

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 6.30pm in Flaxton Village Hall

Chair Present: Ian Craven (IC)

In Attendance: Anna Jackson (AJ) – Parish Clerk

Public Present: 12

- IC welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained its purpose.
- IC gave a brief overview, and the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2024 were approved.
- IC gave his report (see full report on the website).
- Several Trustees and members of the Building Group gave a progress update on the New Community Hall:
- The Trustees have delegated the design and planning activities for the new community hall to the Building Group, who report progress back to the Trustees.
- A revised plan, different from the version presented last year, has now been agreed upon by both the Trustees and the Building Group. Progress is ongoing. An environmental survey has been completed for the hall site, and the architect has made final adjustments to the plans. Once these are finalised, the planning application will be ready for submission to County Hall.
- The village hall fund currently stands at £130,000. To manage costs effectively, the Building Group is exploring the option of a part self-build. Discussions have been held with residents, who bring relevant experience.
- Fundraising efforts, including community engagement, cannot begin until an accurate cost estimate is obtained. The Building Group is working to finalise details in preparation for a major fundraising campaign, which will include seeking grants and other traditional funding sources.
- Early cost estimates suggest the total project could exceed £500,000. The planning application is approximately 90% complete and will require a public meeting before submission. An asbestos survey has also been completed, with removal quotes ranging from £45,000 to £50,000.
- Thanks were extended to the Building Group and all involved for their continued work and updates.
- A member of the public raised a question regarding volunteers for grass maintenance. It was confirmed that the visibility splay cutting work at road junctions will be carried out by members of the council using a combination of hand tools and equipment.

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Volunteers are welcome to assist, including with areas of grass cutting beyond those outlined on the North Yorkshire Council Verge cutting map.

- The meeting closed at 7:22 pm

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