

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BILTON IN AINSTY WITH BICKERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TOCKWITH SPORTS HALL ON MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2026**

**Present:**

**Councillors: Mrs J Hanson (Chairman), Mrs D Podlewska, Mrs L Chasney, Mrs J Farnworth, Mr D Cross**

**Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO)**

**County Councillor Mr A Paraskos**

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| <b>1.</b> | <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b><br>Cllr Mr C Cummings  |  |
| <b>2.</b> | <b><u>Public Questions and Statements</u></b><br>No questions or statements had been received from members of the public.  |  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 November 2025</u></b><br>The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2025 were approved as a true record by all Cllrs present without abstention.   |  |
| <b>4.</b> | <b><u>Highway Matters</u></b>  |  |
| 4.1       | <p>Bridleway access to Ingmanthorpe from NYC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leeds continue with the procedural work in connection with the above, with Public Consultation to be undertaken now.</li> </ul> <p>Bickerton Footpath Upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The footpath upgrades requested some years ago by the Parish Council have finally been carried out in Pinfold Close Bickerton without prior notice to the PC by Area 6. County Councillor Mr A Paraskos will remind the Area 6 Manager of the need to advise the PC prior to works commencing.</li> </ul> <p>Highway Surfaces West End of Main Street Bickerton leading to Lingcroft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The residents at the Lingcroft Wealth Management Company have complained about the increasing number of potholes in the highways surface, which require attention. About 20 employees use this section of Highway for access to work. County Cllr Mr A Paraskos was asked to request Area 6 Highways Inspectors recent records of inspections for this section of Highway.</li> </ul> |  |
| 4.2       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grass Verge Maintenance - Inadequate visibility Splays<br/>NYC have confirmed that a payment is available for verge cutting on the B1224 if the PC's Contractor is prepared to carry out the works to road junctions. The PC's Contractor has not yet been asked about undertaking extra works for visibility splays on the B1224 at Rudgate Crossroads and Church Lane Bilton in Ainsty.</li> <li>The current contractor used by the Parish Council to maintain the grass verges in Bilton in Ainsty and Bickerton, has not yet confirmed the price for undertaking the work again in 2026.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>5.</b> | <b><u>Police Matters</u></b>   |  |
| 5.1       | NY Police had been invited to the meeting but had not responded.   |  |
| <b>6.</b> | <b><u>Financial Matters</u></b>  |  |
| 6.1       | <p>Funds received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>   |  |

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| 6.2        | Bank Balance at 31.12.25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Charity Account £10,185.40</li> </ul> There were no questions about the financial statistics circulated for December 2025.  |  |
| 6.3        | Invoices received and paid/to be paid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ £25.00 contribution to supplier of open source software used by the Clerk/RFO</li> </ul> All Cllrs present without abstention approved payment of the invoices.   |  |
| <b>7.</b>  | <b>Planning and Related Matters</b>   |  |
| 7.1        | Planning applications received and to be determine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Westlands Farm Bilton in Ainsty - Single Story rear porch, internal alterations and alterations to fenestration</li> </ul> After discussions, Cllrs instructed the Clerk to respond:<br><b>(A) The Parish Council has No Objections.</b>  |  |
| 7.2        | Planning decision notifications received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>   |  |
| 7.3        | Planning Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>   |  |
| 7.4        | Turnpike Lane Development - update<br>No Changes noted  |  |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>PC Administration</b>  |  |
| 8.1        | Out of Area trades targeting OAPs in Bickerton<br>Cold Calling rogue traders have been active in Bickerton and surrounding Villages during December (roofing works, pressure washing etc). This and other local Villages are designated as 'No cold calling' areas, which is being ignored by these alleged trades persons. All local residents are reminded to refuse access to cold callers and be vigilant on behalf of older residents who may be taken advantage of by unscrupulous traders. This follows a resident in Bickerton who paid for unnecessary work to his roof. His neighbour was able to encourage the same resident that he should not pay an exorbitant amount for unnecessary pressure washing to his drive. NY Trading Standards have confirmed that no licences have been issued to anyone to cold call in this or adjacent Parishes. |  |
| 8.2        | Correspondence<br>None received   |  |
| <b>10.</b> | Councillor's Business Items for the next Meeting<br>Consultation with adjacent Parish Councils on a joint approach to major Planning Issues in the area.<br>Approval of quarterly payment to Clerk in December 2025 omitted from agenda in error.<br>Confirmation of payment to Tockwith Sports Hall for 6 meetings January to June (inclusive) 2026  |  |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Dates for Future monthly Meetings</b><br>16 February, 16 March, 20 April, 28 May, 15 June 2026<br>Meetings to be held in Tockwith Sports Hall at 7.30pm  |  |

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