

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

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

### **2025:02-00 Those Present**

Cllr I Walker, Chair. Cllrs: Jackson, Buck, Brooker, Smith, I Longster, Kilpatrick, Wilson, Dorgan, Ellis.  
Mrs C Barker, Clerk.

### **2025:02-01 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence**

Councillor J Longster sent her apologies. Proposed Cllr Brooker Seconded Cllr Dorgan.

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

None.

### **2025:02-03 Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the January meeting of the Council were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Smith, Seconded Cllr Brooker.

### **2025:02-04 Matters arising from previous minutes**

Seton Hall corner: Blocked drains still causing flooding in recent storms – Clerk has reported again.  
Boulder at Runswick has had its plaque re-attached by Cllrs Smith and Walker  
NYC's Road sweeper has visited parish, but if advance notice was given, we could have asked residents to move parked vehicles.  
Sandbag shed H'well – NYC to inspect proposed new location at Hinderwell Cemetery.  
Streetlights – Clerk still awaiting response from NYC.

### **2025:02-05 Report from North Yorkshire County Councillor David Chance**

Cllr Chance not present and no apologies or report received.

### **2025:02-06 Planning Matters**

NYM/2024/0835 & 837: Methodist Chapel, H'well- Change of use to holiday letting accommodation – Objection - HPC resists any attempt to create more holiday lets in the Parish. There is a need for local housing. Holiday accommodation is an erosion of our community.  
NYM/2025/0019: 6 Coronation Av, H'well – external cladding – No objection  
NYM/2025/0034: 5 The Old Stubble, Staithes – rear single storey extn – No objection

### **2025:02-07 Finance: Authorisation of payments**

Payments totaling £2974.01 were approved. Proposed Cllr Jackson, seconded Cllr Smith.  
Savings Account: Transfer of £5,000 to savings account paying interest. Vote taken. Majority.

### **2025:02-08 Recruitment of Clerk**

Chairman reported that Mrs Gerry Glasby had been offered the post and had accepted. HPC will start the process of handover before current Clerk retires on 31 March. Mrs Glasby to be paid during the handover period. Cllr Brooker reported on the process of recruitment and how the process had been completed. Nearly 30 applications, then shortlisting and 5 interviewed. Thanks to Cllr Brooker for all her expertise in this matter.

### **2025:02-09 Office Accommodation.**

The new Clerk will work from home in the near future. The present office has a contract which requires either side to give 12 months' notice. Therefore, no rush to make changes. Documents will need to be digitized and current Clerk has contacted County Archives and YLCA for advice on what needs to be retained etc. Current Office to be sold in due course.

### **2025:02-10 Cemetery Committee**

Chairman proposed a small committee be formed to assist the Clerk with Cemetery duties. Including overseeing burials, genealogy enquiries, monitoring cemetery grounds etc. Committee to be Cllrs Smith, Walker, and Kilpatrick.

### **2025:02-11 Co-option of Councillor**

No interest from anyone in Staithes for the vacancy on Staithes Ward of the Council. One application received and read out to meeting. Vote taken and Mrs Mo Metcalfe of Runswick co-opted to Staithes Ward.

### **2025:02-12 Staithes Play Park update**

Cllr Jane Kilpatrick updated the meeting. NYC's Sheila Johnson, Community Engagement Officer, had visited the location. She has written a report but that does not make any progress, but she has said that she is looking for a capital grant from NYC – this is dependent on an 'independent playground inspection' to take place in February. Cllr Kilpatrick concerned about Public Liability Insurance as Sheila's comments had worried her. Chairman confirmed that HPC has insurance in place. Committee to get 4 quotes for a whole new playground for April meeting so costs can be scrutinised and to move things forward and start seeking funding and grants etc. Cllr Brooker to write a strong letter to both Cllr David Chance and local MP requesting their support.

### **2025:02-13 Boulby 106 Funding**

Chair read out latest email from NYMNPA, they like the information panels in Staithes Bus Shelters, but not forthcoming with funds to do the same for Hinderwell and Runswick Bus Shelters.

### **2025:02-14 Raising the Council's profile in Staithes**

Chair said he was aware that Staithes residents had the perception that the Council is centered on Hinderwell. Which is not correct – when council meets - it meets as one body working for all the villages in the Parish. Cllr Jackson reminded the meeting that we had previously held Council meetings in Staithes and no one attended.

Chair said HPC should identify 5 issues that concern Staithes residents and focus on them. The 5 issues are: Allotments, Car Parking, Dog Poo, Garages, Play Park. Cllr Brooker said a newsletter might be a way forward, letting everyone know what HPC can and cannot control locally. Clerk said a name change away from Hinderwell Parish Council might help – suggestion to lose the word 'parish' as she is regularly contacted regarding church services/events etc. Possibly Hinderwell & District Council. Clerk suggested that the notice board outside the catholic church be moved to Staithes bus shelter so more folk can read its notices. Cllr Wilson said that issues such as the allotments, where HPC are trying to gain control, but SBC/NYC prevents this happening is not a good advert for HPC.

### **2025:02-15 Parish Maintenance**

Blocked drain A174 near Dalehouse bank still blocked – Clerk to re-report.

High Street, H'well – tarmac on pavements deteriorating, caused by cars mounting the pavements. BT installing large poles everywhere- Clerk advised they have the right as a utility company and its all to do with better phone communications especially broadband.

Bob Bells Bank, Staithes – light still out

Coronation Av, H'well – Drains still blocked near school entrance

Coronation Av, H'well – pavements damage

### **2025:02-16 Correspondence**

Cllr Walker read a letter from resident re dog poo around villages. All Councilors agreed this is a real problem and at this time of year it is unlikely to be from outsiders. Clerk has some posters in office, to be put up around parish, but doubtful this will resolve the problems.

### **2025:02-17 IN CAMERA – Clerk and Assistant Clerk’s retirement**

The retirements of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were discussed and council agreed to award each of them £100 of vouchers of their choice. The contribution of both to the parish was significant and one had over 20 years’ service and the other 12 years so it was felt that they should both receive the same level of retirement gift.

### **2025:02-18 To notify Clerk of matters for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting**

#### Public Session

Mr Ben Garstang, representing Mulgrave Estate visited and spoke of wanting to work with the Council in regard to two items at Runswick Bay

1 – Beach huts – Mulgrave Estate do not want to over-intensify the development.

2 – Camping Site on Ellerby Lane, site of previous temporary car park. Mulgrave Estate have a License in Place from NYC for 60 days of holiday accommodation. The License has been in place since last summer for a maximum of 60 days per year. Hinderwell PC never informed of this. Mulgrave Estate want some form of holiday accommodation on this site but do not want over-intensification.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 6th March 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 06.02.2025 having been circulated be taken as read and approved by the Council.

Chairman to sign: