

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Muston Parish Council held on Tuesday 11TH November 2025 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: Cllr. J Bringham, Cllr. D Newland, Cllr. D Frodin.

Present: Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. F Warters, Cllr. G Barnett, B Williamson (Clerk). 1 member of the public, Mary Anne – NY Youth (part meeting).

Notice of meeting: Cllr. Owen declared public notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Public Notice 1972 schedule 12 para 1-(2) of the Local Government Act. Cllr. Owen invited Mary Anne to speak at the end of the Open Forum.

Declarations of interest:

72/25

Cllrs. G Owen – bench purchase, Millenium Committee.

Open Forum:

73/25

Resident raised the following points:

- Requested an update on bench repairs / replacement – will be covered later in the meeting.
- Would further work take place related to pond overflow – No. Finance not available.
- Debris after Chain Link fence cutting.
- Is the Village Hall run by the Parish Council – No, run by a separate committee.
- Why has there been a reduction in payment from NYC. Explanation of withdrawal of Model Agreement payment, minutes of finance meeting published. £4000 funding withdrawn.
- Suggested asking residents to be asked to keep areas outside their properties tidy.

Mary Anne – representing North Yorkshire Youth. Assists communities in establishing voluntary youth groups or the delivery of local youth projects.

Can assist with projects, setting up groups, volunteer training, grant funding.

Groups can apply for up to £1000 from the Inspire Fund to launch a group / project. Contact details left & will be displayed in noticeboards.

Reports:

74/25

- **Police Report:** Circulated.
 - Report circulated. No update on junction improvements.
- N.Y. Cllr. Donohue Moncrief:** Will circulate updates as they arise.
- Clerks Report:** Circulated in advance.
 - All issues raised & reported including leaf clearance at Vicarage Corner.
 - Letter to Highways, C Battersby re junction improvements – no response received.
 - Response received from Millenium Committee expressing disappointment at decision to not currently proceed with replacement. Will be discussed.
 - Trees over Chain Link Fence discussed & pruning. Agreed to obtain advice & an estimate for future consideration. Clerk will action.

Chairs report:

- Attended service to lay Poppy Wreath.
- Requested leaves be swept on Wold View.
- Clerk requested to explore if dates can be given for street sweeping.
- Requested Clerk write to vicar to explain why MPC would not be contributing to grass cutting and clock service for the forthcoming year.
- Together with the Clerk attended the Town Council meeting with 4 NY Officers to gain clarification and explanation on the withdrawal of the Model Agreement payment to Parish Councils which had been used towards bench & shelter maintenance, Church grounds grass cutting and clock maintenance, junction grass cutting. Issues raised in relation to tree maintenance & bench maintenance have not been answered leaving councils uncertain about their future finance.

Other reports: Nothing raised.

To approve the minutes of meetings held on 14th October & 4th November 2025: 75/25

Circulated and assumed read.

Proposed to accept monthly minutes of 14th October - Cllr. Barnett seconded Cllr. Warters. All agreed & signed by Cllr. Owen.

Proposed to accept minutes of Precept setting meeting on 4th November – Cllr. Barnett seconded Cllr. Warters. All agreed, signed by Cllr. Owen.

Finance Report: Circulated.

76/25

Income – Nil

Outgoing - £4055.86. Includes grass cutting, rent, flailing, maintenance around the village, fees.

Proposed to accept Cllr. Barnett seconded Cllr. McClusky. Agreed. Signed by Cllrs. Owen & Warters.

Planning:

77/25

ZF25/ 001208/FL – Replacement wind turbine @ Magdalen Grange Farm. Discussed. No objections. Clerk will inform planning department.

Parish Issues:

78/25

Bench repairs / replacement: Discussed again considering information provided at a recent meeting and shared with councillors. Clerk requested to contact Millenium Committee again and seek to accept their offer of the purchase of a new bench in recycled / reconstituted material of the design already agreed. MPC can no longer afford to maintain wooden benches; this needs to be made clear to the Millennium Committee. Clerk will action.

Grip clearance: A working party will action 23rd November @ 10.00am. Cllr. Frodin now has access to a mini digger to assist with this. Cllrs. Barnett & Frodin will liaise over the logistics of the day and advertise as appropriate.

Christmas arrangements:

- Tree erection 30th November, working party @ 11.00am. Cllr. Warters will arrange parcel wrapping.
- Cllr. Barnett has worked with the electrician organising light checks. Cllr. Owen expressed appreciation. He will arrange placement of lights.
- Switch on Friday 5th December @ 6.30 with carols. Cllr. Owen will arrange carol sheets.

Trott's Charity:

Cllr's Warters & Owen will arrange delivery prior to Christmas.

Items for next agenda: Notify Clerk one week in advance.

Date of Next Meeting: - **TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2026 @ 7.15PM.**

Meeting closed @ 8.39pm

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A PEACEFUL
NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE**