

# Killinghall Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting of Killinghall Parish Council held at the Methodist Church, Killinghall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 7.00pm

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Abbr: AH = Cllr Anne Holdsworth (Chair), JM = Cllr John Moretta, AB = Cllr Andrea Beal (Vice Chair), CD = Cllr Christopher Dunn, MD = Cllr Margaret Donnelly, ABI = Cllr Anne Blackledge, RB = Rob Bareham (Parish Clerk), MH = Cllr Michael Harrison, PL = Cllr Peter Lacey

Key: BR = Bank Reconciliation, DoI = Declaration of Interests, ETC = English Tree Care, FLS = Farm and Land Services, HA = Housing Association, IA = Internal Auditor, IAY = Internal Audit Yorkshire, KPC = Killinghall Parish Council, MoP = Member of the Public, LWG = Live Wild & Grow, NAG = Nidd Action Group, NAS = National Allotments Society, NYC = North Yorkshire Council, NYP = North Yorkshire Police, PC = Parish Council, PRoW = Public Right of Way(s), SLCC = Society of Local Council Clerks, VHT = Village Hall Trust, W3W = What 3 Words

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Attendees: AB = Cllr Beal (Vice Chair), CD = Cllr Dunn, MD = Cllr Donnelly, JM = Cllr Moretta, ABI = Cllr Blackledge, RB = Rob Bareham (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: 2

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### Minutes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Action By</u>
<b>2025.001</b>	<b>Welcome by the Chairman</b> a) For the council to note the postponement of the Parish Council meeting of the 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 due to the heavy snowfalls and subsequent adverse weather conditions. In the absence of Cllr Holdsworth, Cllr Beal assumed the role of Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the postponement of the meeting of the 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 due to weather. The meeting opened at 7:00pm.	
<b>2025.002</b>	<b>Absence and Apologies</b> a) To Receive Apologies Apologies were received from AH  b) To approve the reason(s) for absence given by Councillors. <b>Resolved:</b> The council accepted the reason for absence that was given.	
<b>2025.003</b>	<b>Dispensations &amp; Pecuniary Interests</b> a) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensations. No applications for dispensation were received.	

- b) To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Councillors Code of Conduct or a members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.  
No further Dol's were received.

**2025.004 Minutes for approval from Previous Meetings**

- a) To consider approving the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024  
**Resolved:** The minutes were signed as a true record.

**2025.005 Public participation Session** (for the public to talk to councillors about items on the agenda)  
There was no public participation.

**2025.006 To receive the Councillor's report**

- a) For the council to receive the report from Cllr Harrison (See Appendix A)  
The report from CH was received and noted.  
In addition:
- CD highlighted that for the lighting along Church Lane, the middle section is not in ownership.
  - MH reminded the council that Church Lane is a Public Right of Way.
  - JM highlighted the fact that there was already a light in place.
- b) For the council to receive the report from Cllr Lacey  
PL sent his apologies. No report received.

**2025.007 Co-Option Matters** (To receive written applications for the office of Parish Councillor and to coopt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy)

- a) To receive written applications for the office of Parish Councillor(s) for the two Killinghall Rural Ward vacancies.  
**Resolved:** The council received the application from the one applicant in attendance. The clerk will contact the second applicant to see if they are still wishing to join the council.
- b) For the council to consider the written application(s)  
**Resolved:** The council considered the application.
- c) Upon reaching a decision the new councillor(s) is/are to sign the "Declaration of the Acceptance of Office".  
**Resolved:** Cllr Blackledge was welcomed to the council and signed the "Acceptance of Office" witnessed by the clerk.
- d) In the event of (c) not being possible, for the council to approve the declaration of office to be signed prior to the next meeting.  
n/a

**2025.008 To receive the Clerks report**

- a) For the council to consider the council's Meeting Dates for 2025  
**Resolved:** The council agreed to the dates except August which by tradition, the council does not meet.
- b) For the council to note the closure of NYC's Parish Portal on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
**Resolved:** The council noted the closure of NYC's Parish Portal.

- c) For the council to note that a new NYC “My Account” has been set up by the clerk on behalf of the council.  
**Resolved:** The council noted the clerk had set up an account on behalf of the council.
- d) For the council to note that the Nidderdale Plus website is now available  
**Resolved:** The council noted the new website.

**2025.009**

**Correspondence Report** (Items received after publication of the agenda or for items needing discussion)  
 There were no matters to report.

**2025.010**

**Matters arising from previous meetings** (Items requested to remain on the agenda or to be resolved)

- a) For MD/AH to update the council “VE Day 80 Anniversary Guide” celebrations the Village Hall and/or the Women’s Institute and consider any further action  
**Ongoing:** MD reported that there was a meeting of the VH later in January which might hold more information and would report back at the next meeting. **MD/AH**
- b) For the clerk to update on the speeding issues on the Otley Road and any developments with North Yorkshire Police dedicated Road safety Officer.  
**Ongoing:** The clerk thanked CD for the information after last meeting and confirmed that he had e-mailed the officer and would update the council when a reply is received. **RB**
- c) AB/JM to update the council on the Christmas tree and for the council to consider any further action  
**Resolved:** AB confirmed that the tree fell victim to the high winds and had to be removed. However, the positive comments did suggest that a tree should be considered for Christmas 2025.

**2025.011**

**Items for discussion from Councillors or a member of the public.**  
 (These are new items that have been requested to be included in the agenda)  
 There were no further items for discussion.

**2025.012**

**Area 6 Highways**

- a) For the clerk to update on any Highways 6 matters.  
**Ongoing:** Due to the weather, there had not been any further meetings with Highways 6. **RB**
- CD remind the council that a part of Myers Lane was still showing signs of subsidence. The clerk would contact Highways 6.

**2025.013**

**Planning Matters**

- a) For the council to consider Planning Application ZC24.04040.FUL  
 49 Grainbeck Rise  
 Killinghall  
 Harrogate  
 North Yorkshire  
 HG3 2FF  
 Closing 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 (Extension requested)  
**Resolved:** The council agreed to option (C) with no comments.
- b) For the council to note Planning Decision ZC24.03285.FUL  
 20 Ribblehead Road  
 Harrogate  
 North Yorkshire  
 HG3 2GW

(Permission granted)

**Resolved:** The council noted the decision.

- c) For the council to note Planning Decision ZC24.03296.FUL  
Granary Cottage,  
Hollins Hall Farm  
Lund Lane  
Killinghall  
HG3 2BQ  
(Permission granted)  
**Resolved:** The council noted the decision.
- d) For the council to note Planning Decision ZC24.03616.FUL  
42 Lund Lane  
Killinghall  
Harrogate  
North Yorkshire  
HG3 2BQ  
(Permission granted)  
**Resolved:** The council noted the decision.
- e) For the council to note the Withdrawal of Application ZC24.03656.DVCMAJ  
Manor Dairy Farm  
Crag Lane  
Killinghall  
Harrogate  
North Yorkshire  
HG3 2BD  
**Resolved:** The council noted the Withdrawal of the Application.
- f) For the council to note Planning Enforcement 24.00389.PR15  
**Resolved:** The council noted the Planning Enforcement.

## 2025.014

### The Glebe & Parish Grass Cutting

- a) For the council to consider the Glebe Inspection Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.  
**Ongoing:** The council received the report and asked the clerk to enquire on the RoSPA inspection by the council. **RB**
- b) For the clerk to update the council on the tree work that is due to be completed.  
**Ongoing:** The clerk advised that the tree work had been delayed due to the adverse weather, however English Tree Care were aware and will deal with as soon as they can. **RB**
- c) For the council to consider the grant offered by NYC of £2142.46, to cut the visibility splays within the parish and consider any further action required.  
**Ongoing:** The council agreed to delay consideration of this item pending 2025.014 (d). NYC require a response by the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025. **RB**
- d) For the council to consider the draft tender document for the verge cutting in the parish (See also 2025.014 (c))  
**Ongoing:** The council agreed to send out the tender document and consider any responses at the next meeting. **RB**
- e) For the council to consider the draft tender document for the maintenance of The Glebe.

**Ongoing:** A recorded vote was requested.

**RB**

- In favour – 4
- Against – 1 (CD)

The council agreed in favour of sending out the tender document and consider any responses at the next meeting.

**2025.015**

**King Edwin Park Allotments**

- a) For the clerk to update the council with any progress with the transition of the allotments and for the council to agree any further action(s).

**Ongoing:** The clerk informed the council that there had been little movement with the allotments.

**RB**

- The developer has revised the “ready” date to the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025.
- The developer assures the council that the soil will meet specification.

- b) For the council to note that the next meeting for the Allotments is on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Ongoing:** The clerk informed the council that the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> had been cancelled, and a new date will be set for February.

**RB**

**2025.016**

**Policy Matters**

- a) For the clerk to update on any matters of policy.  
There were no Policy Matters to discuss.

**2025.017**

**Financial Matters**

- a) For the council to note the clerk’s salary paid on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (£1230.02)

**Resolved:** The council noted the item

- b) For the council to note payment to HMRC for Dec (£463.14)

**Resolved:** The council noted the item

- c) For the council to note payment to PKF Littlejohn Inv SB20242277 (£210.00 + £42.00 Vat)

**Resolved:** The council noted the item

- d) For the council to consider the invoice for LWG Inv 2837 (£480.00 + £96.00 Vat)

**Resolved:** The council agreed to the payment

- e) For the council to consider the invoice from BHT Ltd Inv 45514 (£100.00 + £20.00 Vat)

**Resolved:** The council agreed to the payment

- f) For the council to consider the appointment of Elkerlodge Services Ltd as the Internal Auditor for 2024/2025 (estimated £300.00)

**Resolved:** The council agreed to the appointment of Elkerledge Services Ltd, as the Internal Auditor for financial year 2024-2025.

- g) For the council to consider the Chairman signing the letter of engagement with Elkerlodge Services Ltd for the 2024/2025 Internal Audit.

**Resolved:** The council agreed for the Chair to sign the letter of engagement.

- h) For the council to consider the Clerks Expenses for Nov & Dec 2024 (£39.08 + £6.50 Vat)

**Resolved:** The council agreed to the payment

- i) For the council to consider the invoice from Farm & Land Services Inv 6838 (£250.00 + £50.00 Vat)  
**Resolved:** The council agreed to the payment

**2025.018**

**Payments to consider:**

	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payment to</b>	<b>Amount</b>
a)	1470	R Bareham (Dec 2024)	£1230.02
b)	1471	HMRC (Dec 2024)	£463.14
c)	1462	PKF Littlejohn (Inv SB20242277)	£252.00
d)	1472	Live Wild and Grow (Inv 2837)	£576.00
e)	1473	BHT Ltd (Inv 45514)	£120.00
h)	1474	Clerk Expenses (Nov & Dec)	£45.58
i)	1475	Farm & Land Services Ltd (Inv 6838)	£300.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£2986.74</b>

**Resolved:** The council agreed to the payments

**2025.019**

**Employment Matters**

- a) For the council to consider the clerks additional hours for weeks 34 - 38 of 14hrs

**Resolved:** The council agreed to clerk's additional hours.

**2025.020**

**To confirm the date of the next Council meeting:**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Parish 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 @ 7.00pm  
Council**

*(Cut-off date for agenda items 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 please)*

**Resolved:** The council noted the date of the next meeting

**The acting Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm**

**Signed:** *A Beal*

**Dated:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

**Item:** 2025.024 (a)

## **Appendix A**

Here is a report, which I am afraid to say has zero good news in it.

### **Local government finance**

On Wednesday 18th of December the government published the provisional local government finance settlement. Whilst significant additional funding had been indicated to support local government nationally, there has been a fundamental shift in the allocation methodology used by government and this has been very much to North Yorkshire councils detriment. There is a worrying indication that “need” will be determined by reference to deprivation. “Need” is not best determined by crude deprivation indices and the majority of spending pressures that the council is facing results from volatile and difficult markets in social care, rising demand for SEND and demand for home to school transport amongst others.

A rural services grant of £14.5m annually has been removed completely. (This grant was to reflect the increased cost of providing services in rural areas).

Whilst government has said “on average, places with a significant rural population will receive around a 5% increase in their Core Spending Power next year,” the overall core spending power for North Yorkshire Council will increase by a mere 3.47% (against an all-England average increase of 6.0%). This is the **fourth lowest increase of any council** with upper tier responsibilities. It should be noted too that this is predicated on the assumption that the Council will increase council tax up to the referendum limit (4.99).

The cost of the increase in employers National Insurance contributions is estimated at £12m per annum and while we await our allocation of a £515m national pot, it is clear that our allocation will fall well short of the expected costs. This will therefore have the result of requiring increased savings on services.

In summary, despite welcome increases in grants for adult social care, children services and homelessness, the combination of employers National Insurance costs with the cessation of Rural Services Grant sees the council's bottom line worse off by £6.7m. The council has received no Recovery Grant at all as the government has used a formula to target those areas with the highest levels of deprivation. Areas of higher deprivation in the county have therefore been “averaged out”. Allocations for children services have also been done on a new formula which places greater emphasis on deprivation and is again at the expense of more rural county areas. Additional funding for those more urban deprived areas has been introduced in advance of the longer-term funding reform for local government yet the cessation of Rural Services Grant has been implemented immediately with no transitioning relief. It has been indicated that government will review rural pressures as part of the longer term funding reform.

### **National Planning Policy Framework Changes**

As you may be aware, North Yorkshire Council is at the early stages of drawing up a new county-wide local plan, and the legacy district council local plans remain in place. For Killinghall, this is the Harrogate Borough Council plan.

This NPPF introduces a new ‘Standard Method’ for calculating housing needs. The local housing need figure for North Yorkshire calculated using the new Standard Method is 4077 homes per annum (pa). For context, this is significantly higher than the combined housing targets of our legacy local plans (2315 pa). It is also higher than our average delivery rate over the last 5 years (3145 pa).

Local planning authorities need to identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide a minimum of five years’ worth of housing against their housing requirement set out in adopted local plan policies, or against their local housing need (Standard Method) figure where the local plan is over five years old. For Harrogate, we currently have just under 6 years housing supply based on our current local plan housing target. This enables us to control development in accordance with our plan.

However, on 4th March 2025 the Harrogate Local Plan becomes 5 years old and from this point, the 5-year supply will be judged against the new housing target and so from this date the former Harrogate area will no longer have a 5-year supply. This will significantly weaken the councils ability to control development in a plan-led manner – with the ‘presumption in favour of sustainable development’ applying - requiring applications to be approved unless: (i) policies in the NPPF that protect areas or assets of particular importance provides a strong reason for refusing the proposal; OR (ii) any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole.

On a related note, the outcome of the ‘call for sites’ will be published in the new year. This will simply be a list of sites that have been put forward by people such as landowners, agents and developers for consideration. The merits of each site are yet to be determined.

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