

BRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

ON 2ND OCTOBER 2025

Cr. L Johnston	Cr. J Wells
Cr. D Backhouse	Cr. M Bontoft
Cr. B Cook	Cr. H Jessop
Cr. L Howley	Cr. T Hilton
Mrs J Knowles – Clerk	

CHARGEPAYERS ISSUES

There were no charge payers present at this meeting.

222.25 APOLOGIES

Cr. V Griffiths had given his apologies as he is currently undergoing daily hospital treatment, Cr. S Milnes had given his apologies as he was away on holiday and Cr. Ian Chilvers had a previous engagement. These were all accepted.

223.25 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive and disclose interest in matters to be considered at the meeting – in accordance with the National Code of Local Government Conduct. The Register of Members Interests was available throughout the meeting – in accordance with the National Code of Local Government Conduct. The new Member Lauren Howley has completed her Disclosure of Interest form and this will be submitted to North Yorkshire Council for their records.

224.25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

225.25 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

226.25 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Mark Crane was in attendance to report on North Yorkshire Council matters:

Leisure Centre North Yorkshire Council have agreed that there will be £2.5 million spent on Selby Leisure Centre to make improvements - for example new machinery. This does not include the Summit area - the Summit is partly used by the Leisure Centre for fitness classes and also used by the NHS. The NHS may look at their future use - they currently pay monthly rental but no decision for their long term use has been made at the moment

Flags There has been a large number of flags attached to lampposts across the County. There are hundreds of flags in Scarborough and thousands in Thirsk - the resident in Thirsk who is responsible for these flags has a 'go fund me' page. North Yorkshire Council have to be asked for permission to put anything on a lamp post as they are their property. The flags are seen as a distraction for drivers and also when St George flags are painted on roundabouts etc, it does not seem to be a big issue in this area but steps have started to remove all these flags.

Care Home There is general outrage at the potential plans for a 72 bed Care Home on land next to Meadowcroft. Mark feels strongly against this and has written to the agent stating his and Resident's feelings regarding location and access issues.

Campey Appeal The Clerk reported that she had rung the Planning Inspectorate today and it could be 8 to 12 weeks before we know the outcome of the hearing.

227.25 VACANCY

The Clerk reported that we have received confirmation from the Elections Department at the County Council that we are able to co-opt for the vacancy due to Judith Chilvers' resignation. Two potential members were present at the meeting - Michael Queenan and Gary Holiday - they had both introduced themselves to Members at the last meeting and Members did a private vote on who they would like to co-opt. The vote was a tie and in the absence of Councillor Griffiths no one could make the casting vote therefore this will be discussed again at the November meeting.

228.25 CLERKS REPORT

Thank you We have received a 'Thank You' note from Judith Chilvers for the flowers sent recently after her recent retirement.

Community Speed Watch Gary Holiday reported that four sessions have taken place in the last few weeks. A total of 639 vehicles counted, of which 14 were travelling over 30mph and the highest speed recorded was 37mph. These will continue on a weekly basis, weather permitting.

Remembrance Day We have been invited to Brayton Primary School's Remembrance Day Service on 11th November on the Village Green. All Members are invited, and the Clerk has already purchased a wreath to be laid on the Memorial.

Oakney Wood A Resident has been in contact regarding the footpath from Brayton Lane to the Wishing Well. A reply from Highways has been received: 'his query is raised often and to clarify it is not a public footpath, it has no legal status. However, that said as it is acknowledged to be well used especially by school children, the Highways Officers trimmed back the vegetation in several areas a couple of weeks without prejudice so it is now totally clear with obstruction free passage. With regards to the surface, it is deemed suitable for footfall and cyclist. Basically, this path is not a PROW or a footway but classified as highway verge and maintained as such'. The resident also asked about the 'short cut' to the Acorn Business Park from Brayton Lane - this is not a PROW and Highways do not know who the landowner is - who probably is responsible for the rubbish and piles of soil. A photograph of the land was shown to Members, but no more information was known.

The Clerk told the meeting that she had reported a large amount of litter on Brayton Lane, especially under the Bypass Bridge. A discussion followed about the homeless man who has been living in this area and the help he could access.

Phone Signal Keir Mather MP has launched a campaign regarding mobile signal coverage in the area. This has been advertised on Facebook and noticeboards in the Parish.

Litter Pick The local Cub Group are undertaking a litter pick around Brayton at the moment, we have supplied equipment and gloves for their safety. They will report back to us later in the week.

IT Plans The Clerk and Cr. B Cook continue to look at options for a new website to ensure all Members have a '.gov.uk' email address rather than their own personal account. As of 2026, this will become an Audit Regulation and we must have this in place. A Budget will have to be allocated at the Finance Meeting for these costs.

Christmas The light switch on will take place on Friday 5th December, the Clerk has informed Acorn Lighting, the tree supplier and all four Schools. Cr. Lauren Howley, as part of the Brayton Bonanza Group, will organise a marquee, craft stalls, singers and tombola etc. She will meet with the PTA at their next meeting on the 8th of October to discuss working together at the event. Cr. Johnson requested that an agenda item for next month be made on donating tombola prizes for this event.

229.25 COMMUNITY CENTRE

A report has been received from Martin Wedgewood, who is the Head of Operations at the Community Centre:

1. We will be recruiting a Co-ordinator for the Community Centre, I anticipate they will be in place before December. They will manage the centre and with it make it more efficient and available for the community. This is a work in progress but will be really positive.
2. Padel update - The planning permission is still pending but provisional work has started to deconstruct the child's play area as I am sure you may have seen. The company concerned remain positive that the planning will be sorted soon.
3. In the near future (not decided when) we will be rejuvenating the Community Centre with a lick of paint to doors and poles and such like (nothing drastic). I will be asking for volunteers to help when the time comes if anyone would be interested.

The Clerk will be meeting with the Centre's Management in the next few weeks.

230.25 BURIAL BOARD

The last Committee Meeting took place two weeks ago, there was not much to report – the agenda focussed on water pipe issues. The next meeting is in two months time at St Wilfrid's Parish Hall.

231.25 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Torsion Care Ltd Proposal and outline plans for a 72 bed care home facility at land on Meadowcroft. We have received an email regarding this proposal:

Our clients, Torsion Care Ltd, have a proposal to develop the land at Meadow Croft, Brayton. We will be seeking to submit a Full Planning Application for the construction of a 72-bed care home facility (C2 use class) and community hub, with associated access, parking, landscaping and ancillary works. We seek any views that you may have on the proposed development, as part of the public consultation and engagement exercise, and ahead of the submission of a forthcoming full planning application. Consultation letters were sent out to the closest properties surrounding the Site on Meadow Croft, Church View and Doncaster Road along with the current copy of the Site Plan. The applicant has also undertaken a formal pre-application enquiry with the Local Planning Authority. We would be eager to hear any initial thoughts or feedback that you have at this stage. If you would like a meeting to discuss the proposals in further detail, we can look to arrange this in the coming weeks. The submission of the application is targeted for early October 2025. We have also sought to engage with Cllr Mark Crane and the Selby Civic Society. The information provided on the letter and the proposed site plan which was enclosed is all we have available to disclose at this moment in time. We are not able to share any further drawings which are currently a work on process.

As previously mentioned, Cr. Mark Crane has already objected to these plans. We will await the formal Planning Application.

- b) Friends of Brayton Barff Request for funding for the Winter Bird Feeding Station on the Barff. The Clerk reported of a £300 payment for feed in January 2022 and a £60 payment for noticeboard repairs in November 2024. Cr. L Johnston proposed a payment of £100 be sent – all Members were in agreement and the Clerk will arrange for a cheque to be sent to FOBB.
- c) Highways Department A reply has been received regarding our road safety concerns at Brayton crossroads from Sharon Fox at the Highways Department. 'I have made enquiries and been advised that an order for some junction modelling and a design for operational improvements has been raised ready for when developer funding becomes available. To make any changes to current staging, we would have to consider the impact on overall junction delay as further delay increases driver frustration and the risk of red light running, which is another common complaint at this site but more importantly, we need to maintain a reasonable wait time for pedestrians which includes a high volume of school children. There is an issue with impatience and poor driving at this junction and collision history, 2 recent does support our

assessment so we can ensure the junction is designed to operate as efficiently and safely as possible, unfortunately we can't eliminate the risk of bad drivers who disobey the Highway Code.

A letter has been sent to the property to cut back the hedge as it is encroaching the signals equipment and significantly reducing the footpath width making it unsafe for pedestrians and more difficult to maintain our equipment. The tactile paving around the corner extends underneath the hedge to where the back of the footpath should be.

Collision history

25/05/25 at 00:30 - Brayton Crossroads - Serious - 2 x cars - V1 has failed to stop at Red Traffic Signal on Barff Lane and has collided with V2 heading Northbound on A19. V1 possibly OPL (over prescribed limit)

28/08/25 at 15:44 - Brayton Crossroads - Slight - 2 x cars - No details have been recorded on the log to say how this RTC occurred. Mark Crane will review this. He has seen people jumping red lights but there are problems with the layouts that all needs reviewing.

We have also received an email from Darren Griffiths ay Highways about the recent speed survey that took place recently approximately 200m either side of the crossroads.

The results are: North of crossroads – the mean speed over 7 days was 25.4mph and the 85th percentile speed was 29.5mph and South of the crossroads - the mean speed over 7 days was 26.2mph and the 85th percentile speed was 30.6mph

- d) Police Newsletter and update of Brayton incidents from PC Sally Smith. There are no reports on the system of particular community issues. However, I can report that following my latest drop in sessions at the local church halls, there appear to be issues with the main crossroads at Brayton with lack of manoeuvre room for larger vehicles to get round the corner when turning left or right. I have referred this matter to NY Highways. I am also aware that some local residents are now fully trained up to record vehicles speeding through the village and I am looking forward to hearing how this goes! I am also aware of the parking issues now the schools have started back and will try to make some headway with this in the coming weeks.

On another note, I'd like to remind parents and guardians that e-scooters remain illegal to use on public roads, pavements, and other public spaces. We understand they can seem like a fun and convenient way to travel, but their use in these areas poses significant safety risks. This month our Road Safety Team is running an operation targeting illegal e-scooter use, and we will continue to take action where necessary to keep everyone safe.

- e) Gladman Developments Ltd There has been a recent Public Consultation on the proposed residential development on land to the north of Barff Lane, and a list of the comments received was shared with all Members. Comments included: Traffic increase and speed, lack of public transport, need for affordable housing, lack of public services in Brayton and general concerns with ecological harm.
- f) North Yorkshire Citizens Advice Centre Request for funding. They have dealt with 110 Brayton Residents and with issues including debt advice, welfare benefits and food banks. It was decided that this request will be considered in January 2026 along with any other requests received.

232.25 PLANNING

Applications received

- a) Erection of double storey entrance to front elevation with pitched roof and new pitched roof to existing dormer, first floor extension over rear single storey footprint with additions to existing dormer, internal alterations, installation of solar panels to rear elevation roof and erection of double garage at 9 Barff Lane. Members were concerned with the number of trees on this site and hoped that none would be damaged or removed.
- b) Two storey side extension at 44 Moss Green Lane. Members were concerned about the closeness to neighbouring properties.

Application Granted

Crown reduce by 2.4 metres Ash tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 11/1984 at 1 Baffam Court. These works are hereby authorised subject to the following conditions: 01. All work to BS 3998 (2010) for safety and for future health and viability of the trees. Reason: In the Interest of the safety of persons and properties, including any neighbouring trees which are not to be felled, and in the interests of the health of the trees upon which the work is to be carried out. 02. No tree operations specified in this consent shall be carried out later than 2 years from the date of this notice.

The next full North Yorkshire Council Planning Committee meeting will be held on 8th October 2025, applications for Eggbrough, Burn and Spofforth are on the agenda.

233.25 FINANCE

Meticulous Gardens	2400.00
EE - phone and internet	58.45
Bank Charges	22.00
HMRC - Tax & NI contributions	498.83
J Knowles - Wage September	1724.73
Poppy Wreath	29.49
Village Orderly – September	324.00
Thank you flowers & litter pick equipment	67.00
D3 - Ink cartridges	177.46
LAW Electrical - repairs to Village Green Box	363.34
Marcus Taperell - trees on Village Green nr School	960.00
HAGS - Playarea inspections	102.00
Meticulous Gardens	840.00

These payments of expenditure were agreed and signed.

Credits in:

NYC - second half of precept payment	38000.00
Interest	229.28

We have been sent details of the recent decision made by North Yorkshire councils executive regarding their revised policy on recharging parish councils for election costs. Parish councils will be recharged for costs directly attributable to their elections including; ballot papers, postal vote packs and Uncontested fees of approximately £125. From April 2026 all costs will be recharged for officer time, printing etc and typically £250 for an uncontested election, Therefore it is noted that all Parish Councils should plan for these potential costs when budgeting setting.

A letter outlining parish precept arrangements for 2026/27 has been received. A spreadsheet should be received by the end of October 2025 to allow the calculation of % uplifts and our request for precept should be submitted by 31st December 2025. Finance meeting 4th December.

The Clerk was then asked to leave the room whilst Members discussed the Clerks contract - including pay rates and hours to be worked. It was agreed that the contract will be changed to a minimum 30 hours per week to be worked (but an agreement of up to 50 hours in a week if special circumstances). The pay scales will be increased to SC26 as of today. The Clerk will arrange for her contract to be amended and will be signed by the Chair at the next meeting.

234.25 MINOR ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cr. L Johnston had attended the recent Selby & Ainsty Area Committee meeting- the majority of the meeting was taken up with discussing School Bus Routes and a vote of 'no confidence' in how North Yorkshire Council have handled School bus passes system. An appeal and legal challenge has been put in against North Yorkshire Council for next year. Also discussed was Sports and Leisure spending over the whole county

Cr. Lauren Howley reported that she had arranged a couple of preliminary meetings with Play Equipment Companies to discuss possible options. She will liaise with the Clerk regarding this.

235.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM.

236.25 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8:30pm