

Gate & Upper Helmsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 8 May 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Jonathan Greenwood (JG) - Chair
Sue Panesar (SP)
Michael Harrison (MH)
Richard Miller (RM)
Daniel Robinson (DR)
Deborah Black (DB)

Absent:

In Attendance: Annie Hurst (AH) - Parish Clerk
County Councillor Caroline Goodrick (CG)

Public Present: 4


PC/25/12	To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting NONE
PC/25/13	Election of Chair Cllr Miller proposed Cllr Greenwood and all Cllr's seconded. It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to elect Cllr Greenwood as Chair
PC/25/14	Appointment of Vice Chair Cllr Greenwood proposed Cllr Miller and all Cllr's seconded It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to elect Cllr Miller as Vice Chair
PC/25/15	To receive acceptance of office Cllr Greenwood signed the declaration of acceptance of office
PC/25/16	To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 6 February 2025 It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record
PC/25/17	To receive declarations of interest and dispensations Councillor Greenwood on item PC/25/21
PC/25/18a	To receive information about the following ongoing initiatives and decide further action where necessary The A166 challenge of decision, No response received from NYC on challenge. It was <u>ACTIONED</u> that Cllr Goodrick would speak to Highways and Cllr Miller research best contact details. Back Lane speed limit Back Lane speed restrictions <u>RESOLVED</u> and approved by NYC to be lowered to 20mph. No date has been given when this will happen.

	<p>Updated road safety campaign (average and fixed speed limit cameras across North Yorkshire)</p> <p>Road Safety Campaign. It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that Cllr Greenwood and Cllr Miller would update as the campaign develops.</p>
PC/25/18b	<p>Public footpath & blocked drains in Gate Helmsley response from the council</p> <p>Public footpath – It was <u>RESOLVED</u> NYC resurfaced and widened part of the path. However, it was <u>ACTIONED</u> for the Clerk to raise for a further ticket to relook at the path due to growth growing through.</p> <p>It was <u>RESOLVED</u> the drains on the main road and leading onto A166 had been jet washed.</p> <p>It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that the drain by the Balk was being monitored by NYC. Due to the age, type of drain and funding, repair is likely to be a lengthy process.</p>
PC/25/ 18c	<p>To review the speed limit on the bend coming into Gate Helmsley from both directions</p> <p>It was <u>RESOLVED</u> NYC would place SLOW signs in both directions. No date has been given when this will happen.</p> <p>It was <u>ACTIONED</u> the Clerk to raise a ticket requesting the 30mph speed limit sign be moved from the village entrance back to the Gate Helmsley village sign calming traffic from 60mph to 30 before entering the village.</p>
PC/25/18d	<p>To review the Back Lane potholes</p> <p>It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that NYC temporarily filled in the worst pothole, but explained main roads were a priority</p>
PC/25/18e	<p>To review broken give way sign (post box end)</p> <p>It was <u>RESOLVED</u> the sign was repaired</p>
PC/25/18f	<p>To review keep clear sign outside BATA being used by vehicle causing hazards to cars pulling out</p> <p>It was <u>ACTIONED</u> that Cllr Panesar would meet with the garage owners, including assessing where their boundaries start</p>
PC/25/18g	<p>To review litter picking volunteer group on behalf of residents request</p> <p>It was <u>ACTIONED</u> the Clerk would request this as a PC request through local social media channels</p>
PC/25/18h	<p>To review the outcome of a shelter being erected by the school bus drop off as a new Project</p> <p>It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that this project wasn't viable due to costs and safety concerns.</p>

PC/25/19	County Councillor Update – Cllr Goodrick session 1. The council has received significant budget cuts. The priority will be supporting front line services. Non statutory services will see significant cuts being made. 2. Pathway concerns raised about the use of the path from Gate Helmsley to Warthill. Cllr Goodrick stated this is a footpath with no access for vehicles, bicycles and horses 3. Councillors requested a response to item PC/25/ 6c Feb 25 meeting – Cllr Goodrick met the owners and confirmed the farm is a registered business. Any concerns should be raised with Environmental Health. 4. Councillors requested an update on Gypsy and Traveller land use. Cllr Goodrick confirmed personal temporary permission had been granted to stay on land in the village
PC/25/20	Public Session 4 members of the public were in attendance. The following items were discussed 1. Flooding update on the road leading out of Gate Helmsley to Upper Helmsley was on-going work in progress
PC/25/21	To discuss matters raised by the Clerk – Community Duke of York public house update No changes or update at this stage Damaged road signs on A166 leading to and outside the Village Hall ACTION – Clerk to raise a ticket with NYC for repairs
PC/25/22	To discuss matters raised by the Clerk – Parish Council future plans and projects <u>ACTIONED</u> The Clerk would contact Warthill and Holtby PC Clerk to enquire about their new village signage and suitability for Gate Helmsley to name parts of the village clearer
	ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
PC/25/23	To discuss Ethical Framework arrangements and members’ Code of Conduct It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that all Councillors confirmed receipt and reading of documents
PC/25/24	To discuss Powers, Duties and Responsibilities It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that all Councillors confirmed receipt and reading of documents
PC/25/25	Financial Overview It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to approve budgets for external auditor review and submit AGAR statements It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to set the period for public rights and other information required by regulation 15 (2) Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as Wednesday 21 May – Wednesday 2 July 2025
PC/25/26	Planning Applications No applications submitted

PC/25/NEW	<p>Councillor Harrison announced that he will be resigning from the Parish Council having served over 20 years.</p> <p>The Parish Council thanked Cllr Harrison for his invaluable support to date</p> <p>ACTIONED – Clerk to start process for a new Councillor position</p>
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**To confirm the dates of the next Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
Thursday 7 August 2025**

CHAIR	<i>Cllr Greenwood</i>
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DATE	9 May 2025