

NAFFERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Nafferton Recreation Club, Eastlands, Nafferton YO25 4LA

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MINUTES

TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2025

ORDINARY MEETING

CHAIR: Oliver Wild

COUNCILLORS: Mike Battams, Margaret Buckton, Pete Ryall, Nigel Sawyer, Phil Sharpe, Alex Sheldon, Sue Tait, Simon Wildridge.

WARD COUNCILLORS: Jonathan Bibb, Denise Howard.

Clerk to the Parish Council: Suzanne Taylor

Village Maintenance: Ross Holmes

Members of Public: 13

1. **NOTICE OF MEETING** – To confirm that notice has been given in accordance with: Schedule 12, Paragraph 10 of the Local Government Act 1972.
2. **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors Steve Sharp, Chris Melhuish and Yvonne Tagg, reasons provided were accepted.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Councillor Sue Tait declared an interest in agenda item 8a Planning Consultation for 25/00955/PLF and consequently did not take part in discussions.

OPEN FORUM

- a. The applicants connected with the planning consultation 25/00955/PLF addressed the Parish Council to request support for their application. Members of the public in attendance at the meeting stated reasons for their objection.
- b. It was noted that Lowthorpe Lane bench is in a state of disrepair.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – To receive and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025 as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Battams
Seconded: Sheldon
In Favour: all

5. **MATTERS ARISING** – It was agreed that the action log would be reinstated and circulated amongst members.

6. FINANCE

- a. It was agreed that the content of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) was correct and signed as required for submission to internal audit.
- b. The pre-approved bank payments were noted:

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- c. The schedule of accounts for payment were approved:

Cherrys	Various	£282.91	Bank Transfer
Zurich	Annual Insurance	£5,646.02	Bank Transfer
Wresdell	Hedge cutting	£108.00	Bank Transfer

Proposed: Sawyer
Seconded: Sheldon
In Favour: all

7. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** – To receive any correspondence not relating to the agenda.
- a. Nafferton WI – Water Watch results. It was agreed that the Clerk would write and thank members of the WI for completing this task.
- b. Complaints (3) regarding continued duck feeding at the mere. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact those concerned and request that their complaint is forwarded to the monitoring officer at ERYC and advise them of the actions the Parish Council are taking in regard to this issue.
It was also noted that the ducks were being fed during the VE Day remembrance service which caused great upset to retired members of the forces.
- c. Parish Council Vacancy – it was noted that Mick Aston has resigned from the Parish Council. Electoral Services will be informed.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. To consider applications for Planning Permission upon which the Parish Council has been consulted:

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	COMMENT
NAFFERTON CONSERVATION	Planning Consultation for 25/01057/TCA	No objection

AREA - Crown reduce 2 no. trees by 3 metres and reduce by 2 metres on each side to tidy the trees	Park House 31 Nethergate Nafferton East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 4LP	
Change of use of dwelling to a children's nursery	Planning Consultation for 25/00955/PLF Bantry House 11 Westgate Nafferton East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 4LJ	The Parish Council have concerns regarding highway safety and wish to request that the application is heard by the planning committee. Full comments can be found on the ERYC Public Access website.
Erection of a conservatory to side and rear, and installation of window to rear	Planning Consultation for 25/00879/PLF 40 Priestgate Nafferton East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 4LR	No objection

- b. To receive an update on previous applications consulted on:

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
Erection of an agricultural building for rearing of pullets with associated feed bins and hardstanding areas	Great Houndales Farm Houndales Lane Nafferton East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 4LF	Pending Consideration
Change of use of farmhouse to mixed-use dwelling and holiday cottage	Heapfield Farm Wansford Road Nafferton East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 8NJ	Pending Consideration

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVES - To receive a report and approve/record any action needed for the following:

- a. **NAFFERTON RECREATION CLUB** It was agreed that the Recreation Club would be removed from the agenda as any issues are dealt with at the recreation club meeting.
- b. **NAFFERTON VILLAGE HALL** - No meeting.
- c. **FEOFFEE** - No representative.
- d. **WEB / ICT** – It was noted that the Recreation Club website is under development.

- e. **STAFFING** - It was noted that the previous Clerk is working ad-hoc hours to facilitate bank payments and support the new Clerk.
- f. **UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS** - Nafferton in Bloom kindly agreed to tidy the troughs at the War Memorial.

10. PARISH COUNCIL FACILITIES – To receive a report and approve/record any action needed for the following:

a. **NAFFERTON MERE**

- i. Councillor Tait updated regarding the Mere Management action plan and advised that work on habitat management could not begin until excessive feeding of the ducks has ceased.

The Freshwater Trust documentation has been reviewed as requested by a member of the public and it was found to have stated that ‘one of the top pollutants is a high number of ducks.’

James Spencer gave an insight into the current situation and agreed to provide on-going support to the Parish Council surrounding the habitat management plan.

Following an FOI request to Yorkshire Water it has been found that there have been no complaints regarding sewerage discharge into the mere for the last 2 years.

- ii. The purchase of a replacement life buoy was agreed.
- iii. The sluice area and entrance to Nafferton Beck was discussed, Councillors Sheldon and Wild to visit and assess for inclusion on the next agenda.

b. **PLAYGROUND**

- i. Following assessment by Councillors Sheldon and Sawyer it was agreed that three quotes would be sourced to replace the playground fence as repair was not feasible.
- ii. The zipline seat tubing has been damaged. Councillor Wild agreed to investigate repair.
- iii. It was noted that Ross Holmes would fix the playground gate with the assistance of Councillor Sharpe.

c. **ALLOTMENTS**

- i. It was agreed that Ross Holmes would replace posts as necessary. Tenants are reminded that no sheds are allowed to be placed on plots.

11. MAINTENANCE OF THE VILLAGE – To discuss any maintenance issues in the Village.

- a. Ross Holmes stated that the ride on mower has gone to Cherrys for repair.

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – No items were received.

13. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Ordinary Council meeting:
Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 7.30pm.