

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 21 st January 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 Kath Allison</p> <p>Two members of the public in attendance.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk Treasurer</p>
Items	Recording of Meeting	Actions
Item 1	Apologies for absence Councillor W Knight	
Item 2	Councillors declarations of interest none	
Item 3	Minutes of last meeting held 19th November '25 Agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Barber seconded Cllr Wylie.	
Item 4	<p>The chair advised due to holiday dates for the clerk agenda items have been agreed for discussion which do not appear on published agenda but which have been made known to councillors by email in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Actions from previous meetings</p> <p>(i) 20's plenty – Cllr Wylie Cllr Wylie advised 20mph limit agreed and Hunton Parish Council have been invited to choose new signage style, examples were available at the meeting. Agreed to request same style as currently in place with yellow background. The new signage should be in place</p>	

	<p>March 2026. Cllr Barber asked whether Hunton would meet cost of new signage and was advised no.</p> <p>(ii) Playpark update – Cllr Smith Cllr Wylie sought assurance that the recommendations from the playpark inspection had been complied with and Cllr Smith advised this was the case.</p> <p>(iii) Completion of tree works – Cllr Smith As confirmed in Cllr Smith’s email the tree works have been completed and the results are very satisfactory. As requested the wood removed has been chipped, in part applied as a mulch and more available. The Treasurer confirmed the invoice has been paid.</p> <p>(iv) Planning application ZD25/00632/S106 Following the last meeting a response was submitted by Hunton PC in response to the above application (relates to provision of affordable housing).</p> <p>Item 5 Police report A report had been received and circulated, 1 crime reported and 2 matters of animal welfare, contents noted.</p> <p>Item 6 Local planning applications</p> <p>(i) ZD25/00714/FULL Arrathorne Grange</p> <p>The application had been circulated prior to the meeting and no comments made, responses due by 26/01/26.</p> <p>(ii) 22/00869 Bedale Road</p> <p>Cllr Smith explained he understands an application to make changes to this application have been made. It appears the plot has been sold onto the same developer as for the Wild Hill proposal. Cllr Worsdale advised he has been approached regarding access to the site and confirmed the existing bridge is publically owned. Cllr Wylie raised the matter of the affordable housing element of the planning application and the effect of the site having been sold on for this planning requirement. Would the affordable housing plan be reinstated? Cllrs to access the application for changes.</p> <p>Item 7 Matters arising from NYC Two places have been requested at the forthcoming parish workshops and the clerk advised an email has been received deferring the dates until March due to new staff joining the service. New dates will be circulated when received and Cllr Barber agreed she would be interested to attend if other commitments allow. A review of North Yorkshire boundaries places Hunton with Catterick and Crakehall.</p>	
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<p>Item 8</p>	<p>PC business / maintenance</p> <p>(i) Footpaths – Cllrs Wylie and Smith</p> <p>Cllr Smith reported that since the last meeting Cllr Wylie has had a meeting with local farmer to gain information on land ownership. Cllr Smith met with 2 residents to plan work which he expected would be to log and record footpaths, ownership of relevant land and reports of any issues with access, signage or condition of stiles etc. Cllr Smith has had a meeting on 20/01 with Sarah McDonald, Public Right of Way Officer for North Yorkshire. This was an opportunity to raise issues and seek advice on how to progress matters beyond the scope of the proposed Hunton “project / group”.</p> <p>Cllr Smith has established the existence of North Yorkshire Council Path Keeper Scheme which supports local groups who wish to maintain public rights of way. There is a volunteer coordinator Sam McGivern. Information on the scheme was available at the meeting. Permitted tasks under this scheme are: vegetation clearance, surface repairs, minor bridge repairs, signposts, minor repairs to stiles and gates, waymarking.</p> <p>These permitted tasks reflect the aims of the Hunton “project” and the meeting agreed, proposed Cllr Barber seconded Cllr Worsdale that Hunton should join this scheme which brings with it insurance cover which is welcome and reassuring if residents are to be involved in such tasks.</p> <p>Cllr Smith had obtained sample signage from the NFU which would address concerns of local farmers / landowners particularly relating to dog walking. Cllr Smith also has new waymark signage for footpaths and bridleways.</p> <p>Cllr Smith to send scheme information to Cllr Wylie to include on website.</p> <p>A member of the public present raised a concern regarding a gate on a right of way which was previously broken and has now been altered to prevent it being opened so is blocking access. Cllr Smith confirmed this was one of the “access blocked” examples raised at the previous meeting. The member of the public advised they had photographic evidence which could be available. Cllr Smith advised matters may be reported (anonymously if preferred) to NYC via the website.</p> <p>(ii) Filing cabinet – Cllr Wylie</p> <p>The proposal is to have a lockable filing cabinet kept in the village hall (green room) where new pads for the defib may be stored as well as Hunton PC archive. Cllr Wylie advised costs of a 2 drawer cabinet were c £70, Gumtree etc has been explored. Agreed to purchase cabinet at a cost not to exceed £100 proposed Cllr Wylie seconded Cllr Barber. Cllr Wylie agreed to progress.</p> <p>(iii) Playpark visual inspections – all</p> <p>Cllr Wylie undertook an inspection mid December and Cllr Smith on 20/01/26.</p> <p>(iv) Bus shelter – Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Cllr Wylie reported on a proposal to have decorative panel on the 2 sides of the bus shelter with flower illustrations. These would be made of marine ply and fixed to the structure of the shelter, protected by</p>	<p>Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Cllr Smith Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Cllr Wylie</p>
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<p>Item 9</p>	<p>coat of varnish. Cllr Wylie will explore costings for materials and circulate information.</p> <p>(v) Oftec communication re: Fuel – Cllr Smith Cllr Smith advised of information received regarding an Oftec consultation which could be made known to residents regarding fuel options and affordable alternatives to eg air source heat pumps. Agreed this will be available on website and village facebook page.</p>	<p>Cllr Wylie</p> <p>Cllr Smith Cllr Wylie</p>
	<p>Finance report</p> <p>The Treasurer had circulated a report and reported little change since the last meeting.</p> <p>(i) Any items of expenditure since 19/11/25 to consider, none.</p> <p>(ii) The Treasurer has detailed the misc spend on the report and for the future recommended monies be identified and ring fenced for ongoing tree work / maintenance. The Treasurer highlighted that the auditor had chosen not to receive the available fee and it was proposed that a gift be purchased to acknowledge the gratitude of the parish council.</p> <p>(iii) Grass cutting contract, Hunton have received an invitation to accept grass cutting within the village on behalf of NYC and the meeting confirmed it wished to accept for the fee offered £369. Clerk to reply to NYC.</p> <p>Date of next meeting;</p> <p>18th March 2026 at 7pm</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 8.05pm.</p> <p>Clerk : Dee Lynn</p> <p><i>Original signed</i> Signed:</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

		<p>Cllrs Smith, Wylie</p> <p>Treasurer</p>
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