

Gate & Upper Helmsley Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 7 February 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Jonathan Greenwood (JG) - Chair
Sue Panesar (SP)
Micheal Harrison (MH)
Richard Miller (RM)
Daniel Robinson (DR)
Deborah Black (DB)

Absent:

In Attendance: Annie Hurst (AH) - Parish Clerk
County Councillor Caroline Goodrick (CG)


Public Present: 19

PC/25/1	To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting NONE
PC/25/2	To receive declarations of interest and dispensations Councillor Greenwood on item PC/25/6a
PC/25/3	To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2024 It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record
PC/25/4a	The Lane A166 speed limit communications with the council Cllr JG & Cllr RM attended an on-line meeting with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and colleagues to raise concerns over the response from NYC not to reduce the speed limits. Cllr RM challenged the response from NYC Highways Office. It was RESOLVED to wait for responses.
PC/25/4B	Public footpath & Blocked drains in Gate Helmsley response from the council It was RESOLVED the council has arranged for the drains to be blasted. It was RESOLVED the council has agreed to widen the footpath and level the pavement, although no dates have been given for the work.
PC/25/4c	To update on VE Day celebrations, It was RESOLVED that VE Celebrations will be held on the early May Bank Holiday of Sunday 4 th & Monday 5 th May. A working party will lead the planning of activities with Cllr JG, Cllr DB, Cllr DR. Residents expressed offers to help as required.
PC/25/4d	To discuss projects for 2025 Cllr DB requested for a bus stop to be erected where the school bus pick-up area is at the bottom of the

	village and raised concerns for children crossing the road on a bend. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would contact NYC Highways for advice
PC/25/5	<p>Public Session</p> <p>19 members of the public were in attendance. The following items were discussed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The speed limit on the bend leaving the village from Gate to Upper Helmsley 2. The condition of the Back Lane requiring tarmacking and pot-holes filling 3. The Give Way sign at the bottom of the village knocked down <p>It was RESOLVED the Clerk would make enquiries with relevant council departments to seek advice on points 1-3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The 'Keep Clear' bay outside BATA garage still being used by lorries causing hazards to drivers leaving the garage and the kerb / lay-by opposite the garage state of wear from excessive use <p>It was RESOLVED that Cllr SP would in the first instance speak to BATA about concerns raised</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Awareness was raised about the entrance to the Back Lane from BATA direction and cars blocking each other 6. Awareness was raised about the vans being parked in the pub car park and mess behind them increasing 7. Enquiries were raised about the bridal way for an update and clarification on who is responsible for damage caused 8. A request was raised for a village litter picking group to be set up <p>It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would liaise with members of the community to supply litter picking materials, promote on social media channels to set up a group</p>
PC/25/6a	<p>To discuss Community Matters – Duke of York</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Duke of York was on the market and interest expressed from seven bidders. A consortium from the village was amongst the bidders and confirmation is still awaiting on who the successful bid will be awarded to.</p>
PC/25/6b	<p>To discuss flooding on the road leading from Gate to Upper Helmsley</p> <p>Residents raised concerns over flooding and property damage. It was RESOLVED that direct contact be made with County Councillor Goodrick to take forward to NYC Highways</p>
PC/25/6c	<p>To discuss issues raised by residents regarding the land at the bottom of the village</p> <p>It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to collate residents' concerns and that County Councillor Goodrick offered direct correspondence with residents</p>
PC/25/6d	<p>Broken village sign entering gate Helmsley from Upper Helmsley</p> <p>It was RESOLVED the village sign has been repaired</p>

County Councillor Update	<p>Cllr C Goodrick updated residents on the Call for Sites for the North Yorkshire Local Plan - information can be found here https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning-policy/call-sites-north-yorkshire-local-plan</p> <p>The community may wish to consider making a neighbourhood plan</p> <p>Government rural budgets have been cut</p>
PC/25/7a	<p>Parish Council Matters</p> <p>It was APPROVED Standing Orders policy update</p>
PC/25/7b	<p>Gypsy & Traveller accommodation survey</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that Cllr SP would complete the survey</p>
PC/25/8	<p>Finance</p> <p>It was APPROVED – payment authorisations for Clerk Finance training & New Councillor training</p> <p>It was APPROVED – Finance quarterly update</p> <p>It was APPROVED – 2025/26 Precept</p> <p>It was RESOLVED – Cllr Robinson to edit final agreed details in the Financial regulations & Financial Risk Assessment updates</p>
PC/24/15	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>It was PPORVED - ZE25/00015/House – Applicant: Mr A Rayner</p>

To confirm the dates of the next Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025

CHAIR	<i>Cllr Greenwood</i>
SIGNED	
DATE	7 February 2025