

## **Minutes of a meeting of Hinderwell Parish Council**

### **6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 6.45pm at St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell**

Chair welcomed Mrs Mo Metcalfe as newly co-opted Councillor for the Staithes Ward

#### **2025:03-00 Those Present**

Cllr I Walker, Chair. Cllrs: Jackson, Buck, Brooker, Smith, I Longster, J Longster, Kilpatrick, Wilson, Dorgan, Metcalfe and Ellis. NYC Cllr D Chance, one member of the public.  
Mrs C Barker, Clerk. Mrs G Glasby.

#### **2025:03-01 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence**

All present.

#### **2025:03-02 Declarations of interest**

None.

#### **2025:03-03 Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the February meeting of the Council were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Jackson, Seconded Cllr Dorgan

#### **2025:03-04 Matters arising from previous minutes**

Sandbag shed H'well – NYC rejected new location at Hinderwell Cemetery.  
Streetlights older vintage style – Clerk still awaiting response from NYC.  
A174 roadside drain near Dalehouse bank finally repaired on 4 March, originally reported 3.1.25  
Clerk to meet with NYC County Records Archivist re storage of Cemetery records.

#### **2025:03-05 Report from North Yorkshire County Councillor David Chance**

Cllr Chance reported that the demand for services was continually rising – putting a great strain on budgets. Council Tax set to rise by 5%.  
Council Tax on second homes has been doubled and the revenue is ring fenced for building new housing, with Government target of 4,200 homes.  
Government increase in National Insurance contributions will cost NYC £8 million a year.  
Councillors Locality budgets halved to £5,000.  
Chair asked for support for HPC to gain control of Allotments at Staithes, but Cllr Chance said it was a legal issue and he couldn't move it forward.

#### **2025:03-06 Planning Matters**

None.

#### **2025:03-07 Finance: Authorisation of payments**

Payments totaling £3024.68 were approved. Proposed Cllr Jackson, seconded Cllr Buck.  
Clerk to ask YLCA for list of possible Internal Auditors.

#### **2025:03-08 Annual Parish Meeting**

To be held at Staithes Village Hall in May – possible dates 14,21,28 May - Clerk to arrange.  
Cllrs still wanted to invite local groups to attend or send in a short report on their activities.  
Chair suggested we ask NYMNPA to send someone to talk about housing needs.

#### **2025:03-09 New Clerk – Tools for the role**

The new Clerk will need an I phone – Chair and new Clerk to source. Storage of documents in lockable steel cabinets will be in Old School for a nominal fee of £100 per year. Majority agreed.  
Mrs Glasby has already completed two training courses and will attend one in July on Cemetery Legal Compliance.

### **2025:03-10 Office Accommodation**

Chairman proposed the office is advertised on the HPC Website, Notice Boards and Facebook and sealed bids are requested by end of March. Majority decision.

### **2025:03-11 Staithes Play Park update**

Cllr Jane Kilpatrick updated the meeting. NYC's Sheila Johnson's planned independent playground inspection' to take place in February – no one sure if this ever happened.

Visits are scheduled from playground companies to give quotes.

Cllr Ellis said a Site Survey was necessary before any work could start and this would be costly.

Cllr Brooker to write to MP and copy in Cllr Chance. HPC needs a good idea of costs for the new equipment by the next Finance Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **2025:03-12 Staithes Major Issues**

**Dogs** – Cllr Kilpatrick to take over filling dog poo bag dispenser from Marion Watson as she is retiring from this voluntary role.

Cllr Longster wanted a dog poo bag dispenser in lower village – Clerk advised her to seek out a suitable location and pole. Clerk to find out cost of a dispenser.

**Garages** – Real problem with cars blocking access to garages on top car park. Some garages have been let by SBC/NYC to second home owners/commercial holiday lets rather than to full time residents. Cars are parking in front of the garages which is against the terms of the rental agreement. Advertising is also banned and yet this not controlled. Cllr Wilson to source a rental agreement for Councillors to inspect. All Staithes Councillors are disgusted that NYC are not enforcing the rules.

**Allotments** – Staithes residents are unhappy with the poor management of the allotments by SBC/NYC. Hinderwell PC is constantly blocked from taking them over and running them for the benefit of the residents. Chair to write to NYC Chief Executive demanding action.

HPC would appreciate any resident with an original Allotment Agreement sharing it with them

**Parking** – According to Cllr Chance this is under review by NYC – but lockable bollards have been suggested as a possible way forward

### **2025:03-13 Parish Maintenance**

Cllr Ellis said she had been asked if HPC could fund equipment for Staithes Pre School. No funds available.

A174 south of Seton Hall corner - hedges need cutting back.

Pond Farm, Hinderwell – Cllr Ellis wants fence to be repaired by NYC

Old Stubble steps to Darlington Terrace – broken slab – Cllr Kilpatrick to provide photos to Clerk

Moor View, Hinderwell, footpath degrading – Cllr Buck to provide photos to Clerk.

High Street, Hinderwell, footpath degrading – Cllr Brooker to send photos to Clerk.

Runswick Bay, lower village, temporary orange barriers – Cllr Metcalfe to send photos to Clerk

Boat Park, Gateway Centre – Poor lighting has meant thefts from boats – Clerk to tell John

Woodhead.

Lay by near Red House Farm, Cowbar - Clerk to inform R&C Council about overnight parking.

Footpath H'well High Street to Coro Av – NYC Highways have agreed to repair broken barriers.

Dogs – suggestions that HPC put up signage and or a poo bag dispenser on Runswick Lane, H'well.

### **2025:03-14 Correspondence**

Cllr Walker read a letter from resident of Runswick about the new BT poles recently erected. Chair reiterated that HPC has no control over Utility Companies and they are being erected within Government rules.

### **2025:03-15 To notify Clerk of matters for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting**

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – Staffing & Finance Meeting 7pm, St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 – Monthly Council Mtg - 6.45pm at St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell.

Moved By

Seconded by:

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 06.03.2025 having been circulated be taken as read and approved by the Council.

Chairman to sign: