

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: David Griffin (DG) Chair
Charles Brader (CB)
Eileen Birrell (EB)
Charlotte Russell (CR)
Gerald Bainbridge (GB)
Kris Pocklington (KP)
Lynn Pocklington (LP)

Apologies: Gordon McIlroy (GMc)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and PARISH MEETING

1. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the 15th May 2025 AGM were reviewed and agreed.

2. Chairmans report

A number of issues affecting life in the village have been discussed during the year: NYCC has recently resurfaced some of our access roads but the ongoing situation of drainage on Martinholme and the poor condition of road remain. Natural landscapes (previously Natural England) continue the progress the proposed AONB. Thanks to CB and his team the new Village Signs are in place. The Parish Council website, hosted on the Thixendale Village website, now complies with transparency and other requirements on local councils. DG thanked all committee members for their support and contributions over the past year.

3. Finance report 2025/26

EB presented the statement for the year. The bank balance as of 1st April 2026 was £5264, an decrease of £2274 over the years opening balance due to the purchase of the village signs. The report presented to the meeting by EB is included as an attachment to these minutes. The audited accounts for 2025/6 were approved by the committee.

4. Election of Officers

DG elected Chairman (Proposed CB, seconded EB)
CB elected Deputy Chair (Proposed DG, seconded GB)
EB elected Treasurer (Proposed DG, seconded CR)
GB resigned as Clerk

DG, on behalf of the committee, thanked GB for his work and proposed the PC seek expressions of interest for the vacancy of Clerk together with another vacancy resulting from Carol Dixons resignation.

5. AOB.

See matters raised during the Ordinary Meeting which followed.

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Attendees as previous:

1. Minutes from the Meeting 8th January 2026.

- a. The minutes from the meeting were accepted as a true record.

2. Matters arising

- a. Road conditions: NYCC has successfully resurfaced a number of access roads to the village but Martinholme remains an ongoing problem. The surface has degraded in spite of repairs by NYCC and a more sustainable resolution to the flooding is required. It was agreed that a survey to identify required remedial work is needed. Action GB/DG

The “drop offs” to the new surface at Aldro Farm were reported. In the reply from NYCC the problem, however, does not require remedial work according to NYCC classification of issues.

The PC discussed the recent roadworks surrounding Thixendale and the resulting confusion and misdirecting caused by poor signage. At least on two occasions drivers were only able to reach their destinations by taking considerable detours only to find later that the some roads were passable. A letter from Pauline Foster is attached. It was agree a formal complaint would be made to NYCC and East Yorkshire council. GB/DG to progress.

3. AONB

The PC is awaiting a formal response from “Natural Landscapes” (NL) following Thixendale PC request to be excluded. It was noted that the outline plan from NL now includes Fridaythorpe within the boundary. On the expectation that the proposal will go ahead the PC agreed it would ensure that Thixendale receive all available support or benefits from NL.

4. Parish Plan

The consultation stage with residents has been completed and drafting of the results has started. From these findings a number of objectives will be identified. The next meeting of the steering group will be on the 13th July. Further details are available in the village Newsletter.

6. Parish Newsletter.

The newsletter “Thixendale Matters” provides residents with information on events and current matters of interest.

4. Financial update

EB raised a concern that the percentage increase in the Parish precept agreed by Thixendale PC was not the same as displayed on the Council Tax residents statement. EB to progress the matter with NYCC. See notes within the AGM and the attached summary of the current financial situation.

5. AOB

It was noted with some satisfaction that The Cross Keys is under new ownership and would be opening soon.

6. Next Meetings : 17th September, 7th January 2027 + AGM 2027 20 May. All meetings at 1800hrs in the village hall.

As progress is made with the Parish Plan there may be a requirement for the Parish Council to meet before the above planned dates. Advance notification will be duly given.

Attachments:

Financial Report

P Foster Letter

Financial Report 2025/2026 THIXENDALE PARISH COUNCIL

2025/2026 has been an expensive year for the Parish Council, with the major expense happily coming from the one off expenditure of the new Village signs. We remain in profit, despite our expenditure outstripping our income by a significant amount.

Thanks to David Lake for undertaking the internal audit report.

The bank balance as of 1st April 2026 was £5263.98. This is a decrease of £2273.56 on the balance at 1st April 2025 which stood at £7537.54

Income There was a slight increase in the Precept from £1600.00 to £1680.00 received from North Yorkshire Council, plus an amount of 11.43, for which I have not received any paperwork.

Parish Plan Expenses

A budget of £500.00 has been set aside to cover any expenses required for the Parish Plan project. This remains unused.

Expenditure included

- Bank charges,
- Insurance £196.00
- Pads for the defibrillator £68.39
- Purchase and Installation costs of the village signs. £3216 and £309.96.
- Membership subscription of the Yorkshire Local Council Association £147.00. Fees for 2026/27 are down slightly to £144.00

Insurance

Our insurance premium for 2026/2027 remains at £196.00, last year's figure. This will be due 1.6.26, so will show in next year's accounts.

Petty Cash

£60.00 was withdrawn in January following a discussion at a Parish Council meeting, and request for reimbursement on expenses related to the Parish Plan work. Receipts have not been submitted and therefore the Petty Cash remains at £60.00. Bank charges were 0.64pence for the cash withdrawal.

Eileen Birrell 15.5.26

To Thixendale Parish Council

Complaint to East Riding Highways from Pauline Foster MBE

I would be grateful if the Parish Council would make an official complaint to East Riding Highways about the inadequate / nonexistant / inaccurate road work signs in relation to the work replacing a watermain along the Roman road from the A166 towards Aklam and Leavening.

When the work first started there was no indication in Thixendale that the road passing Robert Fuller's gallery was blocked off. It was extremely annoying to arrive at a barrier at the junction of Thixendale Road and the Roman Road and have to go back to Thixendale and take the long way round via Huggate Hill to join the A166. At no point while the work was ongoing was there any signage in Thixendale so there was always the uncertainty was the road open or not?

The road closed signs at the road junction of the Roman Road and the A166 were in position for an unnecessarily long time forcing people coming to the village or wanting to continue en route to Malton to take long and unnecessary detours. The road was not blocked and the signs should have been taken down. The inconvenience went on for several weeks, not just a couple of days.

Adding extra time to journeys and extra fuel costs is no small matter in today's economic climate. Having spoken to representatives of East Riding Highways Maintenance team on two occasions I was advised that the companies subcontracted to do the work are responsible for the signage and that they can be fined for inadequate signage. They are not bothered about the fines or the inconvenience to local residents and people travelling to work or the impact upon local businesses. This is not good enough and should not be allowed to happen again.

Thank you.
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May 18th 2026

P FOSTER LETTER