

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Muston Parish Council held on Tuesday 12TH May 2026 in Muston Village Hall.

Apologies: Cllr. D Frodin, Cllr. J McCluskey.

Present: Cllr. G Owen, Cllr. G Barnett, Cllr. D Newland, Cllr. J Brigham, Cllr. F Warters, B Williamson (Clerk), N Y Cllr. M Donohue Moncrief, 1 member of the public.

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.

Declarations of interest: None declared. **32/26**

Chairs opening address: **33/26**

Cllr. Owen welcomed all to the meeting. In future members of the public will be asked to remain outside the building until invited in to allow councillors time to prepare privately for the meeting.

Open Forum: **34/26**

Cllr. Owen stated that councillors would not engage in conversation or comment on any issues raised during this period.

- Resident stated that traffic was self-regulating at the junction now that the road markings could not be seen.
- A wet patch on the green had developed and was thought to be caused by a service pipe.
- Village seats were deteriorating and required repair / repainting. A simpler & cheaper alternative slatted bench was suggested.
- Annes Bridge – Is money available for repair? Suggestion that a cheaper alternative be considered as opposed to the one proposed at the April meeting using metal replacements instead of wood. It was stated that the bridge had a limited lifespan and it would eventually not be viable to continue to maintain.

Reports: **35/26**

a) NY Cllr. Donohue Moncrief:

- Aware of the updates received from MP / Highways related to the junction. Will make enquiries about the repainting of road markings and potential bid for funding for upgrading.
- Raised awareness of electric vehicles causing increased damage to roads and more pressure on Highways budget. Suggested the money raised from second home levies should be directed towards Highway repairs & substructure of the roads.
- Advised that households experiencing new difficulties with increased heating costs / home solid fuel should approach Warm & Well fund via CAB who can assist in assessing one off payments for increased heating costs.
- Cllr. Owen expressed MPC's appreciation of Cllr. Donohue MonCrief's attendance at the meeting. It was requested that she continue to support the councils appeals to

repaint the road markings at the junction. She was also asked to try and gain further clarity on whether the grass between Muston and Hunmanby would be cut this year. So far MPC have been told they cannot cut the area themselves but have not had confirmation that it will be cut by NYC. The area becomes very overgrown and dangerous to pedestrians as the summer progresses and will need attention to avoid accidents. Information **ESSENTIAL** to MPC.

- Cllr. Barnett raised the large financial awards for Highway actions in larger towns compared with smaller parishes. There seems to be some imbalanced awards between the different areas. Discussed.

b) Clerks Report:

- Concerns related to the junction reported again to Highways. Response received stated not considered a priority as not dangerous. Concerns shared with local MP. Response he received also stated not a high-risk junction or cluster site. He was informed a bid is to be made for future funding as part of a major scheme. There will be a programme of works with road lighting which will review, test & replace fixtures as required. The junction will be made a priority in this scheme. Updates requested.
- Continuing communication with Fairbell, suppliers of Christmas lights who are disputing replacement and guarantee certificate. All requested information supplied three times and no satisfaction so far. Will continue to press for replacement.
- Huge appreciation to Henry Owen who excelled in cleaning, sweeping and tidying the bus shelter and footpath outside. He made an excellent job and is a credit to his family and the village. He was presented with a certificate.

c) Chairs report:

- Requested a quote for the bench repairs.
- Cllr. Frodin will repaint the bus shelter inside & outside and the bench.
- Bus shelter and outside area cleaned & swept
- Water pooling on the green is coming from underneath. Clerk will report this to Yorkshire Water.
- Mr Chalmers is sourcing the specific wood for the bridge repairs and work will be undertaken as agreed with the Millennium Committee.
- Some sapling trees will be offered to villagers for planting soon. Details to follow.

To approve the minutes of meetings held on 14th April 2026: 36/26

Circulated and assumed read.

Proposed to accept monthly minutes of 14th April - Cllr. Brigham, seconded Cllr. Barnett. All agreed & signed by Cllr. Owen.

Finance Report: Circulated.

37/26

Income: £6314.76 Includes first instalment of precept & Urban Grass cutting payment.

Outgoing: £1179.41.

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

Planning: None received.

38/26

Parish Issues:

39/26

- Cllr. Brigham asked if grass cuttings collected – no. It was thought that as the grass was longer the blown grass was more visible. Cllr. Warters will speak to contractor.

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

Meeting closed @ 8.02pm

Date of Next Meeting: - TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2026 @ 7.15PM.