

GREAT AND LITTLE BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN GREAT BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

PRESENT: Councillors - Martin Coady (Chair), Helen Eldabe, Robert Jones, David Smith, Chris Tyerman and Cathy Williamson.
ALSO PRESENT: Clerk to Great and Little Broughton Parish Council: Angela Livingstone, Cllr Griffiths - North Yorkshire Councillor.

25.140 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Apologies for absence had been received from Deborah Towler. The reasons for absence were approved by the council. There were no declarations of interest.

25.141 TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2025 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING

25.141.1 The minutes of the meeting Monday, 10th November 2025, were proposed as correct and approved. The Chair signed the document.

25.141.2 Matter arising from the minutes.ref 25.139.2 Defibrillator - Cllr Smith clarified that the unit held within the school was accessible during school hours in the building. They were reluctant to finance costs for having this mounted outside the school.

25.142 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - No residents were attending the meeting.

25.143 POLICE REPORT - 1-31 October - 1 Fraud incident, 1-30 November 1 Violence against the person.

25.144 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received and considered by Councillors.

Planning applications:- ZB25/02068/CAT Land At High Street - Application for works to trees in a Conservation area. T008 red oak and T012 Common Alder. Parish Council application, work booked in with tree surgeon awaiting approval.

Planning decision:- ZB25/01201/MRC 46 High Street, Removal or variation of a conditions 2 and 3 to previously approved application ZB23/01190/FUL (Proposed two storey infill extension and loft conversion, single storey rear infill extension and conversion of rear outbuilding) (retrospective)Change to approved plans ZB23/01190/FUL to include site to rear outbuilding extension, removal of material to be used.- The decision on this proposal was: Granted.

25.145 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS - Cllr Griffiths informed he had attended seminars, one focussed on the budgets. He informed that the information on the government settlement for local councils was not expected until 17th December. This was looking likely to be down £39.8 million on aggregate losses. The Chair questioned what the losses were due to and was advised that an expected £16 million was lost from the Fair Funding pot and £14 million from the Rural services grant. There was a shortfall in funding for the next year and North Yorkshire Council were looking to take £11 million from reserves. Cllr Griffiths updated on the planning department. 9 new graduate planners had been taken on, but 5 had left the department. Therefore the numbers in the department were down and there was some experience lacking. Planning Enforcement Officers had increased from 14 when the new unitary authority formed to 22 now. More enforcement activity was noted. Cllr Griffiths advised some involvement in looking at the exit from Lowcross Drive to the High Street, there had been a site visit and North Yorkshire were looking to see if yellow lines were needed to support visibility splays. After consideration this would need to go to consultation, he asked for any comments to come to him on this. Councillors discussed the pinch points for parking on the High Street and agreed there were issues on the corner of the Village Hall. The Chair queried North Yorkshire Council spending and the funding to encourage people into sports. It was agreed that this money could be from a ringfenced pot. Cllr Tyerman inquired with Cllr Griffiths regarding a recent request for part funding the Stokesley and District community care association bus. Cllr Griffiths confirmed that unless funding was obtained the association would not last more than 2 years, he had involved North Yorkshire Council and Stokesley Town council was looking to support. He added that he was looking for local Parish Councils to send support to Stokesley Town Council for a banking hub. Councillors agreed to this and asked the Clerk to send a letter of support.

ACTION: Clerk

25.146 VILLAGE MATTERS Updates

25.146.1 Village Green application - Cllr Eldabe informed that this was still with the legal team. The NY officer was looking into the legalities.

25.146.2 Wainstones Wood - Cllr Eldabe informed that there had been some paths cut alongside the wood by North Yorkshire Council, this had improved access to the woods. Councillors discussed that The Woodland Trust had still not responded to correspondence and that a local group could be formed to do some work to form a new loop, and request the permission from The Woodland Trust. Cllr Eldabe to try again with The Woodland Trust.

ACTION: Cllr Eldabe

25.146.3 Tees Rivers Trust - Cllr Eldabe informed that the works to the river had been completed. She had attended the November meeting in Stokesley where there had been a presentation given on the works to broughton beck. She had been able to give thanks from the Parish Council for the work. Hay bales had been dropped off on The Holme and Highways had been seen looking at the bridge. Cllr Eldabe to enquire if Tees Rivers Trust had placed the bales there. To be removed from the agenda.

ACTION: Cllr Eldabe

25.146.4 Speeding / Parking in the Village - speedwatch was ongoing, there were no updates on a 20mph limit.

25.146.5 North Yorkshire Council Local Plan - There were no expected updates at present.

25.146.6 Village Hall governance - The governance documents had been forwarded to Cllr Towler to check, but Cllr Williamson assured that all documentation appeared to be in order and showed the Parish Council as the custodian trustee, with the managing trustees of the charity being the members of GBVH Management committee and the charity being administered by the Management Committee.

- 25.146.7 Playfield update - Cllr Smith had just received and would forward the quote received from Thompsons Timberworks following their on-site meeting. He advised that the rocker was costly to remove but it was agreed the rockers had been problematic for 7-8 years and repaired 3-4 times in the period. Following their discussions a revised cost was included for the play house which was a cheaper option. The quote would be looked at in January. The Chair informed that the bench in the play area had one bolt in the rear slat rotting but the other ones were solid and the bench was safe overall at present. Cllr Smith informed that he was still discussing the wood required for the fence with Cllr Towler and that he would patch the holes in the playing field and this would be rolled again in the spring. **ACTION: Cllr Smith**
- 25.146.8 Christmas planning - The tree was in place and new lights used, thanks were given to the Councillors involved. The Chair had progressed the idea of replacing the annually purchased tree with a permanent tree to be mainly funded by a donation suggested from the WI. He had received advice on four options which he discussed, Hills nurseries had advised to use a 2m tree and the cost was up to £350 depending which tree was chosen. Councillors discussed the options and agreed a Yew was a native species and would not look out of place during the year. This could be maintained by Mr Ward as part of his work and the ongoing cost saving of this green option could be advised to residents. During the first few years a christmas tree could still be used whilst the Yew grew. Cllr Coady to progress purchase of a tree and arrange planting at a suitable time. **ACTION: Cllr Coady**
Cllr Williamson informed of discussions at the last Village Hall committee meeting, they had considered carols round the tree but there was no-one to organise the event. Cllr Jones suggested that a local business may be interested in sponsoring the event in future years. Christmas planning to be added to the July agenda and the band to be booked early. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Cllr Griffiths left the meeting.*
- 25.147 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**
- 25.147.1 Village benches - The Chair had circulated an updated excel spreadsheet, including photos. He had with Mr Ward visited the bench opposite the Bay Horse and the works would be completed when current invoices were paid.
- 25.147.2 Footbridge on The Holme - The Chair reported that work was booked to replace rotten surrounds.
- 25.147.3 Grass cutting / Trees throughout village - confirmation received of 2 year extension to grass cutting contract. Cllr Williamson advised that she would complete an excel spreadsheet audit on the trees. **ACTION: Cllr Williamson**
- 25.147.4 Open spaces - The Chair confirmed that the bench had been ordered and was expected to be delivered in January, exact site of bench to be agreed. There had been some mole activities on The Holme but the area was too wet for any works.
- 25.148 DEVELOP FUTURE PLANS / PROJECTS** - Picnic area development at Playground - awaiting update from planning application.
- 25.149 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT AND ROTA** - Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- 25.150 CORRESPONDENCE TO DISCUSS** - NYC Lets Talk Money consultation, information on gully replacement B1257 High Street 1-3 December, Councillors discussed concerns of two gullies missed, Cllr Williamson to report. Information on road restriction for works on new fibre network Back Lane 15-19 December. Finding Fitness - advice on funding for play equipment. Unity Trust increased its monthly fees from £6 to £7. Stokesley & District Community Care Assoc request for support. The Chair advised of an interest as his family had been supported by them in the past. Councillors discussed the request and felt that it would be good to be a part of a number of Parish Councils who supported this if it was seen to be financially viable. Letter of support to be sent. **ACTION: Cllr Williamson/ Clerk/Chair**
- 25.151 ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER** - no January issue.
- 25.152 FINANCIAL MATTERS** Financial Report – The Clerk gave information on the financial position which was approved by the Parish Council. Payments to account:- Kirkby PC grasscutting contribution £569.43. Payments from account: Clerks monthly salary, Bank service charge. Payments to approve: S Ward - grasscutting £5260, noticeboard work £80. C Tyerman Christmas lights £215.96. Annual donations - to consider figures and approve - Village Hall to be increased to pay insurance, Cllr Williamson advised that the cost paid out for cover from 1st May 2025 to 31st April 2026 was £1137.99. The Globe £200. **RESOLVED: These donations were approved. ACTION: Clerk**
- 25.153 Precept 2026/2027 - To discuss budget and approve spend and precept request.**
Councillors discussed the budget and additional figures provided by Cllr Tyerman. Cllr Tyerman suggested that the figure was too high for tree works and that the precept had been increased too much, leaving a large surplus in the accounts. The previous decision to build a pot for tree works and projects in the village was discussed and the need to ensure that sufficient funding was available for any costly works. Cllr Jones stated that there had been solid reasoning on the need to build a leeway to enable the Parish Council to be effective and that costs on all areas were increasing. He added that a pot of funding was also needed for works to the play park, for new equipment within the next ten years costs were likely to be £75-£100,000. It was agreed that reserved funds needed to be allocated into areas to include play park replacement fund, tree maintenance fund, defibrillator fund and general operating contingency costs and to advise the residents of the need for the allocated reserves. Cllr Jones reminded that there had been discussions a few years ago of the Parish Council looking to do major projects but then there had been no chair in place to lead anything. It was discussed that residents may have concerns on any increase but agreed that Councillors were happy that the four pots were required and needed to be grown. **RESOLVED: Clerk to inform NYC of an increase to the precept in line with inflation of 4% and Cllr Tyerman to ensure the funds are allocated correctly and monitor the budget to avoid excessive precept increases going forward. The Chair commented on the need to communicate the increase to residents. It was agreed that a draft be in place on the website for February. Clerk to transfer £10,000 into the reserves account. ACTION: Cllr Tyerman / Clerk**

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 12th January 2026 at 7pm.

Adopted: _____ Date: _____ Chair of Great and Little Broughton Parish Council