

Nawton Parish Council
Minutes for the Meeting held at Beckett Pavilion
on Monday 16 December 2024

Chair	
Vice chair	Samantha Jones (Chair for the meeting)
Councillors	Steph Collier, Brian Simpson, Michael Tanner, Lorraine Hugill & Penny Forbes.
Apologies	Russ Dickinson
Clerk	Tina Hustler
Parishioners	N/A

626 Agenda

The agenda for this meeting had been displayed on the Parish council notice board and the council website since 9th December 2024.

627 Presentations by Parishioners – A presentation took place from North York Moors National Park Authority regarding their Dark Skies project. The talk discussed lighting in villages and how this can influence various factors in the landscape. The NYMNP would like support from the parish and are able to provide a survey of the village and suggest lighting options. To be discussed further.

628 Minutes of council meeting of 18 November 2024

The Vice Chair agreed the minutes of the meeting of 18 November 2024. They were seconded by Steph Collier.

The Vice Chair signed the minutes. The Clerk will add them to the minute book.

629 Actions from the last meeting

629.1 Monthly inspection of Council owned land – Brian Simpson has surveyed the fallen trees following Storm Darragh on the weekend of 7th December. BS is prioritising fallen trees on the footpath on the Howl to make that accessible again, it will be 3 or 4 days work. BS has also informed other landowners whose trees have also fallen across and around the Howl so they can arrange for them to be cleared.

629.2 Nawton Tip - no update.

629.3 Tree cutting on A170 application - quotes received for surveys to be carried out ranging from £80 to £240. Worry that we could spend money on a survey and then the planning application still not be approved. Michael Tanner queried if Highways own them and perhaps they could sort the crown lifting out instead. Clerk to email highways to ask (Done). A councillor noted that we are trying to sort these issues out for someone who has complained who doesn't live in the parish, but we haven't had any complaints from parishioners, or Calvert carpets who use that junction in lorries regularly.

629.4 Bus stop tree - this has now been assessed and trimmed by Paul and Ian, and they will keep an eye on it throughout the year.

629.5 Provision of litter bins - the clerk has not heard back about the lamp post bin, so will chase for cost again. (emailed).

629.6 Website - contract for new site signed, and gov.uk free domain registration applied for, and new email address, which was needed for the gov.uk 2 years free funding. The Clerk has a meeting in January via zoom to get the new website up and running.

629.7 Parish facebook page - all working well and was good to promote the Christmas tree lighting service.

629.8 Barrier on A170 near school path - cost quoted of £650 installed. The clerk has emailed George Jabbour for support, but he does not have the budget until potentially April 2025. LH suggested asking if the primary school had some funds to put towards the cost, and the Friends of Nawton School may also be able to help part fund it. (Clerk has asked both, awaiting response).

629.9 Christmas tree - lights switch went very well, and was well supported by the community. Thank you cards sent to the church, Seven Oaks Christmas trees, Beadlam parish and Olive.

629.10 Yorkshire Housing applications - Karbon Homes coming to present at the January meeting at 7pm about land near Ashton Green.

The clerk had heard back from Yorkshire Housing about the allocation of the house that we were unaware of before it was assigned.

The clerk has received a complaint from a resident who was also interested in the property, who doesn't think the people who have got the house meet the local criteria. Sam Jones said that the house was advertised on choice based letting, so the complainant will have to take the complaint up directly with Yorkshire Housing as it is their house. A risk of homelessness would take priority over a local connection, which could have been the case. Penny Forbes said from a parish council point of view, if people have needs and they wish to let us know, then we could inform the housing companies in advance. SJ said that at the end of the day, the final decision isn't ours to make, but we should be contacted to at least have the option to discuss. Steph Collier is concerned that the houses were built for local needs, and they may not be going to local people. LH said that going forward Yorkshire Housing now have our contact details to inform us, so it should improve the situation. MT queried if there was a need for more local housing. PF pointed out that the local need may change each year. MT noted that the potential to have 6 or 8 more new houses built may not be needed if there isn't a local need at present.

630 Planning – ZE24/08365/FUL - discussed and councillors felt that the new design was not in keeping with the local area. Clerk will reply to the planning office by the deadline with this comment. Emailed 17.12.24.

631 Finance - Clerk's salary - November timesheet £196.70 (14 hours). December to be put through as 14 hours.

Precept - £5115 requested/applied for December 2024.

Monthly reconciliation - HMRC income tax £48.09 paid. More due to be paid by 22nd January. Church donation to be paid of £60.

632 Matters arising – Grass cutting grant 2025/26 - NYC will fund 5 cuts per year and provide £420.61 for these cuts. This year we paid £930 for 10 cuts, which seems a lot to pay above the grant we receive, and we need to be aware of what we are using the parish money

on. If we are to do something with the NYMNP Grubs up project as discussed at the last meeting that would reduce some cuts, but potentially cost as the grass needs collecting. All agreed to go to tender in the New Year. SC suggested the Clerk emailed Pickering Town Council to see who they use as mentioned at the Grubs up talk. LH suggested councillors come up with ideas of people to ask to tender for the next meeting. We need to confirm we would like the grant in late february, so we can apply for that in the meantime.

2025 meeting dates - 3rd Monday of each month, except no meeting in August. Clerk to put a list of dates on the noticeboard.

633 Next meeting - 20th January 2025, 7pm at Beckett Pavilion, Nawton.
7pm presentation by Karbon Homes.