

DEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2025

Chairman: Cllr E Lewis

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Part 1

25015: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. Present: Cllrs Lewis, E Hale, Hussein, Clarke, Bartram and N Hale.
- b. Apologies: Council received apologies from Cllr Dixon. It was resolved to accept reasons given.
- c. All present were requested to sign the Attendance book.

25016: Welcome: Chairman welcomed Councillors present at meeting.

25017: Declarations of Interest: Chairman reminded members of the need to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. None received.

25018: Minutes:

1. It was resolved to accept minutes of last meeting.
2. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

25019: Elector's Comments:

Several issues were raised following publication of the agenda. They were discussed (at the discretion of the Chairman) to expedite matters and comments were as follows:

1. *The northbound VAS isn't working and is wrongly sited in any event.* Response: Item 25024, 4. of the March 10th agenda already stated that Cllr Bartram has reported the faulty sign. Its location was dictated by CYC.
2. *An explanation of the Parish Council decision about the precept rise was requested and the overall precept increase is high.* Response: The Parish Council explained the small rise in precept in the previous Minutes and is not in a position to comment upon the much larger rises requested by larger bodies.
3. *Why the unused portion of the Neighbourhood Plan grant was repaid instead of being kept for other purposes by the PC.* Response: The Parish Council would not legally be able to hold onto this grant money without using it for its intended purpose.
4. *It was suggested the PC purchase a piece of (seemingly) unused land in Deighton village and turn it into a wildflower meadow with the apparent surplus of PC funds.* Response: As stated above, the surplus has been reduced and there may be other priorities. The land isn't for sale in any event and would such a project benefit the Village as a whole? Also, there may be objections from near neighbours and it could turn into another dog toilet as the bridleway seems to have become.

25020: Reports, for information only

- a) Ward Councillor. None.
- b) Police. None.
- c) Clerk. None.

25021: Planning:

Applications:

- 1. 25/00268/FUL: Single storey front and rear extensions, first floor rear balcony, 1no. dormer to front and 1no. dormer to rear at Crabtree New Farm, York Road, Deighton. No objections.
- 2. **Decisions:** None.
- 3. **Other:** None.

25022: Finances:

a) **Account balance**

Balance as at 6 February 2025

£16,498.88

b) **Payments made since last meeting under Clerk's delegated powers:** None.

c) **Payments to be made:** None.

d) **Receipts:** None.

e) **Other:**

1. Update on the purchase of bench plaque in memory of Maurice Vassey: Cllr E Hale reported that a plaque has been purchased and engraved at a cost of £63.66. A date for a commemoration now needs to be arranged.

2. Update on banking: Clerk reported that a meeting at the bank to go through the form was cancelled, but a new meeting is to be arranged.

3. Clerk advised Council that Green Bin subscription for Village Green grass clippings is now in place, payment has been made and the licence sticker has been delivered to the resident.

4. Ward Grant applications: Information was received from the Ward Councillor, Cllr Vassey, that Ward funds were available to Parish Councils before the end of February. With Chairman's consent and an intent to retrospectively approve actions, the Clerk applied for a Ward Grant to assist with the purchase of a laptop and printer for the Chairman and a printer for the Clerk. This application was rejected. A second application was submitted for a donation to the Green Bin subscription, but this application was also rejected. Following a discussion, it was thought that an application could be considered in the next financial year to assist with the upgrading of signs and dog bins along the bridle path to remind/encourage dog walkers to clean up after their pets. This project will need some research. Cllr Lewis to report to the next meeting.

Payment of Clerks salary noted.

It was resolved to accept report and payments made/to be made.

25023: Defibrillators: No updates.

25024: Highways matters:

- 1. Second VAS sign on Wheldrake Lane, Crockey Hill. No updates back from CYC.
- 2. 20 MPH speed limit in Deighton Village: Clerk advised that, subject to the decisions which come out of the Local Plan, 20 MPH limits are being considered through all villages within the CYC area and information will be forthcoming once decisions have been made.
- 3. Serious concerns about the speed of egress from Swan Farm Close onto Main Street and the possibility of an accident. Clerk to seek advice regarding possible measures which could be taken to encourage drivers to stop and check for oncoming vehicles before

pulling out into the path of one. It was noted that vehicles on Main Street already have the right of way, should there be an accident.

4. Cllr Bartram reported that the northbound VAS does not seem to be working. Reported to CYC.

25025: Bridleway to west of Deighton Village – Cllr Lewis updated the Council regarding issues caused by irresponsible dog owners on the bridleway, which is used as a dog walking route. It would seem there are not the funds at present to fund additional dog bins. She will report further to the next meeting if there are any developments.

25026: Correspondence: None.

25027: Items for the next agenda: None.

25028: Dates of next meetings are confirmed as: 19th May, 7th July, 8th September and 10th November 2025, then 12th January, and 9th March 2026.

7.50pm: Closure of meeting.

Signed:

L Lewis, Deighton, Deighton Parish Council

Date: 19th May 2025