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Minutes of Meeting 11/25 of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in Yapham Village Hall at 7.00PM

## Meeting 11/25

**131/25 Welcome and Apologies:** Present: Cllr Arnold (Chair), Cllr L Hammond, Cllr Hallam, Cllr Poole and the clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr Bradley and Cllr M Hammond.

## 132/25 Code of Conduct

- a) Declarations of Interest: **None**
- b) Granting of any Dispensations: **None**

## 133/25 To resolve the meeting is suspended to allow for a period of Public Participation

**134/25 The minutes:** of the meeting held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025** were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Hallam and seconded by Cllr Arnold.

## 135/25 Matters arising: none

**136/25 Planning:** 25/02911/CLE/ Certificate of Lawful Development for the existing use of land for the storage of caravans (Class B8)/ Feoffee Caravans Feoffee Common Lane Barmby Moor YO42 1PG/ Cert of Lawful Development – Existing. (Extension for comment granted by ERYC planning department) – **Agreed:** Support the application.  
ACTION: Inform ERYC of decision (Clerk).

## 137/25 Finance & Accounts: Bank balance – **£3655.88:** Noted

Items a) to e) were approved. Proposed by Cllr L Hammond and seconded by Cllr Arnold.

- a) Clerk's salary for November 2025 – £177.97
- b) Clerk's WFH allowance for November 2025 - £26.00
- c) Clerk's salary for December 2025 – £177.97
- d) Clerk's WFH allowance for December 2025 - £26.00
- e) To ratify the rental fee for the Village Hall for July and September 2025 - £46.00
- f) To discuss the Precept: **Agreed** – no increase this year as there are reserves in the current account.

**138/25 History Board** – Cllr L Hammond reiterated that the grant application to ERYC has been agreed in principle and he has submitted a detailed application. Full Sutton prison hasn't yet finalised their workshop plans so cannot confirm whether they will make the boards but should have an answer for us soon, rather than the original deadline of October. They have intimated they might be able to produce the boards for free but will no nearer their completion time of their print shop which is currently work in progress.

**139/25 Neighbourhood Watch Signs:** **Agreed** – Replace the six existing signs. ACTION Send order link to clerk (LH) and place the order (Clerk).

**140/25 Village Litter-pick:** Cllr Hallam noted that there are some parishioners who, like she does, collect litter on their regular walks and that perhaps there might be some help for them to do it with safety and hygiene at hand. Cllr L Hammond commented that, during the recent litter-pick event, there was a significant amount of rubbish discarded in the layby near the beginning of Feoffee Lane (Yapham end). A burnt-out oil drum and three sacks of

litter was collected. This has been highlighted as a problem area with alcohol bottles being plentiful along with take-away packaging. **Agreed:**

- a) Purchase some litter-pickers and bags to place in the Yapham Square telephone box. ACTION: Procure products (LH and Clerk)
- b) Ask ERYC if they will provide a camera and sign to monitor the situation and act as a deterrent. ACTION: Approach ERYC (LH).

**141/25 Wildlife and Nature Projects:** There was a proposal to consider bird boxes to be placed in the allotments and PC agreed to consult with the Allotments Association in the near future. **Agreed** – Order more daffodil bulbs to enhance more verges. ACTION (clerk).

**142/25 Local Wild Cats:** Cllr Bradley responded to the agenda item by email and had the following to say: 'A few years ago we were down to about three feral cats just at the time when we had an explosion of rats especially at the allotments. We ended up having to employ specialist to get rid of the rats. Feral cats are part of the cycle of wild life and keep down vermin. No mice/rats/ rabbits dare to come to my garden [due to the feral cats fed there]. Bird feeders tend to be problematic as they attract birds but also rats and squirrels. Feral cats are not really a problem but not having them is'. Cllr Bradley has also taken feral cats to be neutered privately, and at her own considerable expense, after the RSPCA refused to help.

**If you have concerns or questions about feral cats in the parish then please contact the clerk.**

**143/25 Traffic Speed Watch:** The East Riding volunteer initiative requires a minimum of three people to go out with allocated equipment for a minimum of twice a month. Online training is provided and takes approximately one hour. Following completion of the training, equipment is provided by the police who agree locations for monitoring traffic speeds based on the safety and security of volunteers. Anyone with an interest in keeping the parish safe from dangerous driving is welcome to apply. ACTION: Put out a request for volunteers on Facebook (LH).

**144/25 Ward Councillor Report:** Cllr Hammond – stated that the volunteer horseback riders, recruited to report and record rural road safety violations for the police service have been doing a remarkable job. The results so far show that the pilot is working and further volunteers will be recruited going forward.

#### **145/25 Councillor Reports:**

**Cllr Reverend Poole** - St Martin's Church, Yapham, is now permanently closed due to further deterioration of the building which has deemed it unsafe for public use. The diocese of York are progressing the formal process for the closure of the church and representatives of the Property Team have conducted a site visit and are arranging for fencing to be erected around the perimeter of the building.

The PCC has been granted permission by the Village Hall Committee to conduct services in the village hall twice a month for a reduced hire charge however, the Feoffee Trust, who own the village hall, has voted unanimously to refuse permission for the village hall to be consecrated for public worship. The matter has been referred to the Bishop of Selby and the Archdeacon of York.

**Cllr L Hammond** stated that issues have been raised to him about public rights of way (PROW) in the parish. The situation will be monitored.

**146/25 Correspondence:** Noted

**147/25 Set agenda Items for next meeting**

**Date of next meeting:** provisionally Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Meeting closed at 8:33PM