

BRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

ON 3RD JULY 2025

Cr. V Griffiths	Cr. L Johnston
Cr. I Chilvers	Cr. S Milnes
Cr. T Hilton	Cr. J Wells
Cr. B Cook	Cr. D Backhouse
Mrs J Knowles – Clerk	

CHARGEPAYERS ISSUES

The 'Big Brayton Bonanza' organiser, Lauren Howley introduced herself to the meeting and explained the ideas behind this event. She has had an amazing response from potential stall holders/crafts stall/St Wilfrids Church & the Community Centre who all want to make it a fun day. There will also be live music and performers – showcasing local talent. Lauren reported that it is not a fundraiser as such – a FUN day for all ages and she would love this to become an annual event. They are keeping costs as low as possible and are asking for some support from the Parish Council – Members thanked Lauren for her report and this matter will be discussed later in the meeting.

191.25 APOLOGIES

County Councillor Mark Crane had sent his apologies as he was on holiday. Cr. M Bontoft was also on holiday and Cr. J Chilvers is unwell. Members accepted these apologies.

192.25 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.

193.25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th June 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

194.25 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from last month's meeting.

195.25 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cr. Crane had sent his apologies, but had sent a report via email:

The footpath across the fields from Baffam Lane, opposite bowls club, has been closed and I have ascertained that it was a permitted path and therefore the CofE has the right to close it. I know Viv said this at the last meeting, so confirmed. I have written opposing the Campey's Haulage appeal and note that others in the village have done the same. I have ensured that the council will strongly oppose the appeal. I'm sure you will all be aware that David Campey sadly passed away last week (as I write).

I have offered small financial support to the people seeking to create a padel court in Brayton, a positive addition to the village in my view. This leaves me with probably £1000 left in my grant money for this year.

Foster carers – there has been a significant increase in the number of children needing to be placed in foster care across North Yorkshire, if you or someone you know is interested in being a foster carer please let me/ North Yorkshire Council know.

Selby Internal Drainage Board – there are vacancies on this committee and NYC is seeking volunteers, if anyone is interested please let me know.

196.25 VACANCY

Members discussed the co option of a new Member following Caroline Dawson's resignation. Four Residents (Joe Byrom, Mick Queenan, Gary Holliday and Lauren Howley) were attending the meeting as they wished to be considered for this position.

All eight Members present introduced themselves, and the Residents will watch proceeding to ensure they would still like to be on the Parish Council. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

197.25 CLERKS REPORT

The Police have advised that they will be holding three 'drop in' meetings over the summer:
St Wilfrids Church Hall on 4th July from 10 – 11:30am. Methodist Chapel on 1st August from 10 – 11:30am.
St Wilfrids Church Hall 5th September from 10 – 11:30am. All Residents are invited. PCSO Sally Smith has sent some crime figures for June 2025 – 2 reports of Harassment and 1 incident of Criminal damage. Members discussed the continuing problems in Brayton regarding scooters – the Clerk will contact the Police for their help.

Trees on the Village Green – Tapperell Tree Surgeons will cut the trees encroaching onto the School car park during the summer in holidays (already arranged with school) We have also received a quote from Roberts to tarmac the current area around the tree at the front of the school gates of over £5000, but they cannot guarantee that the surface will remain intact for any length of time. The Clerk will look at alternative options

There will be no meeting on 1st January this will be changed to 8th January 2026.

The recently broken metal bench at the crossroads has now been removed.

Community Speed watch - We currently have seven Residents who are interested in training for this scheme. The Clerk is arranging an induction session shortly.

198.25 COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members reported that there are several holes in the playing field, there are unsure if these have been dug for biking ramps or by animals. The Clerk will have a look and get assistance to flatten these. Cr. L Johnson reported that the gates to the car park were unlocked a couple of weeks ago, but could not remember the details - the Clerk asked for incidents of this kind to be reported as soon as possible, but will contact the Centre to make them aware.

The Centre had experienced problems on Wednesday evening after 11pm and a large amount of rubbish and broken glass had to be cleared – Members believed it was Brayton Academy's prom that evening, so hopefully will be a one off incident.

199.25 BURIAL BOARD

The next meeting of the Burial Board Committee will be held in one week's time via 'Teams' as the Clerk is abroad.

200.25 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Recreation Road Allotments An update has been received from the Membership Manager, Alan Frost. 'I am writing to update you on the plot that are allocated to Brayton Parish members. Currently we have 12 plots occupied by 9 residents from the Brayton Parish. I understand that one of our new members contacted you recently enquiring about an allotment and you kindly pointed him in our direction. We still have plots available so would gladly welcome any new members. Since we took ownership of the land around a year ago we have started to make improvements to the site, the main one was improving the road track on the site. We are also in the process of erecting a gate at the entrance and extending car parks on the site. Thanks for your help in the past.' The Clerk will continue to pass on these details to any resident asking for an allotment.
- b) HAGS - Quotations for repairs to MUGA and to move swings. The repairs to the panels at the MUGA will be £4397 and the cost to move two swings from the old play area, rather than dispose of them will be £6243. These costs were thought to be high – but we must keep the MUGA to a good standard to ensure safety. Cr. L Johnson proposed and Cr. V Griffiths seconded, that these invoices are paid immediately. All Members were in agreement with this.
- c) North Yorkshire Council - Information regarding TWM and the upkeep of our Vehicle Operated Speed Signs. Our sign near St Wilfrids Church has been broken for a few weeks – and we have been advised that the Company have now closed, NYC will keep us informed with any developments so we can get this back in working order.
- d) Cornerstone Information regarding a proposed base station installation at Thorpe United, Foxhill Lane. 21 other sites have already been assessed and disregarded, mainly due to the locations near houses. This land is rented by Thorpe United from Selby High School/North Yorkshire Council at the moment. Members were shown maps of the proposed site and a picture of the radio base station (aerial) that is to be fitted.

201.25 PLANNING

Applications Received

- a) Extension to rear of detached property at 22 Catton Way. No objections.
- b) Erection of porch and living room extension to front of 1 St Wilfrids Crescent. No objections.

Applications Granted

- a) First floor extension to side and rear over existing garage and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory at 23 Mayfield Drive.
- b) Demolition of existing single story garage and proposed single storey self contained annex at 24 Barff Lane.
- c) Second floor extension at 6 Baffam Gardens.

The Clerk reported that the next North Yorkshire Planning Committee meeting is on 9th July, there is only one item on agenda and that is a development in Hemingbrough. There has been no decision on the Campey Appeal as yet, the Clerk will continue to monitor the progress of the Appeal via the internet.

202.25 FINANCE

EE	58.45
Bank Charges	19.00
HMRC - Tax & NI contributions Two Months	945.36

J Knowles - Wage July	1681.11
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Village Orderly – June	324.00
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LAW Electrical - fitting of Defibrillators	459.69
Marcus Taperell Tree Surgeon	2640.00
D3 – Ink	125.49
North Yorkshire Council - bin near canal	563.68

These payments of expenditure were agreed and signed.

The Clerk also reported that a savings account has now been opened with £50,000 as the new balance.

203.25 INFORMATION SENT VIA EMAIL

- a) North Yorkshire Council – Call for sites update
- b) Community Speed Watch – Information of potential Brayton Scheme
- c) Fernbank – Invitation to their Open Day on 12th July
- d) Big Brayton Bonanza – Update on the event taking place on 24th August

204.25 MINOR ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Members raised concerns with the constant parking issues that are occurring outside Brayton Primary School and have worries that an accident will occur. The Clerk will contact the Police again for their assistance.

Cr. L Johnson attended the recent Ainsty Area Committee on Brayton Parish Council's behalf. General development in our area was discussed. Cr. Johnson brought up the interaction between North Yorkshire Council and Parish Councils, and involving them more. They are also looking at how they can improve contact with all Parish Councils in the Selby area.

At this point of the meeting, all four Residents who had expressed an interest in joining the Council left. The Clerk will contact them all with our thanks for attending and a vote will be taken in the September meeting to fill the vacancy.

Members then discussed the details of the Big Brayton Bonanza and how the Parish Council could support this event. Members had been given copies of the estimated costs, Cr. S Milnes queried the tent cost – he believes he can assist with a cheaper option. After much discussion, Cr. L Johnson proposed we give a donation of £2500 and Cr. V Griffiths seconded this proposal. All Members agreed and the Clerk will send the payment as soon as possible.

205.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM.

206.25 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8:05pm