



CLAXTON & SAND HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Sand Hutton

on Monday 17th November 2025

Members Present:

Cllr. Nigel Davies (Chair); Cllr. Kathy Davies; Cllr. Martin Burge; Cllr. Michael Rickleton; Cllr. Jon Rooke;
Cllr. Colin Russell.

In Attendance:

NY Councillor Caroline Goodrick; Gill Gimes (Parish Clerk)

25/032 Apologies for Absence and consideration of the approval of reasons given for absence.

RESOLVED to note that no apologies for absence were received for the meeting.

25/033 Declaration of Interests

RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

25/034 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th September 2025

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 15th September 2025

25/035 Matters arising since previous minutes:

- a. Application for S106 funding from Claxton Grange development.
The Chairman informed the Council that S106 funds totalling £28,500 were available. North Yorkshire Council (NYC) had advised 'The legal agreement states this can be used towards the provision of public open space within the vicinity of the site. The expiry date on this funding is 26/01/2028' Following discussion, the Council decided against the provision of a playground in Claxton due to cost and health & safety considerations and felt that exploring the possibility of purchasing a plot of land, either existing woodland or an area that could be planted, was preferable. This area could be used for walking, dog walking and an outdoor meeting space. Cllr Rooke agreed to contact the agents for the Church Commissioners regarding potential sites available. The Chair agreed to contact the landowner regarding a plot of agricultural land on the edge of Claxton.

RESOLVED to further explore the possibilities of using the funding to create a public woodland space in the vicinity of Claxton.

- b. Installation of telecoms post in Claxton on behalf of Quickline
The Chair reported that he had met with representatives from Quickline, who had agreed to change the location of the proposed post from the village green to the verge on the diagonally opposite corner. Quickline would resubmit their application to NYC Highways.

RESOLVED to support the installation in the agreed location should NYC Highways ask for Council comments.

- c. EV recharging point funding

The Clerk reported that NYC had funding available for providing energy efficient electric vehicle (EV) recharging points in rural locations where home recharging is difficult and had asked for expressions of interest from Councils. Council felt, given the criteria required for the recharging points, that the only suitable location was at the village hall.

RESOLVED Cllr Burge, who is a Trustee of the Village Hall, to take the relevant information to the Village Hall committee for consideration.

25/036 Public Questions and Participation

None received.

25/037 Planning

NOTED that the following planning application had been discussed by email due to the timescale for responses and there had been no observations:

ZE25/01114/HOUSE	Erection of a single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing rear conservatory at The Bungalow, Main Street, Claxton
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25/038 Parish Matters

The Chair reported that the wooden bench at the War Memorial was in poor condition and there was a danger of injury to members of the public. A quote had been obtained to replace the bench with one similar to the bench purchased in Claxton following a donation. The cost of a replacement bench, manufactured from recycled plastic and guaranteed for 25 years was £459.

RESOLVED to purchase a replacement bench for the War Memorial grounds.

25/039 Financial Matters

To discuss matters raised with/by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:

1. **RESOLVED** to confirm and note:

Accounts for the year 2025-26

Clerk reported that the current balance held by the Council was £14,695.19 of which £10,772.61 was held in the deposit account and £2,302.06 in the current account. Of the balance held £6,089.01 was held in ring-fenced funds.

2. Payment Approval

RESOLVED to agree that the following payment be made:

- Mr W Heath - replacement defibrillator pads £100.80. Funded by ring fenced funding.
- N.T Farger – grass cutting second tranche £462.00

APPROVED the following urgent payments required between meetings:

- Parish Clerk - RBL Poppy Shop wreath for Remembrance service £24.49
- Parish Clerk – postage charge for Registered letter £3.60

25/040 Parish Precept and Budget 2026-27

Clerk presented the draft budget for the year 1 April 2026 to 31st March 2027.

The draft budget results in a Parish Precept for £7,935, a 12.93% increase on the current year Parish Precept of £7,000 which represents an increase of £4.22 for a Band D property and £2.81 for a Band A property.

The draft budget reflected the savings anticipated on street lighting maintenance and electricity supply following the installation of LED lighting and the new grass cutting contract. It also included additional anticipated expenditure on winter weather costs and the implementation of gov.uk domain and email accounts.

There was concern expressed about the level of the increase in expenditure, given the savings realised in the current year, but this was balanced by concern about potential lack of additional grant funding from NYC in case of unexpected expenditure and the need to build reserves.

It was noted that an amount of £863 should be received from the former Parish Clerk to repay various overpayments and HMRC charges and agreed that this would not be taken into account in the Parish Precept figure, but be used to replenish Reserves following the up front payment of the charges in 2025-26.

RESOLVED to approve the budget for 2026-2027 and authorise the Parish Clerk to request a Parish Precept of £7,935 for the year.

25/041 Policies

RESOLVED to approve the IT Policy circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

Date of next meetings:

19th January 2026; 16th March 2026; 18th May 2026.

All Parish Council meetings will commence at 7.30pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: