

BRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FINANCE MEETING HELD

ON 4TH DECEMBER 2025

Cr. V Griffiths Cr. L Johnston
Cr. I Chilvers Cr. J Wells
Cr. M Bontoft Cr. T Hilton
Cr. S Milnes Cr. D Backhouse
Cr. H Jessop Cr. B Cook
Cr. L Howley Cr. M Queenan
Two Members of the Public
Mrs J Knowles – Clerk

268.25 AGREEMENT OF PRECEPT REQUEST:

To consider funding options for the financial year 2026/27 to be requested from North Yorkshire Council.

The Clerk had sent background information to all Members via email, and each Budget Heading was discussed in detail. Most of the figures have been rounded up – to ensure any Emergency Spending required would be covered. Members discussed the Christmas Lights and it was agreed to perhaps enhance what we have next year and also get Pupils from the local schools to design some new lights. A meeting will be held in January with Acorn Lighting to discuss options.

The church lighting at Christmas was discussed and Members all agreed that there should be an annual payment for the lighting. A cheque will be written out today for St Wilfrids Church PCC for £880.

An email had been received from Up for Yorkshire regarding the Community Centre, and specifically the Youth Club:

Supporting Youth Provision and Strengthening Long-Term Sustainability

Brayton Community Centre continues to play a vital role in the life of the parish, providing safe, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for local residents. We remain extremely grateful for the Parish Council's previous support, which has allowed the YO8 youth club to operate consistently and has contributed to clear improvements in local behaviour, including reductions in vandalism and anti-social activity.

We are now seeking the Parish Council's continued financial support for a further 12-month period to ensure the youth provision remains stable while we transition towards a more sustainable model.

Youth Provision Costs – 12-Month Period

Item	Cost per month	Annual cost
Flying Futures – 2 staff for 2 hours (40 weeks)	£470	£5,640
Up for Yorkshire staff support	£360	£4,320
Total	£830	£9,960

This funding will safeguard delivery for the next year while we gather further impact data, strengthen partnerships, and continue work on long-term funding bids. Importantly, it will also support Sarah's training to become the lead youth worker for the YO8 club, enabling us to reduce our reliance on an external youth provider after this year and transition to a more cost-effective, in-house model.

Strategic Development: Appointment of Brayton Community Centre Coordinator

Since our last report, Up for Yorkshire has made a significant investment by appointing Sarah as the Brayton Community Centre Coordinator for an initial one-year pilot period. This role is already transforming the

Centre's capacity, enabling better management, closer collaboration with partners, and improved coordination of activities that meet local needs.

A major development is that Sarah is now working through training to become the lead youth worker for the YO8 club. Over the coming year, this will allow us to:

- Reduce reliance on external youth providers
- Redirect future funding into sustaining Sarah's post and expanding in-house delivery
- Provide greater continuity and stability for local young people
- Embed youth provision firmly within the Centre and within the community

This shift represents a long-term cost saving and a more resilient model for youth work in Brayton.

Wider Impact of the Coordinator Role

Alongside youth provision, Sarah's role includes:

- Overseeing the day-to-day running of Brayton Community Centre
- Managing bookings, room use, and income generation
- Engaging community groups, residents, and partners
- Developing a programme of activities and events
- Supporting fundraising and community-led development
- Strengthening relationships with schools, the police, the NHS, and local organisations

This work is already increasing the Centre's use, visibility, and financial stability.

Why Continued Parish Council Support Matters

Your support this year is essential to:

- Ensure the YO8 youth club continues without interruption
- Provide stability while Sarah completes her youth work training
- Allow a planned transition to a more cost-effective in-house model
- Maintain the significant progress already made in reducing anti-social behaviour
- Support the Centre in becoming a thriving, self-sustaining community hub

This 12-month period is a vital bridge: it enables continuity for local young people while laying the foundations for a sustainable, community-led youth service delivered directly through Up for Yorkshire.

The Parish Council's ongoing support remains central to the success of youth provision and to the wider development of Brayton Community Centre. Your investment enables us not only to meet immediate local needs but to build a long-term model that strengthens community wellbeing, safety, and opportunity.

Thank you for your continued consideration and partnership.

Members read the report and discussed the Youth Club in detail, all were in agreement that the Community Centre should also approach other councils - for example Selby Town and Thorpe Willoughby - if Selby and Thorpe Residents are also benefiting from the Youth Club. Members then discussed the recent facebook post with youths kicking at doors when leaving the Youth Club, all agreed that the Youth Club must include some citizenship, this is seen as very important and it was agreed to invite Members of 'Up For Yorkshire' who are responsible for the Community Centre and Youth Club to the 8th January meeting to discuss this further. Members were in agreement to leave the £10,000 in the budget until after this discussion.

At this point in the meeting Cr. H Jessop has to leave and gives her apologies.

Cr. L Howley had sourced the three quotations for play equipment on the Village Green and images of all three designs were shown to Members with costs ranging from £44,000-£92,000 - the pros and cons of having play equipment on the Village Green was discussed, and this will be discussed again and a subcommittee will be set up to go through the plans in more detail - but this meeting was to discuss potential financial options and it was agreed to ring fence £35,000 for such a scheme.

In 2024/25 we requested an amount of £76,000 which was an increase of 0.6% (0.23 pence) in the Band D rate – this had not risen previously since 2018. In 2025/26 we again requested an amount of £76,000 – this was a -0.55% reduction (0.21pence) on a Band D Property. Neighbouring Parish Council's Band D charges compare favourably to Brayton –

Last year Thorpe Willoughby's Band D Charge was £63.59, Hambleton was £44.04 and Riccall was £118.78

The estimated balance as of 31st March 2026 is likely to be £90,000

The Clerk had received a spreadsheet from North Yorkshire Council enabling options of various precept requests to be decided, after much consideration it was agreed that the precept remains the same at £76,000 which will be a 0.05% increase in Council Tax, making a band D property increase from £37.11 to £37.13. Members were all in agreement and the Clerk will request this precept from North Yorkshire Council.

Budgets agreed as follows:

	agreed 2025/26	2026/27
General Administration	22000	33000
Charitable Payments	2200	2200
Sports Wall	3630	3630
Subscriptions	1320	1320
Audit Fees	900	900
Ground Maintenance	17050	17050
Street Lighting	1815	1815
Repairs/upkeep	6050	6050
Insurance	2200	2200
Burial Authority	3850	3850
Christmas Tree & Lights	24200	24200
Litter Clearance	5500	5500
Bollards, Bins and Seats	2200	2200
Computer/Web Site – including new supplier	2057	3600
Playing fields	2750	2750
Lighting @ St Wilfrids Church	880	880
Youth Club??	10000	10000
Potential Election Costs	0	500
Play Equipment	0	35000
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269.25 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 9:15pm