly be placed on the notice board

2507.13

Parish Councillor Co-option

At the date of the meeting there had been no applications

2507.14

Village Hall Renovation

Councillors discussed the project and whilst there have been significant issues with the delays to completion as well as significant disruption to the play area, it was resolved no formal feedback would be submitted

2507.15

Public Participation

- a) Noted that planning applications for work on slurry management have increased due to grant provisions
- b) Noted the trees in front of Dakyn Close were not trimmed before their summer growth, the Clerk advised the work will now take place in autumn
- c) Noted the increase in applications for solar farms and that land is no longer being preserved for farming

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Date and time if the next meeting

8th September 2025 at 19:30 was agreed

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Meeting Closed

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 21:05

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