



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 16th March 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 M Holmes; Cllr C Hutson and Cllr J Hutson.

Also Present: Cllr C Dickinson, North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Councillor; Warrant Officer Oli Blumer, Mayor's Cadet; one member of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

Congratulations were offered to Mayor's Cadet, Oli Blumer who has been promoted to Warrant Officer.

25/133 Apologies

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

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr A Eames & Cllr P Eames

Cllr G Ramsden was not present.

25/134 To Note any Declarations of Interest

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

25/135 Public Participation

A local resident, formerly in the RAF and living with PTSD, who has previously worked with Help for Heroes, outlined a proposal to establish a new charity. The aims are:

- To work alongside the military community and associated public services.
- To support charitable activity at a grassroots level, ensuring funding reaches those who need it most.
- To provide reassurance that funds are distributed appropriately and transparently.

The charity's name and committee structure are to be developed. Cllrs Hugill and Calvert will explore the proposal further and feedback will be brought to a future meeting.

25/136 Minutes

It was resolved that minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 16th February 2026 be approved

25/137 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 it was necessary to exclude members of the press and public for 25/141

25/138 North Yorkshire Police

1. A report from North Yorkshire Police had been shared in advance of the meeting.
2. An updated Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) Action Plan was shared with members.
Cllr Cornfoot reported that, while there are one or two premises requiring ongoing monitoring, overall there are low levels of complaints relating to local businesses supplying alcohol. Members noted the ongoing work being delivered through Youth Space and confirmation that a number of youth events are planned including a stall in the Town Square.
It was also highlighted that CAP operates an Innovation Fund, which part-funds eligible projects. This may present an opportunity to access funding in support of the proposed underpass improvements.

25/139 To receive reports from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Ward Councillors

Cllr Dickinson had shared a report in advance and noted that the NYC AGM is on 20th May. Views were invited about the Tourism Levy, which the York & North Yorkshire Mayor is in favour of, as there are concerns about how this fund would be shared.

Cllr S Bell had shared a summary of the Area Committee meeting via email with members. There was little of direct interest to Northallerton but both Cllrs Hugill and Bell thought it was useful for the MP to be at that meeting.



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25/140 To receive the Mayor's Statement

A statement had been received in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Hugill reiterated the importance of PSA testing for men, following his visit and discussions with Northallerton Lions. Of the 97 volunteers who attended the testing session, 13 received a red result, highlighting the importance of raising awareness.

25/141 Community Facilities

To receive alternative business proposals from a Town Hall tenant and agree next steps.

(Considered after item 25/148)

25/142 Engagement and Events

Planning Applications received were considered.

1. It was resolved that Councillors have no objections to these applications

A report from Northallerton BID was noted.

Members noted concerns regarding access to banking services in the town following the closure of additional banking institutions. The potential for a banking hub was discussed, noting that the facility at Hambleton Community Action is available to individuals only, not businesses, and has accessibility limitations. Northallerton BID has written to the Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP requesting support and urging government action to address banking provision in rural communities. It was agreed that further discussions would take place between Northallerton BID and NTC to consider a coordinated approach.

In autumn, there will be a re-election for the BID and they have requested a contact who will submit the vote is confirmed.

2. It was resolved that the Town Clerk will be given delegated authority to vote in the BID election and submit the council's decision at that time

25/143 Environment and Open Spaces

1. It was resolved that a grant application to the Mayors Active Travel fund for improvements to cycle storage and signage will be submitted in line with the Council's Strategic Plan

A short verbal update from the Clerk on issues with Dene Road parking and footpath was given.

- Properties are owned by Broadacres and individuals
- The roadway is NTC but there is a question about the pathway. NYC advised that this is not their path.
- The parking and roadway is costly to maintain and the path is in need of an upgrade

2. It was resolved that this matter will be addressed at the next Environment & Open Space Committee

25/144 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	£130,977
Unity Trust Bank	£ 48,164

A request had been received to donate to the cost of a defibrillator to be positioned at the Oddfellows Arms

3. It was resolved to pledge £200 towards the purchase of this, when funds are near to the total required

25/145 Staffing

The Clerk & Finance Officer had attended the YLCA Talking Tables event and had found this very informative.

24/146 To receive late correspondence

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



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

1. A number of residents had been in contact regarding work to enhance the play area and allotment space at Bankhead Park. Responses have been made to these individuals and a Press report has been put out.
2. A resident had contacted Cllrs Hugill and P Eames with concerns regarding the increase in the Town Council precept for 2026 2027. The residents' comments were noted but they had requested no response be sent. It was reiterated that residents are encouraged to attend Finance Committee meetings, for budget planning, as these are open to the public.
3. There has been some damage to the garden at Marks & Spencer following a road traffic incident. Details have been obtained from the police and remedial works will be done.

25/147 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 13th April.

25/148 Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the time and date of the next Ordinary meeting was Monday 20th April at 7pm

Members of the press and public left the meeting at 20:10

25/141 Community Facilities

To receive alternative business proposals from a Town Hall tenant and agree next steps.

The current tenant attended the meeting and shared their experiences and made a request to change the use of the units to a Barbers Shop. They then left the meeting.

Members considered the request, noting that the premises had been let and operated as a food outlet for many years, the heritage nature of the building and the suitability of the proposed use within the town centre. It was noted that the Council would not have approved the letting had the original proposal been for a barber shop. While acknowledging that the proposed change would be within the same use class, members were not minded to approve the request.

It was resolved that the request to change the use of the premises from a café to a barber shop be refused

The meeting closed at 20:25