

Horden Parish Council

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27 June 2025

Dear Member

You are summoned to attend the Horden Parish Council Meeting to be held in Horden Social Welfare Centre, Seventh Street, Horden on Thursday 3 July 2025 at 6pm.

HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL ORDER OF BUSINESS **Meeting to be held 3 July 2025**

1. **Apologies for Absence** – to consider for approval.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – to receive declarations of interest from Members on items of the agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.
3. **Minutes of the Horden Parish Council Meeting held 5 June 2025 (enclosed)** – to consider for approval.
4. **Minutes of the Horden Parish Council Special Meeting held 19 June 2025 (enclosed)** – to consider for approval.
5. **Public Participation** – to receive any representations or questions from the public in accordance with standing orders 3 e-g. ***Members of the Public are invited to address the Parish Council on matters relating to the agenda for up to 3 minutes per person during a period not exceeding 20 minutes.***
6. **Horden Minewater Update** – to receive a presentation from East Durham Trust.
7. **Horden Masterplan Update** – to receive a presentation from Durham County Council.
8. **Register of Delegated Decisions** – to note there are no additional decisions to approve.
9. **Damage and Incident Report (enclosed)** – to consider report.
10. **Cemetery Burial and Income Report 24/5/25 – 22/6/25 (enclosed)** – to receive the information.
11. **Outdoor Team Manager Report** – to consider the report.
12. **County Councillor Update** – to receive the information.
13. **Bank Transfer(s)** – to approve any transfer(s).
14. **Invoices for endorsement for payment (enclosed)** – to approve for payment.
15. **Members/Officers Allowances** – to consider any claims for approval.
16. **Co-option Candidates** – to consider applications for co-option.
17. **Asset Transfer** – to consider report.
18. **Church Green Artwork** – to consider report.
19. **Cemetery House update** – Request from Councillor F Leadbitter.
20. **Welfare House update** – Request from Councillor F Leadbitter.
21. **Memorial Park Fence update** – Request from Councillor F Leadbitter.
22. **Third Street Allotments update** – Request from Councillor F Leadbitter.
23. **Grants House Allotments update** – Request from Councillor F Leadbitter.
24. **Price for locking up Parks update** – Request from Councillor F Leadbitter.



Samantha Shippen
Clerk to the Council
27 June 2025

To: All Members of Horden Parish Council/cc Public Notice

HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held 5 June 2025

Present: Councillor F Leadbitter (Chairman)
 Councillors C Armstrong, R Bagnall, D Bellingham, C Cain, C Robson, D Tait, T Usher, J Ward,
 G Wetherell and F Winrow.

Staff: Mrs S Shippen (Clerk to the Council) and Mr C Jackson (Deputy Clerk)

Other: One member of the public was present.

HPC **Apologies for Absence.**

25/26/033 **RESOLVED:** That apologies be **APPROVED** for Councillors T Baldersera, E Laing and L Williams.

HPC **Declarations of Interest.**

25/26/034 **RESOLVED:** The Clerk reported under Standing Order 13, a dispensation duration of up to 4 years in respect of Horden Recreation Ground Chairty had been approved for Councillor D Tait.

HPC **Minutes of the Horden Parish Council Meeting held 15th May 2025.**

25/26/035 **RESOLVED:** The minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HPC **Public Participation.**

25/26/036 Christina Bosbach from Durham University spoke about the Coast Project that is evaluating coastal rural communities active and sustainable travel, and encouraged residents to get involved in the project, the findings of which will be reported back to policy makers. Councillors asked questions and thanked Christina attending the meeting.

HPC **Register of Delegated Decisions.**

25/26/037 There were no delegated decisions to report.

HPC **Damage and Incident Report(s).**

25/26/038 **RESOLVED:** Council **NOTED** the reports and **AGREED** the matter be referred to the Personnel Committee for further consideration.

HPC **Cemetery Burial and Income Report 28 April 2025 to 23 May 2025.**

25/26/039 **RESOLVED:** Council **RECIEVE** the information.

HPC **Outdoor Team Manager Report.**

25/26/040 **RESOLVED:** Council **NOTE** the report.

HPC **County Councillor Update**

25/26/041 **RESOLEVD:** Council **NOTE** the report.

HPC **Standing Orders.**

25/26/042 **RESOLVED:** Council **REVOKE** the existing Standing Orders and permanently **ADD** the new version in accordance with Standing Order 26.

HPC **Bank Transfer(s).**

25/26/043 The Clerk requested that £50,000 to be transferred from the CCLA account to the Current account.
RESOLVED: Council **ENDORSE** transfer of funds from the CCLA bank account to the Current account.

HPC **Invoices for endorsement for payment.**

25/26/044 **RESOLVED:** to **ENDORSE** payment of the attached schedule of invoices plus the additional schedule totalling £53,552.58. Councillors F Leadbitter and D Tait to authorise

HPC **Members/Officers Allowances.**

25/26/045 The Clerk advised that Members Participaction Allowances for 2025/26 would be processed on the last Monday in June, to all Members who did not notify in writing not to receive them. Payment will be made the following Thursday. **RESOLVED:** Council to **NOTE** the information.

HPC **Annual Governance and Accountability Return.**

25/26/046 a) **Internal Auditors Report.**

RESOLVED: Council **APPROVE** the Internal Audit Report Recommendations which are:

1. **The Councils Standing Orders should be amended in line with the newly adjusted Financial Regulations and the council should amend its Financial Regulations with Procurement Act Changes – which are complete.**
2. **The personal files history continue to be out of date and should be examined and where appropriate copies of formal contracts and any subsequent confirmatory letters should be added to the record. Appropriate records need to be obtained for any future council employees – which is in the process of completion.**

HPC b) **Annual Governance Statement.**

25/26/047

The Clerk to the Council took Members through the required statements, advising of the Council's processes and procedures which would allow them to be assured in responding yes.

1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.
RESOLVED: Council responded Yes to this statement.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.
RESOLVED: Council responded Yes to this statement.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.
RESOLVED: Council responded Yes to this statement.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
RESOLVED: Council responded Yes to this statement.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.
RESOLVED: Council responded Yes to this statement.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.
RESOLVED: Council responded Yes to this statement.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.
RESOLVED: Council responded Yes to this statement.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.
RESOLVED: Council responded Yes to this statement.
9. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.
RESOLVED: Council responded Yes to this statement.

RESOLVED: that Council **APPROVE** the Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25 to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk with the minute reference being inserted once minutes are produced.

HPC c) **Annual Accounting Statements**

25/26/048

RESOLVED: that Council **APPROVE** the Annual Accounting Statements for 2024/25 to be signed by the Chairman with the minute reference being inserted once minutes are produced.

HPC d) **Notification of Dates for Elector's Rights**

25/26/049

RESOLVED: that Council **APPROVE** the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights as 11th June to 22nd July 2025, with the appropriate notices being placed on 10th June 2025.

HPC e) **Earmarked Reserves**

25/26/050

RESOLVED: that Council **APPROVE** the allocation of Earmarked Reserves.

Councillor F Winrow Robson left the meeting at 6:50pm.

HPC **Horden 125th Anniversary.**

25/26/051

RESOLVED: Council **NOTE** the report.

Councillor F Winrow left the meeting at 6:55pm.

HPC **Horden Parish Council/Horden Together Joint Protocol.**
25/26/052 **RESOLVED:** Council **APPROVE** the protocol.

HPC **VE Day Donation**
25/26/053 **RESOLVED:** Council **APPROVE** a donation of £50.00.

HPC **NAC Finance Conference.**
25/26/054 **RESOLVED:** Council **AGREED** no response required.

Meeting concluded at 7:15pm

Horden Parish Council Invoices for Payment May 2025

SUPPLIER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Pay Ref:
Amazon	27.05.25	Dishcloths	£3.99	BACS
Amazon	29.05.25	Paper Towels	£45.04	BACS
Amazon	30.05.25	Toilet Rolls, Blue Roll & Hand Soap	£107.85	BACS
Co-operative Bank	02.06.25	BACS/FD Online Fees 01/05/2025 - 31/05/2025	£83.14	D/D
Culligan (was Waterlogic)	15.05.25	Water Cooler Rental & Service - May 2025	£31.80	D/D
Document Solutions UK Ltd	30.05.25	Photocopying Fees May 2025	£163.38	D/D
Durham County Council	14.05.25	Trade Waste 2025/2026 – SWC (£139.53 x 8 and £139.64 x 1)	£1,255.88	D/D
Durham County Council	14.05.25	Trade Waste 2025/2026 – Cemetery (£219.71 x 8 & £219.88 x1)	£1,977.56	D/D
Durham County Council	15.05.25	Repair Starting Fault on Kubota - Cemetery	£39.47	BACS
Eon Next	03.06.25	Gas SWC 01/05/2025 - 01/06/2025	£167.67	D/D
Eon Next	03.06.25	Electricity Cemetery 01/05/2025 - 01/06/2025	£28.96	D/D
Grounds Management Association	01.05.25	Membership 31/05/2025 - 30/05/2026	£196.00	BACS
ITC Service Limited	31.05.25	Unifi Security & Office 365 Officers & Domain/Hosting/Estate Management & 365 Backup - June	£474.20	D/D
Lloyds Limited	12.05.25	Replacement Rollers for Kubota - Cemetery	£86.16	BACS
Lloyds Limited	27.05.25	Carriage for Replacement Rollers for Kubota - Cemetery	£18.00	BACS
Lloyds Limited	03.06.25	Replacement starter Motor Cemetery Kubota	£473.71	BACS
Magnum Cleaning Services (Adam Bell)	16.05.25	Window Cleaning - SWC	£45.00	BACS
M W Roofing & Plastics Specialist	16.05.25	Repair and Cement Gable End - SWC	£300.00	BACS
National Association of Councillors	30.04.25 RCVD 19.05.25	Membership Fees 2025/26	£342.00	BACS
Octopus Energy Limited	21.05.25	Welfare House Gas & Electricity 26/04/2025 - 20/05/2025	£29.03	BACS
Octopus Energy Limited	21.05.25	Cemetery Lodge Gas & Electricity 25/04/2025 - 20/05/2025	£29.02	BACS
Scottish Power	03.06.25	SWC Electricity 07/05/2025 - 03/06/2025	£470.23	D/D
Vodafone	20.05.25	Mobile Phones	£44.90	D/D
Wex	19.05.25	Equipment Fuel - Cemetery	£107.24	D/D
Wex	25.05.25	Vehicle Trackers	£14.40	D/D
OTHER PAYMENTS				
Co-op Bank	01.05.25	Wages Week 4	£5,721.91	BACS
Co-op Bank	08.05.25	Wages Week 5	£5,730.71	BACS
Co-op Bank	15.05.25	Wages Week 6	£5,901.63	BACS
Co-op Bank	22.05.25	Wages Week 7	£5,939.56	BACS
Co-op Bank	29.05.25	Wages Week 8	£5,730.71	BACS
Durham County Council	03.06.25	Superannuation Weeks 5 - 9	£9,024.41	BACS
HMRC	03.06.25	PAYE Weeks 5 - 9	£8,969.02	BACS
		Horden Parish Council MAY 2025 TOTAL	£53,552.58	

HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held 19 June 2025

Present: Councillor R Bagnall (Chairman)
 Councillors C Armstrong, D Bellingham, C Cain, E Laing, C Robson, T Usher, J Ward, G Wetherell and F Winrow.

Staff: Mrs S Shippen (Clerk to the Council) and Mr C Jackson (Deputy Clerk)

HPC **Apologies for Absence.**

25/26/055 **RESOLVED:** That apologies be **APPROVED** for Councillor F Leadbitter.

HPC **Declarations of Interest.**

25/26/056 **RESOLVED:** No declarations were made.

HPC **Public Participation.**

25/26/057 No Members of the public were present.

Annual Accountability Return.

HPC **a) Revised Annual Accounting Statements.**

25/26/058 **RESOLVED:** that Council **APPROVE** the Annual Accounting Statements for 2024/25 to be signed by the Chairman with the minute reference being inserted once minutes are produced.

HPC **b) Revised Notification of Dates for Elector's Rights.**

25/26/059 **RESOLVED:** that Council **APPROVE** the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights as 24th June to 4th August 2025, with the appropriate notices being placed on 23rd June 2025.

HPC **c) Revised Earmarked Reserves.**

25/26/060 **RESOLVED:** that Council **APPROVE** the allocation of Earmarked Reserves.

Meeting concluded at 6:10pm

HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

DAMAGE/~~INCIDENT~~ REPORT FORM

Date and time of Damage/ Incident :	10-6-25
Location:	Com
Damage Found (please give as much detail as possible)	
While Grass Cutting I noticed a Tap Missing	
AND IT WAS LEAKING SO I NOTICED MICHAEL	
ABOUT WATER METER READING THEN I SWITCHED OFF	
WATER.	

Completed by: J. Hall Date: 10-6-25

Police Notified: YES / NO Officer dealing:

Time Police notified:

Remedial Action Taken:

TAP BLANKED OFF

OFFICE USE:

Has available CCTV been checked: YES / NO

Is this an Insurance Claim: YES / NO

If yes, have photographs, quotations and details been passed to the Deputy Clerk/RFO:

Is this a disposal of an Asset: YES / NO

If yes, has a disposal form been completed and handed to the Deputy Clerk/RFO:

Completed by: Date:

Date received by Parish Council Office: 16/06/25

Thorpe Road Cemetery Report 24th May To 22nd June 2025

INTERMENT (inc. Ashes)			
PLOT	DETAIL	RESIDENT	FEE
T21	FULL BURIAL	YES	£680.00
G604	ASHES	NO	£803.00
	ASHES	NO	£803.00
		TOTAL	£2,286.00

PURCHASE OF PLOT - EXCLUSIVE RIGHT			
PLOT	DETAIL		FEE
T21	NEW PURCHASE	YES	£567.00
G40	NEW PURCHASE	YES	£340.00
G604	TRANSFER VIA STAT DEC	YES	£88.00
G605	NEW PURCHASE	YES	£340.00
	NEW PURCHASE	NO	£803.00
		TOTAL	£2,138.00

SUPPLY OF IMMOVABLE MEMORIAL			
PLOT	DETAIL	RESIDENT	FEE
		TOTAL	£0.00

SUPPLY OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE			
		TOTAL	

MISCELLANEOUS			FEE
		TOTAL	£0.00
		TOTAL INCOME	£4,424.00

Outdoor Team Manager Report

1. Background

This monthly report is to provide the council with a program of works, which were carried out in the Parks and Facilities over the period of 20th May to 26th June.

2. Parks and Cemetery update:

2.1 Sunderland Road Playing Fields

- The grassed areas are cut and strimmed every week
- We patrol this area regularly for litter
- Re-seeded areas in the football goal mouths, germination is very slow, due to the dry weather

2.2 Play Areas

- Inspections every week continue to be carried out by myself or another member of staff
- I am becoming a bit concerned about the age of play areas, as it is now 20 years old and are starting to show signs of age, e.g. The safety surface areas show signs of shrinkage and lifting up. Quite a bit of maintenance is needed, we will await the Annual Play Inspection reports and bring a further report when received.

2.3 Memorial Park

- The grassed area in the park is cut and strimmed every week.
- The park is opened every morning by a member of staff, who carry out litter picking on route
- The new bedding plants have been planted and watered in, during the dry spell we have had to give the flower beds a good watering, twice per week to help them to establish. Some plants have been destroyed but these have been replaced.

2.4 Cemetery

- We have two men cutting and strimming, daily to keep the cemetery to the standard that the council requires
- Bins around the cemetery are emptied on a regular basis
- All of the summer bedding schemes have now been planted and watered in, which again need watering regularly to help the plants to establish
- The wild flower meadow has been slow to establish, again due to the dry weather we are having
- The attempted break in: The police have now closed their investigation on the attempted break in as no suspects have been identified. Locks have been changed.

2.5.1 Other areas

- Isabel Roberts Memorial Garden: A few plants have not survived, after planting, due to poor plants, when planted. Replacement plants are ready to be planted,
- The area is regularly watered during the dry spells
- All flower tubs have been planted, around the village

Recommendation:

The council is recommended to note this report.

Horden Parish Council

3 Jul 2025

Durham County Councillor Report

1. Committee Progress

The new administration is now organised through Cabinet and Committees and as Vice Chair of County Planning we have already provided input into housing developments across the county. I also sit on Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Highways, Safer Stronger Communities and I am a substitute on the Police and Crime Panel. I attended the AGM for the Police Panel and we are well underway to pressing the PCC employ measures to improve our community. In addition, I am the Vice Armed Forces Champion and an event was held at CH on Monday 23rd where we met with many organisations that provide assistance to veterans.

We have managed to get Jack Dormand House under the Veterans Friendly Framework (VFF) as Langley House is already signed up to this initiative.

2. Matters from Residents

There have been 2 public consultations regarding Horden Master Plan and these were well attended. It is hoped that engagement will continue and result in a positive outcome for all. The 1st St allotments committee are looking to retake the control of the allotments in the future. I have engaged with the council on this and remain in touch with some of the residents as this is not a simple process.

I have been contacted by elderly residents regarding power cuts and provided them with details on the issues from Northern Power Grid. Over this last month this has become an issue across the county but there have been varying problems relating to this matter.

3. Future Planning

On Friday 27th Jun I will be out on area with the Community Warden as I would like to see what, if any, problems they encounter and make sure they have resources to provide a decent service. I will be looking at responses from third party involvement so that matters can be turned around quickly. I am working toward surgeries being held in the Youth and Community Ctr during the day and Horden Victory Club on and evening. These will be advertised in due course.

4. Community Networks

I have engaged with East Durham Trust and Horden Together where I have asked to be included in communications on matters relating to our residents. This is so I can assist in having an effect through council if required. Delivery of reports will continue through Horden Residents Association.

(Electronically Signed)

Cllr Dawn Bellingham
Horden and Dene House

Horden Parish Council Invoices for Payment June 2025

SUPPLIER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Pay Ref:
112 Secure Limited	11.06.25	Door & Lock Repairs and Replacement Locks - Cemetery	£455.00	BACS
Amazon	08.06.25	Shredder - Cemetery	£34.48	BACS
Big Science UK	23.06.25	Big Science - Events	£300.00	BACS
Corona Energy	04.06.25	Sunderland Road Pavilion Electricity 01/05/25 - 31/05/25	£120.62	D/D
Corona Energy	05.06.25	Memorial Park Electricity 01/05/2025 - 31/05/2025	£26.47	D/D
Culligan (was Waterlogic)	15.06.25	Water Cooler Rental & Service - June 2025	£31.80	D/D
Durham County Council	16.06.25	Grass Cutting Cotsford Park 2025/2026	£309.17	BACS
Durham County Council	30.05.25 RCVD 09.06.25	Glenfield Attendance - SWC Boiler	£316.80	BACS
Durham County Council	17.06.25	DCC Attendance - SWC Boiler	£241.34	BACS
P Evans - Carnival Fun Fairs	24.06.25	3 Attractions - Teddy Bears Picnic	£1,680.00	BACS
P Evans - Carnival Fun Fairs	24.06.25	3 Attractions - Miners Day Picnic	£1,680.00	BACS
IRIS Business Software Limited	12.05.25	Annual Licence Fee 11/06/2025 - 31/03/2026	£498.00	BACS
Pat Lavery Tyre & Exhaust Centre	11.06.25	Replace Near Side Rear Tyre - Iveco	£70.00	BACS
Microshade Business Consultants Ltd	15.06.25	Hosted Application Service - Rialtas 15/06/2025 - 14/07/2025	£143.52	BACS
Billy Mitchell	22.05.25 RCVD 25.06.25	Pitmen Poets Performance - Miners Day Picnic	£1,800.00	BACS
Octopus Energy Limited	22.06.25	Welfare House Gas & Electricity 21/05/25 - 21/06/25	£34.52	BACS
Octopus Energy Limited	22.06.25	Cemetery Lodge Gas & Electricity 21/05/25 - 21/06/25	£35.76	BACS
Octopus Energy Limited	24.06.25	Cemetery Lodge Gas & Electricity 22/06/25 - 23/06/25	-£2.47	CREDIT
Popple's Tales - LJ Robertson	07.06.25 RCVD 25.06.25	Storytelling Sessions - Teddy Bears Picnic	£150.00	BACS
Rickerby Limited	31.05.25	2 x Strimmer Cord, Lapping Paste, Dennis Blades and Screws	£361.27	BACS
Rickerby Limited	09.06.25	CREDIT - Lapping Paste, Dennis Blades and Screws	-£284.47	CREDIT
Select Telecom Limited	31.05.25 RCVD 13.06.25	Admin Phone Lines/Calls/Internet - June 2025	£136.08	D/D
Shoreline Fire Limited	16.06.25	Bi-Annual Service Fire Alarm System/Emergency Lighting - SWC	£144.00	BACS
Shoreline Fire Limited	16.06.25	Bi-Annual Service Fire Alarm System/Emergency Lighting - Sunderland Road Pavilion	£144.00	BACS

Shorts Turf Machinery	15.06.25	Remove and Replace Starter Motor, Ignition Switch and Starter Relay - Cemetery Kubota	£360.00	BACS
Siemens Financial Services Limited	14.06.25	Photocopier Lease 14/07/2025-13/10/2025 and Annual Service Fee 14/07/2025-13/07/2026	£250.56	D/D
Steadfast Security Systems	24.06.25	Annual Alarm Maintenance	£130.80	BACS
Steadfast Security Systems	24.06.25	Annual Maintenance - SWC Door Entry System	£352.80	BACS
Storm Entertainment	13.06.25 RCVD 25.06.25	Facepainting - Teddy Bears Picnic	£150.00	BACS
Storm Entertainment	25.06.25	Facepainting - Miners Day Picnic	£150.00	BACS
Vodafone	20.06.25	Mobile Phones	£42.30	D/D
Wex	09.06.25	Equipment Fuel - Cemetery	£108.22	D/D
Wex	16.06.25	Vehicle Fuel - Iveco	£67.28	D/D
Wex	23.06.25	Equipment Fuel - Cemetery	£102.58	D/D
Zurich Municipal	10.06.25	Annual Insurance	£15,373.76	BACS
OTHER PAYMENTS				
Co-op Bank	05.06.25	Wages Week 9	£5,746.04	BACS
Co-op Bank	12.06.25	Wages Week 10	£5,805.22	BACS
Co-op Bank	19.06.25	Wages Week 11	£5,740.57	BACS
Co-op Bank	26.06.25	Wages Week 12	£5,740.77	BACS
Wave	11.06.25	Cemetery Water 11/03/2025 - 10/06/2025 (£82.00 pcm)	£156.39	D/D
		Horden Parish Council JUNE 2025 TOTAL	£48,703.18	

HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Asset Transfers

1. Background

- 1.1 At the meeting held on 6th March 2025, the Council agreed to purchase the following equipment:
 - Toro 3100-d Ride on Mower
 - Ransomes Mastiff 91 Pedestrian Cylinder Mower
 - Weilbank Legacy 56 Pro Mower.
- 1.2 The total cost the equipment was £41,358.00.

2. Current Arrangements

- 2.1 The Council purchased the equipment, however, the main benefactor of the use of the equipment will be the Horden Recreation Ground Charity.
- 2.2 Council is to note that no donations were made to the Horden Recreation Ground during the 2024/25 financial year.

3. Recommendation - Council is recommended to

- 3.1 Gift the assets of Toro 3100-d Ride on Mower; Ransomes Mastiff 91 Pedestrian Cylinder Mower and Weilbank Legacy 56 Pro Mower from Horden Parish Council to Horden Recreation Ground.
- 3.2 To note the donation amount would be valued to the equivalent cost price of £41,358.00.

Colin Jackson
Deputy Clerk
June 2025

HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Church Green Artwork

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council has held funding from the AAP for some time (around 2020-21) for an artwork project which was originally allocated for a project in Memorial Park but subsequently approved by Council to be re-focused at Church Green at the Council meeting in September 2022.
- 1.2 The then Deputy Clerk was given delegated authority to progress the artwork project with the designer, Differentia, to develop a scheme focussed on nature and wildlife with a Church Green wording.
- 1.3 The Clerk to the Council picked up the project in 2024 with the assistance of Differentia and involvement of Creative Youth Opportunities, combined the next stage of CYO's Kindness Project which had a wish from the young people to develop a piece of permanent artwork, partly influenced by the Hearts & Hopes of Horden temporary sculpture.
- 1.4 An earmarked reserve is held by Horden Parish Council of £16,601 for the project.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 The young people worked with Differentia to create nature journals alongside a funded project to look at the history of Horden focusing upon how Church Green was a route to work for miners. The young people refer to the green as "Birds Foot Green" due to the pattern of the footpaths.
- 2.2 From the journals, draft designs were created which incorporate nature and mining references. Panels were designed by the young people to be incorporated by the artist.
- 2.3 A proposal was received in April from the artist, this has been held whilst discussions with DCC Officers took place in respect of the funding held.
- 2.4 In order to enable the Project to move forward, it is suggested that the Council reviews and comments on the designs to enable officers to continue to progress the project.
- 2.5 Council is also requested to consider an additional hard landscaping improvement utilising other funding in earmarked reserves, to support a regeneration of the corner of Church Green.

- 3. Recommendation** - Council is recommended to review and comment on the draft designs and agree the scope of the project be expanded to include an improvement to the hard landscaping.

Samantha J Shippen FCG, FSLCC, CMC
Clerk to the Council
June 2025.



Examples of Nature Journals



CYO Draft designs



Current Proposed Design



Area identified for hard landscaping improvement