

BRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF 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	

CHARGEPAYERS ISSUES

One Member of the Public attending - Mr Holiday, reported on the recent Community Speed Watch which had taken place today on Brayton Lane. A total of 120 vehicles were logged, 12 of which were travelling in excess of 20 mph and 2 were speeding more than 30 mph. Members discussed the problems of speeding, especially on Brayton Lane, it was asked if there could be more signage on this road and perhaps the 20 mph signs be lowered to improve visibility, the Clerk will contact North Yorkshire Council Highways Department and ask them for assistance with this.

253.25 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies as all Members were in attendance at this meeting.

254.25 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.

New Member, Cr. M Queenan had completed his Register of Interests form and this will be sent to North Yorkshire Council.

255.25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record. It had been brought to the Council's attention that the Minutes of the September and October Meetings did not include any Members of the Public in attendance – the Clerk therefore minuted that at the September Meeting there were three Chargepayers in attendance and at the October meeting there were two Chargepayers in attendance and apologised for this error.

256.25 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman read out a short statement: 'Over the last couple of weeks, a Resident has emailed several queries concerning the decisions/running of Brayton Parish Council. The Clerk has responded to all the points raised – can we please confirm that the Resident is now satisfied with the answers received?' The Resident noted that they still had some concerns but would like to voice these at the end of the meeting.

Cr. L Johnson spoke about this matter at length to the Resident, and felt that not just the Clerk but the whole Council had been questioned. It was hoped that now the line can be drawn under this matter.

257.25 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mark Crane reported on matters from North Yorkshire Council:

Parking is very bad in Brayton and getting worse and worse outside both Longmans Hill and Brayton Primary – he will again ask the Police for their help. There have been more Parking Attendants employed recently, but mainly in the Selby Town area. Cr. M Queenan voiced his concerns that we cannot wait until someone gets hurt, before something is done - but Members felt that they needed to be an option rather than a ‘do not park here’ request. There was a discussion about the problems parking at Schools - the fact that both the Bowling Club and the Swan Pub have had to close their car parks due to the abuse that they have received from parents does not help this matter.

Cr. Crane still has approximately £500 in his Locality Budget and he only has until the end of the month to spend - so if anyone at the meeting know of any Group who would benefit from this money, they should contact Mark as soon as possible .

Cr. Crane wanted to bring up the issue of the recent letter from Eggborough Parish Council, this letter has been passed to all Members of the council before the Meeting. This is in connection with a recent planning application for 108 houses which was granted and which the Independent Highways Officers have said there is no problem with access - therefore there was no proper reason to refuse this application. Cr. Crane strongly refutes any wrong doing by any Member of the County Council, and he would go directly to the Police if he believed any underhand activity. The Chairman mentioned that it may have been felt that Parish Council voices and opinions do not get heard, but Cr. Crane reported that all Officers who were on the Planning Committee went to the site visit and fully considered the application. Members of the County Council do consult with Residents of their own areas.

Cr. Chilvers reported that the Solar Farm on Camblesforth Road is causing many traffic issues, Cr. Johnson asked why Highways are not monitoring the speed on this road and Members believe that signage could be much better. Mark Crane will contact Highways and ask them to review the signs.

The recent query regarding the Public Right of Way to the Church has still not been resolved – he will chase this next week for a reply.

258.25 CLERKS REPORT

Members were sent the Code of Conduct link & Standing Orders (which will be reviewed at the January Meeting) Cr. H Jessop and Cr. T Hilton requested printed copies, and Cr. Bontoft asked for this email to be resent to her.

The four Wayleave letters have been sent to the properties on the Village Green.

The new Website is still being looked into and the Clerk wished to thank Cr. Cook for his assistance in this matter. Several suppliers have been contacted regarding a new website and emails, and we are looking not just of costs, but ease of use and access. The next meeting will be on line on Thursday 11th December, then it is hoped a decision can be made.

The Police Newsletter for Brayton has been received – there have been three Anti Social Behaviour reports over the last month, reports of fireworks being set off, youths banging on doors and a dirt bike causing nuisance on one of the new estates.

Spawforths, who are looking at a potential Care Home in Brayton submitted a planning application to NYC on 25th November and are awaiting validation. The Clerk will contact Members as soon as this is ‘live’ and we are able to submit comments.

The Remembrance Day Service on the Village Green was sadly cancelled by Brayton Primary School. A Resident who always places a wreath at the Memorial has asked if after a week, he could put the old wreaths on two of the three war graves at St Wilfrids Church and will do in future years, all Members were in agreement of this proposal. The Clerk showed the meeting a photograph of some Remembrance Day signs which were displayed in Hensall recently. They are made by the Royal British Veterans Enterprise and cost £4.99 each - all Members were in agreement to purchasing a dozen to be erected on the Village Green next November.

The Clerk is arranging a meeting in January regarding the Woodland area with Project Wild, who may be able to assist with planning some improvements. Cr. Chilvers reported that Pupils at Read School are interested in helping with any work necessary.

259.25 CHRISTMAS EVENT

Cr. L Howley gave an update on the event planned for 5th December 2025. The Marquee is now up and will be open from 1:30 to 6:30 with the lights going on at 5pm. There will be approximately 25 stall holders, selling crafts and food, as well as games, raffle and tombola's. Musicians will play throughout the day and stall holders are being allowed to park in the pub car park during this time.

Cr. L Howley reported that it had been difficult to obtain Charitable Status for the Big Brayton Bonanza – but has set up a 'not for profit' Limited Company instead.

260.25 COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk had met with Martin Wedgewood and Sarah Kilner on 25th November for an update on activities at the Centre. Sarah Kilner has now been appointed as Manager/Coordinator, and will work 30 hours per week on a year long contract.

There is a waiting list for users – all evenings are booked and Saturday & Sundays are becoming more and more popular, work will be completed to the 'Cinema Club' equipment by 8th January 2026. Work to enhance the front of the Centre took place last weekend, and better signage, new fencing and hedge work will be completed early in 2026.

The Clerk is arranging a meeting in January to discuss some 'open' mornings at the Centre – with representatives from the Centre, Parish Council and Police to attend what is hoped to be a regular event

The Youth Club remains popular with over 50 attending weekly, and they do have another Volunteer (a Professor at University doing youth studies). Sarah will also be completing Youth training to enable her to run the Club in the future. There were some issues with fireworks – but the roof damage reported had not been vandalism – a seal had cracked. They are happy with the swings new location, they can now see very easily from Centre. The funding of the Youth Club will be discussed in the Finance Meeting later this evening.

The Clerk reported that a Parish Council Representative for the Centre is required – this will be on the Agenda for the January meeting.

261.25 BURIAL BOARD

The next meeting of the Burial Committee will be on Tuesday, the 9th December and will be held in St Wilfrids Parish Hall.

262.25 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Eggborough Parish Council An email had been received from the Clerk of Eggborough Parish Council: As you may be aware following the recent BBC publications, Eggborough Parish Council have been manipulated by NYC into a position that has become untenable. The Parish Councillors have fought and arduous battle with NYC in an attempt to deliver on the views of the constituents, but there lies the problem, it's a fight. A constant fight that has worn away at the very means of why Parish Councillors volunteer for the role. As a council we cannot recall a single time that NYC has backed the PC or supported their sentiment, never mind paid any attention to the wishes of the councillors acting as representatives of the village and its interests.

At every turn NYC steam roll through outlandish developments such as the latest application for 107 homes with the only access off Low Eggborough Road, they have not only ignored every piece of evidence provided by the PC, they have actively fought against us, and they have also manipulated the process from the offset to appease the developers at all costs at the expense of our residents.

The high level of disappointment and loss of faith in NYC and the fact that the PC genuinely felt like they were providing little more than a free admin resource when it suited NYC has now culminated in the resignation of every member of the PC. This has made good headlines and applied pressure and firmly shined the spotlight on NYC and their shady practises.

As part of this process, we have been approached by other councils within North Yorks who support us and feel very much the same. This is the leverage we require to focus the media's attention on this situation and allow us to force NYC to recognise the vital role the PCs play in voicing parishioners' sentiment. We are now reaching out to other councils, to gain your feedback on the way you interact with NYC and the support you receive from them, and with that we can hopefully continue to the apply media pressure and scrutiny to NYC. We are interested in both good and bad and certainly do not want to coerce anyone into a statement, we need a true reflection of the impact NYC has on your village/town.

For complete transparency we will look to use this info for further media publications and statements may be used but only with your permission, we are happy to meet with any other PCs who feel they want to be involved. The Councillors in Eggborough are really going out on a limb here, as they feel passionately about ensuring NYC must listen to residents' opinions before they railroad their decision upon us, we genuinely hope you that you can join us in supporting that sentiment.

This email had been sent previously to all Members and had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

- b) Padel Courts An update on the work on the Padel Courts at Brayton Community Centre had been received from Alex Jackson. The old play equipment has been removed and a secure perimeter fence has been installed, for work to start 6th/7th December weather permitting. Members were shown photographs of the site and will be sent further updates in the next few weeks.
- c) Padel Courts Proposal for wellness and social hub on land next to the Padel Courts. A plan of the area had not been received and Members were unsure how this would align with the Padel Courts. It was agreed to discuss this further when more work has been done at the Courts – as the exact location could not be pinpointed. Planning permission, rental etc are all points that would need to be clarified before anything can be decided.

263.25 PLANNING

Application received

Erection of single storey front porch extension and first floor side extension above garage at 2 Spring Walk. Members had no concerns regarding these plans.

Applications Granted

- a) Two storey extension at 44 Moss Green Lane.
- b) Installation of two padel courts, surrounding wildlife zone and associated seating, lighting and fencing at Brayton Community Centre.

264.25 FINANCE

Meticulous Gardens - final cuts of season	1680.00
EE - phone and internet	42.49
EE - phone and internet	16.52
Bank Charges	11.00
HMRC - Tax & NI contributions	723.68
J Knowles - Wage November	2101.91
J Knowles - postage, stationery & Longmans Hill Gifts	82.86
Village Orderly - November	324.00
Meticulous Gardens - Christmas Tree Delivery & Removal	1167.60
Acorn - Christmas Lights	4795.20

These payments of expenditure were agreed and signed by three Members.

The Clerk reported that the tender for Grass Cutting in Brayton would be advertised early in the New Year.

265.25 MINOR ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

266.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7.00PM. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

267.25 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8 pm.