

BRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

Cr. V Griffiths	Cr. L Johnston
Cr. J Wells	Cr. S Milnes
Cr. D Backhouse	Cr. M Bontoft
Cr. H Jessop	Cr. I Chilvers
Cr. T Hilton	
Mrs J Knowles – Clerk	
County Councillor Mark Crane	
Two Charge payers	

CHARGEPAYERS ISSUES

The two charge payers present at this meeting were interested in filling the vacancy on the Parish Council. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

Before the meeting started, the Chairman wished to pass on his condolences to Cr. Ian Chilvers and held a minute's silence in memory of Judith Chilvers, who served as a Member of Brayton Parish Council for 30 years and passed away last week.

237.25 APOLOGIES

Cr. B Cook had sent his apologies as he was working. Cr. L Howley had sent her apologies as her childcare had cancelled.

238.25 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.

239.25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd October 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

240.25 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from last months meeting.

241.25 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cr. Mark Crane wished to give tribute to Judith Chilvers for all her work on both the Parish and District Council – she will be missed.

Cr. M Bontoft had been contacted by a Resident regarding the Public Right of Way across the field from the Church to Foxhill Lane, Cr. Crane will look into this issue as the farmer has now ploughed the whole field – including the current footway.

North Yorkshire Council's funding for next year is now £37 million down due to cuts in Government Support, this could rise to almost a £50 deficit. Councillors were planning a rise in Council Tax of 3% but

will most likely be 4.9% - MP's in the County have been asked for their support in asking the Government for more money.

The CQC report for Adult Social Care has recently been completed with a result of 'Good' and score of 81% - this puts them third in the Country.

Cr. Crane also reported that the new Bus Shelter at Selby Hospital will be installed in the next few weeks and he still has almost £2000 to give to local groups from his 'Locality Budget'. He had earmarked £1000 to assist with the proposed Padel Courts, but planning permission has still not been granted. The Chairman mentioned issues with noise in other areas of the Country due to the Padel Courts, which could impact the Planning Permission for the Brayton Courts.

242.25 VACANCY

Members again discussed the co option of a new Member following Judith Chilvers' resignation. There were two interested residents and a paper vote was taken. The result was Michael Queenan – six votes, Gary Holiday - three votes. Therefore Mr Michael Queenan would become a Member of Brayton Parish Council – the Clerk will ensure that he signs necessary forms and will inform North Yorkshire Council. Mr Gary Holiday was thanked for his interest, and will continue with his efforts on the Community Speed Watch.

243.25 CLERKS REPORT

Campey Appeal - the Clerk had previously informed all Members that this had been dismissed, although we have not been notified formally by the Planning Inspector. Burn Parish Council, who also objected had not been told either.

Litterbin - the new bin that was ordered in January, has finally been installed on the land in front of the Methodist Chapel.

Remembrance Day - we have been invited to attend Brayton Primary School's service on the Village Green, on 11th November at 11am. Cr. M Bontoft will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Care Home Plans - the Clerk has emailed our views regarding this proposal and the objections we had. The planning application should be validated any time now, when we will be able to make a formal objection.

Bus Stop - at the last meeting Mrs McMorris had attended to ask for assistance to have a bus stop in the Hospital grounds. As mentioned in Cr. Crane's report – this should be completed in the next few weeks.

Planning Enforcement - the Clerk has been in contact with a Resident of Lynton Close, who has concerns with building work taking place at his neighbours property on Chapel Lane. Planning Enforcement are currently investigating this and will update us with their findings.

Play Equipment - the two original swings from the Community Centre Playarea have now been moved to Parish Council land and will be the Councils responsibility from now on. HAGS (who undertook the relocation) had tried to charge an extra £500 due to a slight error in the potential location site – but evidence sent by Alex Jackson, the Padel Court Designer showed that no extra work had been done – therefore these charge were cancelled.

Litter - several bins had been reported as overflowing at the beginning of October. North Yorkshire Council have informed is that bins are emptied on a Tuesday and also some Fridays. The Clerk asked Members to report any full bins immediately.

New website - the Clerk had attended several Training Sessions on the new requirements for a '.gov.uk' website and email. Members discussed this issue and it was agreed by all Members to budget an amount of £1500 to transfer to a compliant system.

Community Speed Watch - Gary Holiday reported that at the last patrol, 146 cars passed with 2 speeding over 35 mph. We are still awaiting contact from the Police to see if we can add extra locations – especially Mill Lane.

Events - Members had been sent details of a Fashion Show at Selby Abbey on 12th November, St Wilfrids Autumn Fair on 8th November and a Baby and Toddler event on 30th November at Brayton Community Centre. Posters have also been displayed in the Noticeboards.

244.25 CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Christmas Light Switch on will be held on Friday 5th December at 5pm and choirs from Brayton Primary, St Marys and Busy Bees will be performing – the 'Brayton Bonanza' Team will be holding an event all afternoon with refreshments, games and craft stalls.

The Clerk and Cr. Howley have been working together to discuss logistics for the switch on, and it has been noted that upgrades on the electric box on the Village Green could be done so it can be used for more events. The upgrades to attached two more sockets would be approximately £400 plus vat. This was discussed and Members were all in agreement that these should be installed as soon as possible.

The Clerk has received an email from Acorn Lighting stating a full review of the current lights has been completed – and all are working. Members discussed the possibility of more lights – this can be decided at the Budget Meeting for 2026/27 and then a meeting can be held with Acorn to discuss possibilities.

245.25 COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk will meet with Centre Management next week for a general update.

246.25 BURIAL BOARD

The next meeting will take place on 9th December at St Wilfrids Parish Hall.

247.25 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Friends of Brayton Barff Thank you letter for the recent donation of £100 to purchase Wild Bird Food.
- b) North Yorkshire Police The Community Newsletter had been received containing the statistics for the last month – it showed one burglary, a theft and some reports of anti social behaviour including reports of fireworks been let off and youths banging on doors. Cr L Johnston reported that there had been some issues near Tesco Express recently – these have been reported to Police.

248.25 PLANNING

Application received

- a) Crown lift to give 5.2 metre clearance to Willow (T1) and crown lift to give 5.3 metre clearance to 2 Pines (T2 and T3) protected by TPO No 3/1996 at 17 Barff Lane. No objections.
- b) First floor front and side extension at 200 Westbourne Road. No objections.
- c) Installation of ancillary lighting design to existing Multi Use Games Area at Brayton Academy, Doncaster Road. No objections.

Application Granted

The installation of a 20m lattice mast accommodating 6 antennas and ancillary radio equipment along with GPS module and 3 equipment cabinets in fenced compound along with ancillary development thereto at Playing Field, Foxhill Lane.

North Yorkshire Planning Committee had met on 3rd November, but only one application at Eggborough was on the agenda. They meet again on 20th November.

249.25 FINANCE

EE - phone and internet	44.32
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Bank Charges	7.00
HMRC - Tax & NI contributions	723.88
J Knowles – Wage	2101.91
J Knowles - paper and flowers	33.92
Village Orderly	324.00
YLCA - training on new websites	27.40
Acorn - Christmas Lights	3980.64
EON - electric standing charge	53.75

These payments of expenditure were agreed and signed.

A Private Session was called to confirm and sign the updated Clerk's contract, which was then signed by the Vice Chair and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

250.25 MINOR ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cr. L Johnston had attended two meetings of the Selby Area Committee on 24th October and 6th November.

The first meeting was called urgently to discuss recent road accidents in the area - especially in Riccall. There have been some accidents in Brayton at the crossroads, but thankfully they were not fatal. North Yorkshire Council need money in budget for improvements, the Clerk will contact Riccall Parish Council to ask if they need our support.

The second meeting discussed Public Transport in detail – with Sherburn In Elmet getting several more services. There will be a review in all services but Brayton should not be changed at the moment.

Cr. Johnston also mentioned that the new Bus Shelter at Selby Hospital is to be funded by the NHS, not North Yorkshire Council.

251.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM. This will be followed by the Finance Meeting to set the precept for 2026/27

252.25 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 7:55 pm