

EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

DRAFT MINUTES of EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 7TH JULY 2026 held in Eppleby Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Allum (AA) (Chairman)
Councillor A. Burnett (AB)
Councillor D. Burrell (DB)
Councillor A. Simpson (AS)

In Jenny Pears (Clerk)
Attendance: Residents

07-07-26/01	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Councillor P. Dowson (PD) (Vice Chair) - ACCEPTED Councillor A. Thompson (AT) – North Yorkshire Council. – ACCEPTED	ACTION
07-07-26/02	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> None.	
07-07-26/03	<u>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH May 2026</u> RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 th May 2026 are confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
07-07-26/04	<u>UPDATES FROM MINUTES OF 5th May 2026</u> NOTED – No update/change on the two main issues of transportation to Middleton Tyas School and children in Eppleby being allocated 3 different schools under the NYC home to school transportation policy. Clerk spoke with the resident who suggested tweaking the public bus service so children could travel to school in Richmond. She had not received an update. Clerk was asked to follow up this directly with Mayor. Councillors discussed the outstanding flooding issues and agreed AS would raise these when meeting Highways (Paul Randles) on 8 th July 2026. AS is meeting Paul Randle from Highways on 8 th July 2026 to discuss the tarmac bubbling and road resurfacing. RESOLVED –Clerk has signed the grant agreement and AA will contact Foxtail to give them the go ahead. It was agreed that a 5% deposit will be paid once an invoice has been received. Clerk will arrange this. NOTED - AB gave an update on the NYC Rural Housing needs In Eppleby. The question that needs addressing - is there a housing need? AB raised the issues of empty properties with NYC. AT responded and this was shared with Councillors and on the Parish Council Facebook page. RESOLVED - Caldwell Parish Council have asked if Eppleby Parish Council would consider supporting them to push for improvement of the road conditions and also the restriction of Agricore's license. Councillors agreed to support this in principle but all agreed that the Parish Council will not send a letter of support as requested. AB has updated Caldwell Parish Council. NOTED – Clerk posted on Facebook to see if someone would volunteer and co-ordinate setting up a community speed watch and fund the set-up costs of £450.00. No interest was received. A suggestion of how to raise some funding was received and discussed. Councillors agreed not to pursue this further. No update on the jobs for D Chapman as PD was not present at the meeting. AS had met with the landowner and the landowner has proposed an alternative footpath route which has been signposted.	Clerk AS AS Clerk/AA Completed Completed PD

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The Parish Council discussed this and agreed that the landowner still need to keep the original footpath open unless this changed through the official channels.
The Parish Council cannot and would not agree to landowner moving it as we do not have that authority. Councillors agreed that Clerk will contact the land owner and raise discuss this with him

Clerk

07-07-26/05 REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR
RESOLVED – No update received.

07-07-26/06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS and DECISIONS NOTICES
None.

Councillors asked Clerk if decision notice for ZD26/00171/FULL - 3 Chapel Row had been received. Clerk will check planning portal.

Clerk

07-07-26/07 SPENDING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED – The Clerk provided an overview of the finances up to 1st July 2026.

The following cheque payments were approved and signed:

Clerk invoice - £272.80, A Simpson – flowers for planters - £108.00, CE and CM Walker £403.20.

Completed

TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

07-07-26/08 **RESOLVED** – AS asked Councillors to consider on purchasing 4 x flower tubs. From the same supplier as before. Councillors agreed the purchase. Clerk will order them at the end of September 2026. A resident raised the issue of mud on the road. Councillors discussed this and agreed that the road had been cleaned and cleared. No further action.

Clerk

NOTED – An email and information had been received on the proposed wind turbines. This had been shared on Facebook. A tree at the top of Lower Green needs remedial work. Ask D Chapman to have a look. Councillors discussed potentially changing 2 dog waste bins to a newer bin with both dog waste and litter. Clerk will contact street scene.

Completed

AS has spoken with a resident who had placed a bench on the village green. The bench was no longer there and wasn't aware that it had been moved. Councillors discussed that this was a bench that had been vandalised, a post was put on Facebook but no one had come forward with the information. The bench will be replaced and the plaque from the original bench will be attached to the new bench. Clerk will respond to let them know. Clerk confirmed that £600 funding had been allocated to replace the seesaw and goal posts through the 26/27 locality budget. Clerk will sign the acceptance form. Clerk suggested applying for a grant for the seesaw repairs and the £600 grant could be used to purchase new goal posts. Clerk will apply for grant for seesaw repairs.

Clerk

There is not currently a water supply to the allotments. Is there something that the Parish Council can do to get a water supply for the allotment users? Councillors agreed that this could be costly and difficult to manage. Clerk will speak with Melsonby as they have water supply.

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TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

07-07-26/09 **RESOLVED** – None.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

07-07-26/10 The date of the next meeting was agreed to take place on **Tuesday 1st September at 6.30pm** in Eppleby Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

SIGNED: (Chairman) DATE: