

DEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.15PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18TH MAY 2026.

Chairman: Cllr E Hale

Clerk/RFO: Mrs H Guest,
deightonpc@gmail.com

Part 1

26030: Statutory annual meeting business:

- a) **Election of chairman** of the parish council.
 - i) Councillors to elected Cllr E Hale as chairman for the year.
 - ii) Chairman signed acceptance of office; clerk witnessed signature.
 - iii) Clerk countersigned chairman's acceptance of office.
- b) **Election of vice-chairman** of the parish council.
 - i) Councillors to elected Cllr Bartram as vice-chairman for the year.
 - ii) Vice-chairman signed acceptance of office; clerk witnessed signature.
 - iii) Clerk countersigned vice-chairman's acceptance of office.

26031: Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors, clerk and visitors to the meeting.

26032: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. Present: Cllrs E Hale, N Hale, Bartram, Dixon, Ward Cllr Vassie and one member of the public.
- b. Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke and Coomber. It was resolved to accept reasons given.
- c. All present were requested to sign the Attendance book.

26033: Interests: Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. None received.

26034: Minutes

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of last meeting.
- b. If approved, Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

26035: Council Policies: The Council considered policies/procedures which may need revision or confirm that existing documents remain appropriate and established that the Clerk should check for policy updates throughout the forthcoming year.

26036: Committees: It was resolved that no committees would be deemed necessary for the smooth running of the council.

26037: Representatives: It was resolved not to appoint any representatives to outside bodies.

26038: Electors comments:

1. Despite road markings having been painted at the end of Swan Farm Court, concerns were expressed regarding the speed of exiting cars with drivers failing to check for oncoming traffic. See discussion later in meeting.
2. Rubbish has been tipped illegally on Moor Lane. CYC has been made aware and Cllr Vassey is chasing this. It is thought that the refuse may contain asbestos.
3. The footpath between Deighton and Escrick has only been partially cleared – contractors seem to have only gone south as far as the Escrick Village road sign, rather than to the church wall, which is the parish boundary.

26039: Reports received from:

- a) Ward Councillor.
 1. Cllr Vassie reported that CYC has a new Chief Executive who is visiting all areas of the Wards where Councillors can meet him and show him local problems.
- b) Police. None.
- c) Clerk. None.

26040: Planning:**Applications:**

1. 26/00588/FUL: Construction of 1no dwelling together with associated works at Spring Wood Stables, New Road, Deighton. Extension of time for comments applied for. The Council resolved to object to the application on the grounds of inappropriate development on a greenfield site.

Decisions: None.

Other: None.

26041: Finances:

- a) **Account balance**

Account balance as at 30 th April 2026	£16,399.03
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- b) **Payments made since last meeting under Clerk's delegated powers:**
 1. Autela Payroll Services Ltd £109.20
 2. YLCA (annual subs) £166.00
- c) **Payments to be made:**
 1. HMRC £556.05
 2. Vision ICT Ltd (website) £185.45
- d) **Receipts:**
 1. Precept £2,677.50
- e) **GPC:** It was resolved to approve use of the GPC (General Power of Competence) for the forthcoming year.
- f) **Other:**
 1. Arrangements for Remembrance Day 2026: Cllr Bartram to arrange for the display of poppy wreaths and large lamp post poppies, as usual.
 2. It was resolved to engage K King as internal auditor.
 3. Ward funding – item raised at last meeting regarding an as yet unspecified amount of Ward funding will be available and Councils should think about projects. At the last meeting, items suggested included a bus shelter and a dog bin and signage for the footpath in Deighton. A wide-ranging discussion took place. A suggestion was for a dog bin in Crockey Hill, since there is a new caravan park and there isn't a bin of any kind anywhere

in the Village and a suggestion was made that the owners of the caravan park could be asked for a contribution towards the cost.

Payment of Clerks salary was noted.

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

26042: Defibrillators: No updates.

26043: Highways matters:

1. Serious concerns were raised at this time last year about the high speed of egress by vehicles exiting Swan Farm Close onto Main Street and the possibility of an accident. Cllr Vassey arranged for lines to be painted at the junction to deter those who don't give way at this junction. Reports are being received that this issue has not gone away and there have been a number of near misses. Cllr Vassie to ask for a Highways expert to attend in person to see whether the lines are positioned in the right place.
2. Parking on Swan Farm Close has also been raised as an issue, especially where access for emergency vehicles is being barred. It is known that there are outline plans for a housing development which will make use of Swan Farm Close during the building phase and then for residential use. Cllr Bartram to email Cllr Vassey with an outline of the issues and ask for remedies.
3. Cllr Bartram stated that there were no updates regarding the VAS signs on the A19 at Deighton.
4. Cllr E Hale stated that the speed van has been on Wheldrake Lane a number times. Funding is still being discussed for a VAS sign on Wheldrake Lane.

26044: Footpath in Deighton village – inconsiderate dog owners: This issue was raised last year because people were walking dogs around the footpath and not clearing up the faeces produced by their dogs. This is unsightly and inconsiderate towards others. Discussed previously in meeting.

26045: Correspondence:

1. Smoke Control Area: expansion of area to cover the whole of York.

26046: Items for the next agenda. None at this time.

26047: Dates of next meetings: 14th September and 9th November 2026, then 11th January, and 8th March 2027.

8.30pm: Closure of meeting.

Signed: E Hale
Chairman
Deighton Parish Council
Date: 14th September 2026.