



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 16th February 2026 in the Town Hall, Upper Hall.**

Present: Cllr A Hugill, Mayor; Cllr P Cornfoot; Cllr P Atkin; Cllr S Barber; Cllr S Bell; Cllr D Calvert; Cllr A Eames; Cllr P Eames; Cllr C Hutson; Cllr J Hutson and Cllr G Ramsden.

Also Present: Cllr C Dickinson, North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Councillor; Flt Sgt Oli Blumer, Mayor's Cadet; two members of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

25/117 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence and consider approval of reasons for absence.

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr M Holmes

Cllr S Watson, NYC also offered apologies to the meeting.

25/118 To Note any Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Hutson declared a non pecuniary interest in items relating to Northallerton BID.

25/119 Public Participation

A resident raised concerns regarding the hazardous condition of the footpath at Dene Road, citing mud, overgrowth and potholes. Broadacres Housing Association have advised that this land is under Town Council ownership. The Clerk will investigate land registry records to confirm ownership and assess necessary repairs.

It was reported that the footway at Bullamoor remains in poor condition following utility works. NYC Cllr Caroline Dickinson will investigate ownership and ensure the utility provider completes a satisfactory reinstatement.

Discussion took place regarding unauthorized parking in private residential areas. Issues include verbal abuse toward residents, removal of protective poles and vehicles mounting footpaths. Specific mention was made of a vehicle parking on the grass at Friarage Street on Wednesdays. The NTC Amenities team will investigate the reinstatement of bollards to secure the entrance and prevent further damage to grass verges and footways.

25/120 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 15th December 2025 be approved

25/121 Exclusion of the Press and Public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To consider if it is necessary to resolve to exclude members of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of any agenda items.

It was resolved that members of the press and public be excluded for item 25/125: Community Facilities, due to the confidential nature of the matter

25/122 North Yorkshire Police

A January and February report from North Yorkshire Police (NYP) had been circulated in advance. It was noted that the report is for the parish of Northallerton and the Clerk will ask NYP to confirm what geographical area it covers as the Crime UK and Police sites offer varying information.

25/123 To receive reports from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Councillors

Including feedback from the Area Constituency Committee.

Cllr Dickinson asked members if Northallerton intends to submit a Town of Culture bid. Discussion took place regarding the significant amount of work done by Richmond and it was agreed that the Town Council would write to Richmond in support of their bid.

A question was raised regarding whether the £68 million of savings promised, as a result of Local Government Reorganisation, have actually been made. Cllr Dickinson advised that this had been achieved but that they had been absorbed due to the reduction in Central Government funding which had affected NYC significantly.

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An issue with pooling water outside Northallerton school had been investigated. Yorkshire Water were contacted and came out to deal with this as an urgent issue removing a blockage and undertaking further inspection with a view to cleaning away silt & debris.

25/124 To receive the Mayor's Statement

A statement had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

25/125 Community Facilities

(Considered after item 25/132.)

25/126 Engagement and Events

Planning: Members considered a proposal for 170 dwellings on land off Darlington Road. Significant resident objections were noted. Members highlighted that the site was originally designated for commercial use and that the current HDC Local Plan provides a sufficient housing supply to 2027, with alternative residential sites available elsewhere. Concerns were also raised regarding congestion, pressure on the railway crossing, and the presence of an established Public Right of Way.

Councillors agreed it was appropriate to object on grounds of over-development, loss of commercial land, and highways impact. However, should the Planning Officer be minded to approve the application, the Council would request that conditions and Section 106 contributions be secured for:

- Enhanced transport links and infrastructure
- Safe pedestrian crossing points
- Comprehensive footpath connectivity and protection of the existing Right of Way
- Provision and maintenance of significant green open space

1. It was resolved that the Clerk will submit a response to the Planning Authority reflecting this position

A report from Northallerton BID was circulated.

Draft minutes of the Engagement and Events Committee Meeting held on 6th February were noted.

2. It was resolved that Cllrs Hugill and Confoot will submit a response to the NYC Local Planning Enforcement Plan

3. It was resolved that Cllr Bell will develop a response to the North Yorkshire Landscape Character Assessment

4. It was resolved that formal thanks be offered to all volunteers in respect of Town Council Christmas Events, in particular to Ian Powell and his team

25/127 Environment and Open Spaces

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25/128 Finance

- 1. It was resolved payments be approved and receipts noted**
- 2. It was resolved that bank account balances be noted as below and bank reconciliations signed**
 - **HSBC £130,389.81**
 - **Unity £ 47,747.85**

25/129 Staff & Councillor Training

Cllr Hugill had attended a planning training session and had requested slides from YLCA. Key points from this training were that local determination of housing will be changing and most housing will be approved. The Local Plan, once adopted, will be the fixed framework and objections will be futile. It will be important for residents to understand this and councillors will consider the best way to share this message at an Engagement & Events Committee meeting.

The Clerk advised that a staff meeting had taken place to review the current strategic plan, consider future priorities and agree actions to deliver outstanding items.

25/130 To receive late correspondence

Emails for information have been circulated between meetings and require no further action.

Late correspondence requiring a decision will be placed on the next agenda.

1. A meeting will take place on 26th Feb regarding potential to improve the library underpass, Cllrs Hugill and Cornfoot will attend this and feed back to the next meeting.
2. Further concerns had been raised via email about parking on verges along Bullamoor Road. This will be looked into by the Clerk and considered further at the next Engagement and Events committee meeting,
3. A request had been received from a business seeking permission to display commercial advertising on the external windows of the Town Council's public toilets. As the freehold owner and operator of the premises, NTC manages this part of the building as a public convenience for community use. Councillors felt that the display of third-party commercial advertising on this facility would be inappropriate in principle and did not wish to add this request to a future agenda for consideration.

25/131 To receive items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting

Items to be added to the next agenda should be notified to the Clerk by midday on Monday 9th March.

25/132 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next Ordinary meeting will be Monday 16th March 7pm

Members of the public left the meeting

25/125 Community Facilities

A request was received from a Town Hall tenant regarding a proposed change of usage for their unit. Members expressed a desire to support small business development but raised concerns regarding the initial proposals, specifically in relation to the prominent position and external appearance of the building.

It was resolved that the Clerk to consult with the tenant regarding these concerns and provide a further report at a future meeting

The meeting closed at 20:04

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