

**Flaxton Parish Council  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at  
7.30pm in Flaxton Village Hall**

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

North Yorkshire Councillor Present: None

In Attendance: Anna Jackson (AJ) – Parish Clerk

Public Present: 2 (1 member of the public left after 17/26)

**14/26 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given**

**15/26 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations**

- To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
- To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests

None

- To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

SA declared interest in any Green Gait matters

**16/26 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

RESOLVED: The minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026, having been prepared and circulated, were agreed to be a true and fair record, subject to a minor amendment to the record of the cancelled meeting.

**17/26 Daniel Adams from The Blacksmiths Arms sought clarification on several matters**

Concerns were raised regarding potholes and lighting and a question of car park ownership arose.

- It was confirmed that the car park cannot be claimed by the pub as it is common land.
- Maintenance and tarmacking is permissible but must use like-for-like materials.
- Specifications should be reviewed with Green Gait before work starts
- Installation of lighting may require planning approval so seek advice from NY.
- Tables must not obstruct the public footpath.

**18/26 To receive information about the following ongoing initiatives and decide further action where necessary:**

- Speeding:
  - Budget provision has been made.
  - A tender process will be prepared involving the two suppliers approved by NYC.
  - North Yorkshire Council Highways officers will be consulted regarding appropriate locations for the mounting poles.
  - A communication will be issued to residents explaining how the precept budget was determined.(IC)

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- Camera van locations: SA confirmed a resident has agreed to allow the camera van to park on their driveway. IC to progress the final consultation before writing to NYC
- Village emergency plan – No further update.
- Replacement defibrillator pads: DL has purchased and installed the replacement pads. AJ will confirm appropriate disposal of the old pads which may involve re-use for training purposes.
- Asset and risk register:
  - Both registers were reviewed.
  - Additions to the asset register:
    - Telephone box (purchased for £1 around June 2017)
    - Post box pillar
  - Insurance renewal is due at the end of May - AJ to obtain renewal cost; coverage to remain consistent with current assets.

**19/26 Public Session – The Parish Council will, time permitting, adjourn the council meeting for a short time to allow for public comment and questions**

Village hall update:

- Concern raised regarding an ash tree on site.
  - The Tree Officer has advised it must remain.
  - A tree surgeon is preparing a report for further review.
- Drainage concerns:
  - Yorkshire Water has raised issues regarding site drainage.
  - The architect is investigating drainage routes, including connections to Green Gait land.
- A meeting is scheduled for 14th April with North Yorkshire support groups.
- North Yorkshire Council has commissioned LHL Building Consultants to assess whether refurbishment is viable.
- The village hall website is under development.
- Approximately £13,000 has been raised by to date.

**20/26 To receive an update from North Yorkshire Councillor Goodrick if appropriate**

Not in attendance.

**169/25 To consider and decide upon any planning applications received:**

Applications:

[ZE25/01408/73A | Removal of Condition 02 of planning approval 761 A dated 26.03.1969 to allow for the removal of the agricultural occupancy condition | Moor Farm Cross Lane Flaxton North Yorkshire YO60 7QZ](#) –

Flaxton Parish council met on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and agreed that:

The original intention of the Agricultural Occupancy Condition (AOC) established in 1969 was to ensure that homes built under this condition would remain occupied by agricultural workers.

There are several working farms and agricultural contractors in the Flaxton area that provide employment for people in the area. However, there is a shortage of affordable housing for these workers.

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Moor Farm, the property subject to the application to remove the AOC, is a part of a 66-acre estate comprising agricultural land and woodland. Therefore, it remains a part of an agricultural concern.

Removal of the AOC would undoubtedly lead to the property being sold separately from the land at an inflated price that would be unaffordable to local agricultural workers defeating the AOC's original purpose.

Flaxton Parish Council objects to the removal of the AOC.

[ZE26/00020/TPO | Fell 1no. T2 Silver Birch trees within TPO 376/2025. | Coronation House Main Street Flaxton North Yorkshire YO60 7RT](#)

Flaxton Parish council met on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, and believe this application has been amended, to only fell one of the trunks, which we support.

[ZE25/01413/HOUSE | Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of replacement single storey extension | Eastlands Main Street Flaxton North Yorkshire YO60 7RP](#)

Flaxton Parish council met on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and had no objections.

Decisions:

APPROVED – [ZE26/00021/CAT | Remove 2no. Apple Trees \(T3 & T4\) | Coronation House Main Street Flaxton North Yorkshire YO60 7RT](#)

WITHDRAWN – ZE25/01291/HOUSE | Erection of two storey rear extension providing ground floor kitchen and first floor bedroom and bathroom improvement | Green View Cottage Main Street Flaxton North Yorkshire YO60 7RW

Updates:

None

**21/26 To discuss matters raised by the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer**

- AJ had circulated a bookkeeping spreadsheet to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, which showed the Bank Account balance together with the income and expenditure report including 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 £ 7,446.48
- Internal audit scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (AJ, DL and GM)
- Annual audit preparation to be conducted by AJ with support from IC:
  - Preparation of year-end accounts
  - Completion of totals for AGAR documentation
  - Confirm a date to be after the next meeting with AL for conducting internal audit
  - Information to be provided to Adrian following the next meeting
  - Budget & other annual finance information (Transparency Code) to be published to website.
- To note/approve payments as follows:

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- NOTED: Payments due to be agreed at the previous (cancelled) meeting were approved:
  - Parish Clerk salary payment for January 2026 and HMRC contribution
  - Village Hal hire x 2 (£60)
- APPROVED: Salary payment (February 2026) for the Parish Clerk and HMRC contribution
- APPROVED: Payment of £248.40 (including £41.40 VAT) to Parish Council Websites for website hosting and support (Billed annually).
- APPROVED: Re-imbusement of £77.88 (including £12.98 VAT) to Councillor Leetham for the purchase of replacement defibrillator pads from Defib4life Limited
- NOTED: Cash back income from HP for the printer (£30)

**22/26 To receive matters raised by members**

- SA raised concerns regarding a possible change of building and land use on York Lane. – To be included on the next agenda.

**23/26 To note agenda items for the next meeting**

- Annual meeting: IC to speak informally to village groups to see who may want a 'slot'
- Insurance renewal
- Internal audit
- Audit preparation
- Change of land use of York Lane

**176/25 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.**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

The meeting closed at 9:02pm