

HAMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 3rd February 2026 – ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

1. To receive apologies for absence - Nil
Attendees: Cllrs Robinson, Sycamore, Graham, Thompson and Smith, 3 members of the public and the Clerk
2. To record Declarations of Interest from members in any item to be discussed.

Nil
3. Cllr Thompson raised an issue with the minutes in the report covering Bob Williamson Park and therefore it was resolved that the Clerk would correct and re-present the January minutes at the next meeting.
4. Matters arising – Cllr Smith requested an update on the request for a crossing on Carr Lane. Clerk to chase.
5. **To discuss any Police related issues.** There had been reports of anti-social behaviour in the village around the Marsh Lane Public Right of Way and the United Reformed Church Car park.

Open Public Discussion

A concern was raised regarding the potential lack of planning approval for a development on Mill Lane. A static caravan had been sited.

6. Finance

- a. It was resolved to pay the following Bills.

	Payee	Amount (£)	Ref
a.	Salaries Total	2,316.60	2526 – 49 2526 – 50 2526 - 51
b.	Easywebsites (DD)	27.72	DD
c.	Special Branch – Tree work	12,700.00	2526 – 52
d.	PRS – Christmas lights	3,030.00	2526 - 53

- b. It was resolved to approve the Bank statements to acknowledge receipt of Interest to 31st January 2026
- c. It was resolved to accept the Bank Reconciliations (Monthly and YTD) as a true record of Hambleton Parish Council to 31st January 2026.
- d. Over Wyre Brass attend the Christmas Light Switch on each year, the Parish Council were asked to consider a donation to the group in recognition of their support at the event. It was resolved that the Council would pay £50 to Over Wyre Brass.
- e. Each year the Council subscribe to the Open Space Society it was resolved to continue the subscription and it was further resolved to pay £45 for 25/26.

- f. It was resolved that the Clerk would again engage Amanda Partington as Internal Auditor for 25/26.
- g. Following previous concerns regarding the 26/27 precept increase it became apparent that there was a typo in the calculation, the Clerk presented the new figures to the Council which resulted in an 11% increase.
- h. In order to ensure payments could be covered it was resolved to transfer £10,000 from the Natwest Account to the Unity Account.
- i. In order to rationalise the bank accounts it was resolved that the Clerk update the Direct Debit for Easywebsites so that the payment is made from Unity rather than Natwest and once this is complete to close the Natwest Current Account. Other Natwest Accounts to remain in order to keep below the FCSC limits.

7. Climate Change – No new projects identified at this time.

8. Feedback from Meetings Attended

- a. Feedback from Wyre LALC – Police were in attendance and they explained that Wyre generally had a low crime rate. Discussions with Wyre Council regarding the new bin collections starting in April.

9. Village Flooding – Cllr Thompson reported that the issue with flooding in the Church Lane/Marsh Lane/Market Street area were ongoing with cause identified but works required to fix. Meeting planned regarding Kiln Lane, Riparian owner was due to fix one of the issues. There was a concern regarding the number of blocked drains in the village. Flood Action Group meeting to be held 12th February.

10. BKV/WIB –

- a. It was resolved that date for the next litterpick would be 17th March 2026 starting at 10.30 am from the Shovels and the next In Bloom/Best Kept Village meeting would be on Thursday 19th March 2026 starting at 7pm in the Village Hall Committee room.
- b. No new information was available, Cllr Robinson to contact Keely at the Village Hall and to liaise with her Brush and Tipple contact to identify a suitable date.

11 Bob Williamson Park

- a. Items of work required on the park. The park paths are still an issue and have been made worse by recent works on the park. Clerk to chase the contractor to query removal of branches and chippings.
- b. Young Children’s Area Inclusivity Project, the Clerk reported that there were 7 tenders for the work. Sadly we had been turned down for a lottery grant. Other potential grant sources were provided ie Moon Charitable Trust and Contact Disability Charity – Clerk to progress.
- c. The Clerk reported that she had again attempted to contact the Treescapes representative but so far he had not responded. The Grant had been received but further guidance was required in order to progress the planting of the fruit trees in the park.
- d. Cllr Thompson has requested that the Council consider the provision of dog agility equipment in the dog area of the park. A number of pros and cons were considered, it was resolved that the Clerk put up a sign within the dog area asking whether there was an interest in dog agility equipment in the area.

12. Other

- a. To discuss any contributions for the Green Book for February 2026 – It was resolved that the Usual meetings be reported in the Green Book.
- b. The 3 projects to transmit electricity from the Irish Sea may have reduced to 2 with the withdrawal of Morgan. Cllr Robinson confirmed that there had been no new meetings.

- c. The latest SPID data was reviewed with no further action at this time.
- d. The Effectiveness of Internal Control Document was reviewed and it was resolved to accept as the latest version.
- e. The Clerk reported that she had received the resignation of Councillor Lynn Squires and had prompted the action by Wyre Council to publish the option for an election to fulfil the vacancy.
- f. Regarding the Councillor Vacancy, 2 members of the public attended the meeting with a view to considering their application to become a Councillor. It was resolved that no further action be taken until the Wyre Council process was complete.
- g. It was resolved that the Clerk would obtain quotes for a new SpID and put to the March meeting.

13. Planning Applications - to consider the following planning applications:

Nil

Cllr Robinson had been in discussions with Wyre Council re S106 monies being available for the village. The Clerk requested that she would like to find out more about the process of how monies are requested and allocated.

14. Correspondence

Nil

15. Next Meeting – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 3rd March 2026 starting time 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Chairman.....

Date

Press and Public Welcome to Attend
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