HACKNESS & HARWOOD DALE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Friday 13th November 2026
in Hackness Village Hall
at 7.00pm

Public welcome

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
2. To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.
3. To receive member's declarations of interest in items of business on this agenda.
4. Minutes of Council meeting of 11th September 2026 *(enclosed)* to approve and sign.
5. Public Open Forum.
6. To consider & agree action as appropriate on matters raised in the Public Open Forum.
7. Reports to receive (as available) & agree action as appropriate – Unitary Cllr. D Jeffels, Clerk.
8. Updates on matters raised at previous meetings:-
   a) Speed limits *[Minute 39/26a) refers]* – to note the Traffic Regulation Order for 30 and 40mph limits in Hackness and Silpho is now out for consultation;
   b) Public Rights of Way – Highdales / Lowdales / Spring Wood and Oak Rigg to Reasty *[Minute 39/26c refers]* – to receive an update from Cllr. Dickinson & the Clerk
   c) Articulated HGVs on Silpho Windings *[Minute 39/26d) refers]* – to note an "Unsuitable for HGV sign" is now in place.
9. To receive reports from Councillors on any items relevant to the parish not already on the agenda & agree action as appropriate.
10. Casual Vacancies in Hackness and Harwood Dale:– to consider any applications for co-option and agree action as appropriate.
11. Accounts to certify:- Sneakytrick (legacy domain renewal) £10-00.
12. Correspondence:-
    a) To note Council has now received two anonymous letters of complaint in respect of issues in Hackness village and agree action as appropriate.
    b) Correspondence received after 7/11/26 requiring a response before next meeting.
13. Planning Matters:-
    a) Applications received – none to hand at preparation of agenda.
    b) Decisions received to note:- yet again none available at preparation of agenda due to problem with NYMNP planning portal.
    c) To agree comments/note any planning matters/decisions received after 7/11/26.
14. FOR INFO ONLY – next meeting is 8th January 2027.

J. Marley

J. Marley (Mrs)
Clerk to the Parish Council

7th November 2026

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF HACKNESS & HARWOOD DALE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HACKNESS VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY 11th SEPT. 2026 AT 7pm.

Present: Cllr. P Chapman
Cllr. D Dickinson
Cllr. A Edwards
Cllr. P Foxton
Cllr. M Hugill
Cllr. J McCormick (Chairman)

North Yorkshire Cllr. D Jeffels (left 8.00pm), 6 members of public, Mrs J Marley (Clerk).

Absent: Cllr. J Hoyland.

32/26 **APOLOGIES GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF MEETING:-** None.

33/26 **REASONS FOR ABSENCE:-** None to receive.

34/26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: received** from Cllr. Dickinson [personal, agenda item 12, payment of grant to Hackness Village Hall as committee member and trustee].

35/26 **MINUTES**
Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 10th July 2026 were **approved** as an accurate record & authorised for signature by the Chairman.

36/26 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** A question was asked as to why NYMNP had instigated enforcement action in respect of gates and fencing at The Old Post Office, Harwood Dale. Also question as to what progress there had been in respect of the bridleway problems in the Harwood Dale area which had been reported at the last meeting

37/26 **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM Resolved** Council unable to answer the question about enforcement. Clerk reported she had not received a definitive update from NYMNP and would ask for one.

38/26 **REPORTS**

a) **Unitary:** Cllr. Jeffels reported 1] Richard Flinton (Chief Executive) was retiring; 2] various projects to improve Scarborough town centre with money from central government were in hand; 3] planning for the repairs to Mowthorpe bridge were in hand.

b) **Clerk:** no matters to report.

39/26 **UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

a) Culvert Harwood Dale *[Minute 22/26 refers]* – **noted** the problem lies with the blocked outfall ditch on private land not the culvert and NYC will letter the landowner again.

b) 20mph speed limits [*Minute 24/26a) refers]* – **noted** response from Highways that NYC did not support the use of advisory 20mph signs.

c) Public Rights of Way – Highdales / Lowdales / Spring Wood and Oak Rigg to Reasty *[Minute 24/26c refers]* – Cllr. Dickinson reported he had walked this path on 10/9/26 and nothing had changed. **Resolved** Clerk to write to NYMNP and cc Cllr. Jeffels.

d) Articulated HGVs on Silpho Windings *[Minute 24/26d) refers]* – Cllr. Foxton's update was **noted** and it was **resolved** that it didn't matter in which direction vehicles were travelling, signs were needed in both directions for no HGV.

e) Draft agreement with NYC re. churchyard maintenance contributions *[Minute 24/26e) refers]* – **noted** St Margaret's Harwood Dale has now been included in the agreement and **resolved** Chairman and Clerk to sign the agreement with NYC;

f) Missing sign FP20 Harwood Dale *[Minute 26/26 refers]* – **noted** a new sign would be installed in due course.

40/26 **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**
Reports included potholes of varying dimensions throughout Silpho; problems with self-seeded sycamores growing out of the base of the wall near the vicarage (Hackness); trail bikes using a track/unsurfaced highway between Darncombe and Backleys Farm; questions as to when the path down the Rockies was going to re-open and trees obstructing FP17 going east.

Draft Approval for 16/10/26

41/26 CASUAL VACANCY (HACKNESS)

a) Applications for co-option – none to hand for consideration though a member of public expressed an interest. **Resolved** defer to November meeting.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: at this point Cllr. Jeffels left the meeting.

42/26 FINANCE & REGULATORY MATTERS

a) **National Pay Award:- Noted** the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had agreed a pay award for the 2026/27 financial year which averaged an increase of 55p/hour and **resolved** to pay this award (backdated to 1/4/26) to staff employed by council on 1/4/26 along with any resulting additional pension contributions.

b) **Mileage:- noted** HMRC had increased the tax-free Approved Mileage Allowance Payment (AMAP) rate for cars and vans from 45p to 55p per mile for the first 10,000 business miles, backdated to 6 April 2026 and **resolved** to pay this amended rate with effect from 6th April 2026.

c) **Vacancy, Harwood Dale:- noted** a vacancy existed at Harwood Dale by virtue of Cllr. Hoyland not attending a meeting or submitting apologies for over 6 months and NYC had been notified.

43/26 ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY

Having been previously notified the following were authorised for payment:-

Hackness Village Hall	Grant towards re-surfacing [Minute 28/26a) refers]	£400-00
J Marley	Wage (July-Sept)	£578-57
Countrywide	Weed spraying	£162-00
WPJ&J Flinton	Rural verge cutting	£2,700-00

Agreed invoices be **authorised** for payment, (Cllrs. Chapman and Hugill to do the online authorisations).

44/26 CORRESPONDENCE

a) From NYMNP – **noted** an appeal against an Enforcement Notice had been issued in respect of gates and fencing at The Old Post Office, Harwood Dale.

b) From NYC re. payments for maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces -**noted** Clerk's report that this payment related to Silpho Pond. **Noted** Cllr. Dickinson did not wish to invoice for this work. **Resolved** NYC to be informed a payment would not be made.

c) Correspondence received after 5/9/26 & requiring a response before next meeting – none.

45/26 PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Applications received:-** none.

b) **Decisions received to note:-** none due to problem accessing planning portal.

c) **Planning items received after 5/9/2026:-** none.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.12pm.

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J McCormick (Chairman) 13th November 2026

DRAFT for approval 13/11/2026