

# HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7pm

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<b>Present:</b>	<p>Councillor R Smith Councillor R Worsdale Councillor J Wylie Councillor K Barber</p> <p>Dee Lynn</p> <p>Ten members of the public in attendance including one representative from Hunton in Bloom.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>Items</b>	<b>Recording of Meeting</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Item 1</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Councillor W Knight Treasurer</p>	
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Councillors declarations of interest</b> none	
<b>Item 3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting held 24th September '25</b> Agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Worsdale seconded Cllr Wylie.</p>	

<p><b>Item 4</b></p>	<p><b>Actions from previous meetings</b></p> <p><b>(i) Gift of land update – Cllr Smith</b>          Having taken advice Cllr Smith advised the meeting the Parish Council has communicated it's position preferring for an agreement between the landowner and the Quoits team to be reached until the formal gift of the land could take place.</p> <p><b>(ii) 20's plenty – Cllr Wylie</b>          Cllr Wylie reported that one objection to the proposed 20 mph limit has been received and this will be considered by the relevant committee. We do not have a timescale for this but Cllr Wylie was hopeful of an update for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>(iii) Playpark update – Cllr Smith</b>          Cllr Smith has had a site visit with a representative from Streetscape to advise on two pieces of equipment, the zip wire and the basket swing. Streetscape advise the zip wire mechanism requires lubrication eg WD40 and the basket swing mechanism is of the "old" style which includes a safety chain as a back up. The baby swings had been identified as possibly requiring replacement but the advice was a thorough clean would restore them and that they are basically sound. Cllr Smith has completed one clean and suggests a further clean be undertaken in the spring.</p> <p><b>(iv) Quotation for tree maintenance – Cllr Smith</b>          Cllr Smith had a verbal quotation from previous contractor of c£900 but despite efforts they have not supplied a written quote. Two further contractors were identified to seek the required three quotations. One has been received at £850 for the agreed work, including chopping tree trunks removed. This contractor quoted a further £100 for stump removal, these stumps would be a trip hazard. Cllr Wylie agreed the stumps should be removed. Cllr Wylie enquired when the works could be completed, Cllr Smith said we should be mindful of how wet the ground is and avoiding potential damage to the playpark ground from heavy equipment.          Agreed to progress the work based on the quotation received from Guy Foster of Treeboy Ltd at a combined cost of £950, proposed Cllr Smith Seconded Cllr Wylie</p> <p><b>(v) Replacement goal nets – Cllr Wylie on behalf of Cllr Knight</b>          A pair of replacement nets of better quality than the existing ones have been purchased at a cost of £56.78 this includes the fixing clips. Paint has been purchased to repaint the goalposts and agreed this work will be completed in the spring.</p> <p><b>(vi) Scheduling playpark inspections by councillors – Cllr Smith</b>          Cllr Smith suggested a checklist be drafted for councillors to use to record their periodic visual inspections of the playpark area. The meeting noted that users of the playpark also report any issues or concerns.</p>	
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<p><b>Item 5</b></p>	<p><b>Police report</b> A report had been received and circulated, no crimes recorded, Cllr Wylie confirmed there is now a link on the website to police information.</p>	
<p><b>Item 6</b></p>	<p><b>Local planning applications – none received</b></p> <p>Cllr Smith advised the meeting he is aware that further information on the proposed Wild Hill development is on the NY planning site, the Parish Council has not been notified nor invited to comment. It is understood to relate to the provision of affordable housing.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to make further enquiries of the Planning Department, there is a new reference number which is <b>ZD25/00632/S106.</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>Item 7</b></p>	<p><b>Matters arising from NYC</b> The NYC Parish Liaison communication of October has been circulated, no issues were raised. received today and circulated but not in time for discussion at the meeting. Cllr Smith drew the meetings attention to the proposal to merge smaller parish councils and he expressed the hope that Hunton would continue as an independent sole parish council.</p>	
<p><b>Item 8</b></p>	<p><b>PC business / maintenance</b></p> <p><b>As the chair had been made aware and agreed for a resident to address the meeting regarding footpaths it was agreed to defer this item.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Baby swing replacement – please see playpark item under actions from previous meeting above.</li> <li>(ii) Review of workday Cllr Smith noted it was unfortunate the date clashed with HEADS pantomime preparations, however some new residents had volunteered and been involved. The day was a success with 15 tasks / jobs completed. Cllr Worsdale and Mr Tunstill were thanked for their assistance through providing trailers on the day. The local residents who have stained the bus shelter advised there was stain leftover and they will apply a second coat in the spring.</li> <li>(iii) Precept Cllr Smith drew the meeting’s attention to the Finance report which had been circulated in advance and which shows an expected reserve at the end of the financial year in excess of the recommended 50%. A lot of work has been completed within the budget eg cinder house repairs. Cllr Smith invited views on the</li> </ul>	

	<p>setting of the precept for the next financial year. Cllr Wylie felt it should remain at the current level. Cllr Barber noted the amount of work completed and that no increase was necessary. Cllr Worsdale also said the precept should stay at current level.</p> <p>Cllr Smith noted that Hunton would be required to contribute toward the cost of advertising future councillor vacancies (currently no cost to Hunton). The meeting agreed the precept should remain at current level of £6400 proposed Cllr Wylie seconded Cllr Barber.</p> <p>(iv) Christmas tree The meeting agreed to purchase a Christmas tree at a cost not to exceed £75. Cllr Barber agreed to assist Cllr Smith in collecting the tree and that it should be in place for 6<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>(v) Defibrillator - Cllr Wylie Cllr Wylie explained that she has agreed to take on responsibility for the oversight of the defib, this includes receiving alerts regarding battery replacement but also being advised if it has been used and the pads need relacing. Cllr Wylie felt to ensure it remains available for use it would be prudent to have a back up person in place should Cllr Wylie be away. Cllr Knight had indicated she is prepared to do this. Also Cllr Wylie recommended the replacement pads should be kept in the village hall so they were always accessible. These recommendations were agreed.</p> <p>(v) Footpaths – Cllr Wylie Following the item on footpaths in the most recent newsletter the parish council has received correspondence from residents outlining issues and reporting obstructions and missing signage. A letter received was read to the meeting by Cllr Smith and the resident invited to speak to her letter. They highlighted on two routes walked this week more than 25 issues had been noted and recorded / photographed. The challenges local farmers and landowners experience were recognised and noted including dog fouling, sheep worrying, gates being left open and people and dogs straying off paths. A farmer at the meeting spoke of the impact of animals straying after a gate had been left open and why he felt an additional chain to the gate was necessary. Several residents spoke regarding the value of the paths and bridleways being maintained and accessible. One noted the absence of signage increased the chances of walkers straying from the paths. All agreed to try and progress local discussions and resolutions was the preferred way forward, the legal framework was noted.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p><b>Cllrs Smith and Barber</b></p> <p><b>Cllrs Wylie and Knight</b></p>
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<p><b>Item 9</b></p>	<p>Cllr Wylie said efforts should be made to identify landowners and farmers and that a local farmer has agreed to assist her in doing so.</p> <p>Cllr Barber said it would be better to reach agreement with walkers and landowners / farmers rather than a take a more formal enforcement route. Cllr Smith advised letters had been received from residents with expertise in bridleway maintenance who would like to assist.</p> <p>The resident who had written and spoken to the meeting expressed the hope that the Parish Council would take a lead in coordinating dialogue to resolve problems.</p> <p>Cllr Smith proposed that a small project group be established to work on the issues raised and that he was happy to coordinate this.</p> <p>The project would entail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- mapping the footpaths and bridleways</li> <li>- recording reported issues, obstructions, missing signage.</li> <li>- liaison with landowners and farmers</li> <li>- communication with utility companies eg Yorkshire Water</li> <li>- taking advice on repairs needed eg broken stiles</li> <li>- offering assistance on remedial action</li> </ul> <p>The project group to include some residents who have expressed an interest in becoming involved and those with relevant expertise. Cllr Wylie said it was essential this project worked with local landowners and farmers. A newsletter or Parish council communication would be considered for this matter.</p>	<p><b>Cllrs Smith, Wylie</b></p>
	<p><b>Finance report</b></p> <p>(i) Any items of expenditure incurred since last meeting requiring approval – 2 tins of paint purchased by Cllr Smith for the goalpost frames and refresh of kerb edge highlighting in village hall area, not to exceed £50 proposed Cllr Wylie seconded Cllr Worsdale. Replacement goal nets at a cost of £56.78 proposed Cllr Worsdale seconded Cllr Smith.</p> <p>The Treasurer had circulated a report and a discussion of expenditure had taken place under the precept setting agenda item above. There were no further questions.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p>

**Date of next meeting;**

21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 7pm

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Clerk : Dee Lynn

*Original signed*

Signed: Cllr R Smith 21/01/26


