

Flaxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2026 at 7.30pm in Flaxton Village Hall

Parish Councillors Present: Steve Axford (SA)
Ian Craven (IC) Chair
Derek Leetham (DL)
Grace Mook (GM)

North Yorkshire Councillor Present: None

In Attendance: Anna Jackson (AJ) – Parish Clerk

Public Present: 1

01/26 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given

Apologies were received from the DH. The reasons given were accepted.

02/26 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations

- To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
 - SA declared interest in any Green Gait matters associated with application ZE25/01312/CAT
- To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests

None

- To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None

03/26 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2025

RESOLVED: The minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 11th December 2025, having been prepared and circulated, were agreed to be a true and fair record, subject to a minor spelling correction: “Gat” instead of “Gait”.

04/26 To receive information about the following ongoing initiatives and decide further action where necessary:

- Speeding:

The Council discussed the next steps required for the installation of VAS signs. It was noted that engagement is required with North Yorkshire Highways / Road Safety to agree suitable locations.

- The Parish Council must first agree preferred locations.
- Once locations are agreed, a tender document will be prepared with the intention of issuing it in April 2026 when funds become available
- IC agreed to draft the tender documentation.

- Camera van locations

The response from the query from North Yorkshire Police Safety Camera Deployment Officer, circulated on 18 December 2025, was noted.

The Council discussed:

- The proposed speed camera locations.
- Ensuring access to properties would not be impeded.

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- The new location proposed by GM.

It was agreed that:

- Some locations previously suggested would impede access and so were not considered viable.
- Four proposed locations on Green Gait land would be suitable as access to properties would be possible if the safety camera was present.
- The field entrance location close to the dog park was confirmed to be hard-standing.
- Residents of the two locations close to properties would be informed of the proposals (SA/IC) before these locations were confirmed to the deployment officer.
- Feedback on the viable locations should then be sent back to the deployment officer after residents have been informed. (AJ)
- Village emergency plan – No further update.

05/26 Public Session – The Parish Council will, time permitting, adjourn the council meeting for a short time to allow for public comment and questions

An update was provided by a Community Hall Trustee regarding the Village Hall:

- A meeting has taken place with the Tree Officer, and discussions regarding the how to retain the ash tree are ongoing.
- An application for funding from the National Lottery was unsuccessful.
- The planning application remains under consideration; planners have requested a delay until the end of February.
- Issues have been raised on the planning website, particularly relating to drainage, which it is hoped can be resolved.
- Potential issues relating to the car park were discussed and will require further consideration.

07/26 To receive an update from North Yorkshire Councillor Goodrick if appropriate

Councillor Goodrick was not in attendance but had confirmed earlier in the day to the Chair that North Yorkshire Council will raise Council Tax by 4.99% in 2026/2027.

08/26 To consider and decide upon any planning applications received:

Applications:

[ZE25/01312/CAT | Pollard to 3m above ground level 4no. Common Alder \(A1, A2, A3, A4\). Remove or pollard to 2m above ground level 1no. White or Crack Willow \(W1.\) Pollard upright trunks to 3m above ground level, and remove trunks most likely to fall into pond or leaning over pond of 4no. White or Crack Willow \(W2, W3, W4 and W5\) | Land Off Main Street Flaxton](#)

The Tree Officer had already provided his report. Flaxton Parish Council met on 15 January and resolved that no response would be made.

SA was reminded to ensure that the Tree Officer reports were obtained by the Green Gait Owners as they had not been published to the Planning Portal.

Decisions:

None

Updates:

None

09/26 To discuss matters raised by the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

- AJ had circulated a bookkeeping spreadsheet to 1st January 2026, which showed the Bank Account balance together with the income and expenditure report including

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variances to budget. The bank statement was duly signed by the Chair and will be fully checked during the next internal audit. The balance of the current account is £ 8,012.95

- To note/approve payments as follows:
 - APPROVED: Salary payment (December 2025) for the Parish Clerk and HMRC contribution
 - APPROVED: Payment to Ian Craven (£97.47) for the purchase of a printer and three-year warranty, as previously approved

10/26 To report and decide further action, if any, on new correspondence received by the council (circulated):

- Skip on the green – this had been located in the curtilage of the property.

11/26 To receive matters raised by members

- SA reported that they are continuing to pursue criminal damage proceedings relating to damage on the green

12/26 To note agenda items for the next meeting

- Internal audit – GM and DL
- Asset register

13/26 To confirm the dates of the future meeting(s) of Flaxton Parish Council to be held in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

19th February 2026, 19th March 2026, 16th April 2026

The meeting closed at 8:30pm