

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:
Thursday 21st May 2026**

Present: Cllr A Barker (AB)
Cllr P Chapman (PC)
Cllr J Dixon (JD)
Cllr Y Peacock (NY) (YP)
Cllr B Phillips (BP)
Cllr R Phillips (RP)
Mrs C Swainston (Parish Clerk) (CS)
Cllr H Swettenham (HS)

Mr Hunter-Smith
Dr Graeme Paterson (Item 2 only)

	ACTION
1. Declaration of Interests and Lobbying	
There were no declarations of interest or lobbying.	
2. Public Open Session	
Dr Paterson reported that 13 th August is the date of the infamous Hudswell air crash, which is the 75 th anniversary of the crash. A small gathering will be held on the weekend of 15 th August 2026 to commemorate the disaster with possibly a military Chaplain in attendance. The RAF Association are keen to be involved as this event is often referred to in training as an example to all.	
3. Apologies	
There were no apologies.	
4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th February 2026	
The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th February 2026 were accepted.	
5. Matters Arising from 19th February 2026	
All matters are up-to-date.	
6. Accounts	
The Parish Clerk presented the accounts.	
7. Planning Applications - Consultation	
Two applications had been received and duly commented upon since February 2026 for Windy Bank and Brokes Farm, both in the Hudswell Ward.	
Issues concerning breach of planning have been raised with NYC in relation to land east of The White House, Hudswell. The new landowner, Mr Hunter-Smith, confirmed that there would be no building on site, portable stables would be erected. A new stone wall would be built and the site tidied up. There are a few motion sensor lights and fairy lights. The meeting was pleased to hear directly from Mr Hunter-Smith.	

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<p>8. STANDING ITEM: Hudswell Playing Field Risk Assessment</p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Richard Phillips had carried out an inspection of the playing field on 21st May 2026.</p>	
<p>9 Hudswell Play Park: Extra Seating</p> <p>A request had been received for extra seating to be made available in Hudswell Play Park. The councillors agreed this was a good idea, Parish Clerk to make enquiries with NYC.</p>	CS
<p>10. County Councillor Comments</p> <p>Cllr Peacock informed the meeting about the changes to recycling. A letter will be delivered in August 2026. The boxes and bags are being discontinued. Instead there will be 3 wheelie bins, plus the garden waste wheelie bin. [Purple bags for people with a lack of space.]</p> <p>Cllr Peacock reported that the Reeth doctor's surgery is going to be leased and going forwards Central Dales Practice will run the doctors surgery three days a week.</p>	
<p>11. Members Comments</p> <p>Cllr Barker raised the issue of Reeth Road and its maintenance, together with the atrocious condition of Sandbeck. Cllr Peacock agreed to chase with Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Phillips suggested a new start time for the parish council meeting. 7pm was agreed with immediate effect.</p> <p>Cllr Chapman informed the meeting that a new device is being put on the apex of the roof of Hudswell Village Hall by Yorkshire Water. This device will be able to pick up on local water leaks via digital water meters.</p> <p>Cllr Dixon asked for the signs and bollards to be removed from Walburn Hall bridge.</p>	<p>YP</p> <p>CS</p>
<p>12. Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>17th September 2026 and 19th November 2026, 7.00 pm at Hudswell Village Hall.</p>	