DEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Chairman: Cllr E Hale

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Part 1

26054: Apologies/Attendance:

a. Present: Cllrs E Hale, Bartram, Clarke, Dixon, N Hale and Ward Cllr Vassie.
b. Apologies: Council received apologies from Cllr Coomber – it was resolved to accept reason.
c. All present were requested to sign the Attendance book.

26055: Welcome: Chairman welcomed Councillors and electors present at meeting.

26056: Declarations of Interest: Chairman reminded members of the need to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. None.

26057: Minutes:

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

26058: Elector's Comments:

1. Resident inquired as to whether the Parish Council could fund a library ticket for a Village Reading Group if there was enough interest in starting one. Clerk advised that this was a positive initiative and could be added to a future agenda for discussion if required.

26059: To receive reports, for information only, from:

a) Ward Councillor.
   (i) City of York Council are to fund extra buses on evenings and weekends on the run up to Christmas because the Park and Ride service is too busy to cope with additional demand.
   (ii) It was highlighted that there are numerous reports of buses not stopping at formal bus stops, despite pedestrians waving them down and the buses not being full. Cllr Vassie aware of this issue.
   (iii) The Mobile Library bus service is temporarily suspended because the bus has broken down.
   (iv) Escrick Park Estate has requested an environmental plan for the proposed Heronby development because it is believed that there will be a huge increase in traffic.
   (v) Changes to legislation means that fewer planning applications will make their way to Parish Councils, so removing some of the local representation. Planning Officers have been given more powers to make decisions without local input.

b) Police.
c) Clerk. The Clerk reported that she has received the resignation of Cllr Saarah Hussein from the Parish Council. The relevant paperwork has been requested from City of York Council and will be published on the notice boards once received. The Councillors expressed their gratitude to Saarah for the work she has done for the Council and villages and wished her well for the future.

26060: Planning:

Applications:

1. 26/00810/ADV: Display of 1no. freestanding sign at land to the north of Crockey Hill Farm, Wheldrake Lane, Crockey Hill. No objections.
2. 26/01460/FUL: Erection of an agricultural building at Spring Wood Stables, New Road, Deighton. Extension of time for comments requested. Councillors expressed concerns about further developments on the green belt and increased building footprints and these have been communicated on numerous occasions previously. Aside from that, there were no other objections.

Decisions: Noted.

1. 25/02076/FUL: Erection of 1no. single storey dwelling and 1no.single storey dwelling including conversion of existing barn at Pasture Farm, Deighton. Refused.
2. 25/01074/FUL: Erection of an outbuilding at Talland House, Deighton. Approved.
3. 26/00810/ADV: Display of 1no. freestanding sign at land to the north of Crockey Hill Farm, Wheldrake Lane, Crockey Hill. Refused.

Other:

1. Appeal lodged with the Secretary of State against the decision refuse application no: 25/01548/FUL: Change of use of Public House (sui generis) to 1no. dwelling (C3), alterations to porch and erection of a garage at the White Swan, Deighton. Noted.

26061: Finances:

a) **Account balance**: As at 18th August 2026 £13,591.75
b) **Payments made since last meeting under Clerk's delegated powers:**
   1. H Guest (reimburse hall hire) £14.00
   2. Zurich insurance £214.00
   3. HMRC £214.40
   4. K King (Internal audit) £110.00
c) **Payments to be made:**
   1. Autela Payroll Services Ltd £57.37
d) **Receipts:** None.
e) **Other:** None.

Payment of Clerk's salary noted.

26062: Defibrillators: Defibrillator at Crockey Hill apparently coming away from the wall reported by Mr Child on his regular checks. He has tried to make repairs, but suggested that it is checked. Cllr N Hale and K Dixon have both attended and reported that it seems to be secure.

26063: Highways matters:

1. Traffic calming on Wheldrake Lane, Crockey Hill. Cllr E Hale has met with Ben Potter and his successor, Francesca. The camera vans continue to collect revenue from speeding motorists. The funding for a camera from the A19 to Wheldrake has bean approved and it will be installed in due course.
2. VAS signs in Deighton – Cllr Bartram stated that they were in working order.

3. Traffic accident on Sunday 9th August on A19 – again, the police diverted traffic and sent a double decker bus towards the low bridge in Naburn. Police clearly ignoring Parish Council advice given repeatedly over many years. Ward Cllr Vassie attended the Parish Council meeting and is aware of the problem.

26064: Other matters:

1. Fly tipping on Naburn Lane, Deighton: a large pile of refuse was deposited on Naburn Lane which was thought to contain asbestos. Ward Cllr Vassey chased this matter, but it took weeks to remove due to H&S requirements. He stated that an amount of rubbish had not been cleared out of the ditch with the rest of it, but that this has now been removed.
2. Deighton notice board in need of revarnishing. Cllr Dixon to attend with a view to adding another coat or two of varnish.
3. Oak sapling planted near Crockey Hill lights for Coronation died, but was replaced by Cllr N Hale. With the dry weather since then, Cllr N Hale reported that the leaves have fallen early and that it will be assessed again in the spring.

26065: Correspondence:

1. Light Valley Solar: Invitation for Councillors to attend a preliminary meeting at the Parsonage on 28th July. Noted.
2. Invitation for Councillors to attend a New National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Reform meeting relating to neighbourhood plans in York in West Offices on 7th July. Noted.

26066: Items for the next agenda – None at this time.

26067: Dates of next meetings noted: In 2026 - 9th November, then in 2027 – 11th January and 8th March.

7.55pm: Closure of meeting.

Signed: …… E Hale
Chairman, Deighton Parish Council
Date: 9th November 2026