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An Ordinary Meeting of Fridaythorpe Parish Council was held on **Thursday 11th December 2025** in the offices of Cranswick PLC, Thixendale Road, Fridaythorpe.

Present: Cllrs Falkingham, Morrish, Pearson and Smith
The Clerk
Ward Cllr Hammond
Two members of the public

The Minutes from this meeting appear below.

Minutes

2025.159 Nominations for Chair

To receive nominations for Chair, and to agree whether the position will be for this Meeting only or until the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2026.

RESOLVED: The appointment of a Chair will be for this Meeting only.

Cllr Pearson nominated Cllr Smith to Chair the Meeting. Seconded by Cllr Falkingham.
All in favour. Cllr Smith accepted this temporary position.

2025.160 Chair's Welcome

Cllr Smith welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2025.161 Apologies

To receive and agree or note apologies for absence from the Meeting.

- Apologies had been received from Cllrs Armitage and Hemesley, which were noted
- Apologies had also been received from Ward Cllrs Cary and West

2025.162 Declarations of Interest

(a) *To receive Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest in any Agenda item*
There were no Declarations of Interest

(b) *To note any Grants of Dispensation*
There were no Grants of Dispensation

Initials:

2025.163 The Wold Rangers Way

To receive a short presentation from Mark Blakeston about The Wold Rangers Way and the proposal to install a bench and interpretation board in the parish.

Mark Blakeston gave a brief history of the Wold Rangers and an introduction to the Wold Rangers Way, a 44-mile circular trail west of Driffield. (See <https://woldrangersway.org> and <https://woldrangersway.org/history.php> for further information)

The charity has submitted a grant application to the Yorkshire Wolds Heritage Trust to install four benches and four interpretation boards at key points on the route (in Fimber, Fridaythorpe, Huggate and at the Sykes Memorial between Garton and Sledmere)

The Parish Council isn't being asked to contribute towards this project, but is instead being invited to express an interest in hosting a bench and interpretation board within the parish.

RESOLVED: Cllr Smit proposed an "agreement in principle" to host a bench and interpretation board within the parish. Seconded by Cllr Pearson. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to receive an update from Mark Blakeston towards the end of January 2026 when a decision on the grant application is expected.

2025.164 Minutes

To adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 13th November

Adoption of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 13th November as a true and accurate record of that Meeting was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Pearson with all in favour. The Minutes from the November Meeting were duly signed by Cllr Smith.

2025.165 Public Participation

*To resolve that the Meeting is suspended for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow for Public participation. **Please note that discussion is not permitted during this session.***

There was no suspension of the Meeting as neither of the members of the public wished to address the Parish Council at this time.

2025.166 Co-option of New Member

To receive any applications to join the Parish Council and to co-opt one new Member to fill the current vacancy.

No applications have been received. The vacancy will continue to be advertised on the Parish Council website and on Facebook.

2025.167 Ward Councillors' Reports

To receive a report from the Ward Councillor(s) present at the Meeting.

Ward Cllr Hammond provided the following updates;

- ERYC have begun their [Budget](#) setting process. The [Fair Funding Review 2.0](#) is expected to negatively impact ERYC's Budget through changes to funding for Councils in more rural areas and a reduction in the percentage of business rates which are retained by local authorities. As a result, Council Tax is expected to increase by the full 5% each year
- Works to install six additional parking bays on Wold View have been deferred until the new financial year in April 2026, but will now include resurfacing to the road and footpaths

Initials:

- ERYC has identified Fridaythorpe as a potential area to receive funding from the [Active Travel Fund](#) to improve accessibility to Public Rights of Way through enhancing footpath provision and condition
ACTION: Ward Cllr Hammond to liaise with Highways regarding new footpath routes, and regarding the possibility of using this funding to improve existing footpaths instead
- A grant scheme for the purchase and installation of [AutoSpeedWatch](#) equipment is expected to be launched before Christmas
- Further information and clarification is awaited regarding the Government's [proposal](#) to abolish Police & Crime Commissioners in 2028, especially as the area covered by Humberside Police is wider than that covered by the Mayor of Hull & East Yorkshire
- As part of a Government initiative, from the middle of February 2026 brown bins will be collected weekly and will include food waste as well as garden waste

2025.168 Councillors' Reports

To receive updates from Councillors on any urgent issues which have arisen since the Agenda was published. Please note that no decisions can be made during this item.
There were no urgent issues which had arisen since publication of the Agenda.

2025.169 Finance

(a) *To review and approve the Accounts, Bank Statement and Bank Reconciliation*
The Accounts, Bank Statement and Bank Reconciliation were reviewed and approved by Cllrs Pearson and Smith

Balance B/F Current (Community) Account	3,436.34
Balance B/F Savings (Business Premium) Account	8,484.73
Precept	0.00
All Other Receipts	0.00
Staff Costs	-222.93
All Other Payments	-82.05
Balance C/F Current (Community) Account	1,616.09
Balance C/F Savings (Business Premium) Account	10,000.00

(b) *To review and approve the Schedule of Payments*

The Schedule of Payments was reviewed and approved by Cllrs Pearson and Smith

(c) *To discuss the Precept Demand for 2026-27*

RESOLVED: Cllr Smith proposed that the Precept Demand be increased by 10% from £6,200 to £6,820. Seconded by Cllr Falkingham. All in favour. The increase will offset the expected annual increase in the cost of essential items of expenditure such as staffing, insurance and membership of professional bodies as well as facilitating projects which the Parish Council is hoping to initiate during the next Council year

2025.170 Cranswick Presentation

To agree a selection of potential dates for a presentation to residents by Andy Napthine, Group Marketing Director of Cranswick PLC.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed on Mondays or Thursdays as the preferred days, starting from Monday 19th January 2026.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Andy Napthine and agree a date for the presentation.

Initials:

2025.171 Pond Cleaning

To receive any updates on the pond cleaning project and to agree the next steps.

This item was deferred until the Meeting in March 2026.

2025.172 Paediatric Defibrillator Pads

To consider the purchase of paediatric pads for the two Parish Council defibrillators.

RESOLVED: Cllr Smith proposed the purchase of paediatric pads for each defibrillator.

Seconded by Cllr Pearson. All in favour.

ACTION: Cllr Smith to order the pads and place them inside the defibrillator cabinets.

2025.173 Action Log

To review the current items on the Action Log.

ACTION: Members to table motions for inclusion on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

2025.174 Events Working Group

To receive updates from the Events Working Group, including preparations for the Festive Fridaythorpe event.

The final preparations for Festive Fridaythorpe are being made, with the sleigh ready to be moved into position and all presents bought. There is still some food to purchase and the event timings are to be finalised.

2025.175 Clerk's Report

To receive updates from the Clerk.

- The Clerk requested that Festive Fridaythorpe invoices/receipts are sent by 8th January
- The Clerk advised that he is looking to retire Agenda items which are unclear such as "Matters Arising" and "Any Other Business" to make the Agenda more transparent

2025.176 Date of next Meeting

- (a) *To resolve that the next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Thursday 15th January 2026*

RESOLVED: The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on **Thursday 15th January 2026** at **7:00pm in the offices of Cranswick PLC on Thixendale Road, Fridaythorpe**

- (b) *To note any items for inclusion on the Agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting*

ACTION: Clerk to receive items for inclusion and add them to the Agenda

- Signing of the Precept Demand for 2026-27
- Motion to proceed with arranging removal of the Jubilee Bus Shelter
- The future of the Parish Council's website
- The future of the Parish Council's e-mail address

Signed to confirm that the above Minutes are a true and accurate record of the Meeting:

Date: Thursday 15th January 2026
