

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 18th March 2026 at 7pm

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Present:	<p>Councillor R Smith Councillor R Worsdale Councillor J Wylie Councillor K Barber</p> <p>Dee Lynn</p> <p>Two members of the public in attendance. Two representatives of the Quoits club in attendance and had asked to speak on item 8(i)</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p>
Items	Recording of Meeting	Actions
Item 1	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Councillor W Knight Kath Allinson, Treasurer</p>	
Item 2	Councillors declarations of interest none	
Item 3	<p>Minutes of last meeting held 21st January '26 A correction to the minute of 6(ii) was made and then the minutes were Agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Wylie seconded Cllr Barber.</p>	

<p>Item 4</p>	<p>Actions from previous meetings</p> <p>(i) Filing cabinet – Cllr Wylie Cllr Wylie advised the filing cabinet has been delivered to the Village Hall.</p>	
<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Police report A report had been received and circulated, 1 business burglary has been reported.</p>	
<p>Item 6</p>	<p>Local planning applications</p> <p>(ii) ZD26/00002/FULL South Fields Farm, nb deadline 18.2.26</p> <p>(iii) 22/00869/FULL Land at Bedale Road, variation of condition 1(b)(d) by 10.3.26. We replied advising no comment to make as application related to moving one property by 1 metre.</p> <p>(iv) ZD/25/00632 Wild Hill, Cllr Smith noted the developer’s application to vary the s106 to reduce the number of affordable houses seems to be being challenged by NYC who indicate wanting to meet with developers, it may be the number of affordable properties is reduced from 6 to possibly 4. Cllr Wylie said she thought the provision of affordable housing was central to NYC approval initially.</p>	
<p>Item 7</p>	<p>Matters arising from NYC Still no dates for the workshops, it is understood someone is off sick which is causing the delay. Cllr Smith noted the recent parish liaison news was very relevant and informative.</p>	
<p>Item 8</p>	<p>PC business / maintenance</p> <p>(i) Quoits pitch expansion - Cllr Smith</p> <p>Cllr Smith advised a member of the quoits club has requested to speak to the meeting and provide an update, a survey of the additional land indicates there will be considerable work to level the ground for the new pitch and picnic area. The estimated costs exceed what had been anticipated at c£1700 for the groundworks and £300 for fencing. In the longer-term gates will be installed as the current landowners wish for a permissive path on the site. The club has organised</p>	

	<p>fundraising events but applications for grants is problematic as the club is not a registered charity and does not have a bank account.</p> <p>The club regard the development as having benefit to the village beyond the second pitch as it will be a community space and asset. The club anticipate they will have a funding shortfall of c£1000 and are requesting support from the parish council.</p> <p>Various suggestions were made and Cllrs agreed to progress these on behalf of the club: Broadacres Community Development Fund – Cllr Smith to explore The developers of the Bedale Road site – Cllr Smith NYC Community Projects fund – Cllr Wylie Cllr Tom Jones fund – clerk</p> <p>The council advised it can assist with purchasing items where vat is payable and the club can reimburse. A grant has been agreed from the Steam Gathering, to clarify the ring fencing of this.</p> <p>Cllr Smith said a breakdown of the costs involved would be helpful to support and inform grant applications and asked the clerk to request this.</p> <p>The representatives of the Quoits club thanked the parish council for the opportunity to speak on this matter.</p> <p>(ii) Public Rights of Way (PROW) path keeper agreement – Cllr Smith</p> <p>The pro forma agreement as well as a Countryside Access Volunteer Registration Form had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was proposed Cllr Smith should sign the agreement on behalf of the parish council. Cllr Smith highlighted that to benefit from the insurance cover it is required that a first aid kit is available when volunteers are undertaking works. Cllr Smith agreed to arrange.</p> <p>(iii) Bus shelter – Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Further to the discussion at the last meeting it is considered that installing decorative painted panels on the outside of the bus shelter may not be the best idea as they will be hidden by the planting when in bloom. The panels could trap water which may damage the main timber of the shelter and make it more difficult for the volunteers who maintain the shelter. An alternative proposal is to instal the panels on the inside of the shelter and Cllr Barber agreed to discuss this further with Hunton in Bloom (HIB)</p> <p>(iv) Calendar – Cllr Wylie</p> <p>The calendar is now on the website, it gives dates of meetings, dates the defibrillator has been checked and dates of Councillor playpark visual inspections.</p> <p>(v) Ford tidy-up – Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Cllr Wylie advised that Nick Robinson had offered to clear the damage to the beck caused by the vehicle in the flood water when he had plant / machinery available. Cllr Worsdale queried whether the vehicle owner / driver should be liable, it is understood the van belonged to a white goods repair service visiting a local property. It was also queried</p>	<p>Cllr Smith Cllr Smith Cllr Wylie Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Smith</p> <p>Cllr Barber</p>
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<p>Item 9</p> <p>Finance report</p>	<p>whether the affected land belongs to Highways in which case they might undertake the work.</p> <p>It was noted that Captains bridge has been damaged again and a member of the public present also reported a crack on Bedale Road bridge, the impact of the Leyburn Road closure on traffic in the village was noted. Cllr Wylie agreed to report the damage. Cllr Barber noted the most recent mortar repair to Captains Bridge seems of poor quality and unlikely to last.</p> <p>(vi) Newsletter – Cllr Wylie Cllr Wylie had circulated a sample newsletter produced by Mike Smith he is offering to produce newsletters at a cost of £20 per issue if the content is provided. Cllr Barber was positive about the sample newsletter and Cllr Knight had emailed her support of the proposal. Mike has offered to set up a mailing list for residents who would prefer an electronic version. The practicalities of establishing and maintaining this list was discussed and how local volunteers who deliver the newsletter will know which addresses have chosen to receive a newsletter electronically. It was agreed relevant information from the parish liaison communications could be included and if there was space the school’s Parent Teacher and Friends Association could be invited to promote their activities if open to the village. HIB would also want space in the newsletter. To bring more detailed proposal to next meeting.</p> <p>(vii) Playpark visual inspections completed by councillors. Cllr Smith completed one on 6/03/26 and Cllrs Wylie and Barber on 18/03/26, generally all equipment looks to be in good order. Cllr Barber noted the railing to the rear of the village hall car park was loose, agreed to add to village workday (October) list of tasks. Cllr Barber noted the number of birdboxes in the playpark area and queried whether these needed cleaning, it was agreed that as birds already exploring nesting options this should also be undertaken in October.</p> <p>Litter pick – a suggested date of 25th April for a litterpick and this can be publicised in a newsletter.</p> <p>(viii) Enquiry re funding for exercise class – Cllr Smith Following an enquiry about possible sources of support Cllr Smith has spoken to Virginia Arrowsmith, Communities Development Officer for Richmond and Northallerton (NYC) and this highlighted the variety of support offered through Leyburn Arts Centre and this could be highlighted on our website for information with a link.</p> <p>(ix) Open Reach high speed broadband – Cllr Smith Cllr Smith advised there is publicity inviting people to check available speeds for their addresses but also to register interest in improvements – to bring this to the attention of residents.</p> <p>The Treasurer had circulated a report and reported little change since the last meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Cllr Wylie for website</p>
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Any items of expenditure since 21/01/26 to consider, reimburse Cllr Wylie for filing cabinet purchase.

Date of next meeting;

120th May 2026 at 7pm also the Annual meeting to be held at 7.30pm

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

Clerk : Dee Lynn

Original signed

Signed: Cllr Jan Wylie 20th May 2026

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