

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 13/05/2026 @ 7.30pm

(1) Apologies for absence

No apologies

(2) Present

Roger Turnbull	(Chairperson)	RT
Geoff Haigh	(Vice-Chair)	GH
Gillian Ward		GW
Joe Spetch		JS
Paul Miles		PM
Jon Whiting	(Clerk)	JW

(3) Minutes of last General meeting (January 2026)

Minutes were distributed to the Councillors via email prior to the meeting and were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Minutes signed by RT at meeting.

(4) Finances / Audit report / Financial regulations/ Standing orders/ Payments

Long Drax Finances – as of 13/05/2026 the balance of the account is 2,983.90

- The current balance includes the 2025/2026 precept (received in full)
- ICO registration (2025) complete and renews yearly via direct debt
- Parish Council finances internal audit has been completed
- AGAR 2025/2026 governance statement agreed by PC and signed by RT.
- JW to submit AGAR forms
- Invoices have been received and are agreed to paid for, from

Georgina Ashton (2025/2026 finances audit) - £60

Zurich Insurance Renewal - £140

(5) Planning

ZG2026/0098/S73 – Land to East of New Road, Long Drax - Vary condition and colour scheme of ongoing works at Wren Hall convertor station. Colours of grey. No Comment

(6) Correspondence

Defibrillator status check completed (February)

- Eastern Green Link 2 (EGL2) – update regarding ongoing works at Wren Hall convertor station – Pilling completed however may recommence for a short period of time in summer.
- Chairs of North Yorkshire & Yorkshire Air Ambulance invitation to Charity Reception. Refused
- North Yorkshire Council – Planned Road Restriction Notification – Main Road Drax July 26 – potentially restricted priority not believed to be a complete closure.
- Invitation to Parish Council Chairs Meeting (Foxholes / Butterwick / Wold Newton) regarding gas drilling applications. Refused
- Invitation to meeting with Policy Officer for Deputy Mayor re speed cameras in North Yorkshire. Refused
- Survey on North Yorkshire Emergency Services. No response.
- Letter from resident regarding litter on Carr Lane. Replied
- Letter from resident re Wren Hall noise, community fund application suggestion, low water pressure, turning area suggestion, EGL2 roadside cleaning, Sewage farm trees. Replied
- Letters from residents re static caravan at Oak Bank farm.

(7) Matters Arising

- Turning circle improvements update - letters to three potential landowners seeking permissions to conduct improvement works have been sent. Two positive replies have been received. RT has emailed the company offering the Community Fund Grant to establish if a grant would be potentially be authorised if the land is leased to the PC (rather than owned by the PC) while the works are undertaken. BAM have potentially offered assistance, if required, regarding a survey.
- Langrick Road pavement repair works – JS will ensure weeds are kept under control. NYC have updated PC that repair to the pavement is awaiting funding for the works to be undertaken
- Community emergency plan completed and verified by NYC resilience lead. A copy will be held in Drax Village Hall in Long Drax Emergency box.
- Long Drax Parish Council Website – went live on internet on 2nd February with a number of positive comments. JW will update accordingly.
- Damaged road sign following Police incident Langrick Road – NYC have a new sign and a contractor is expected to be instructed to install within next 4 weeks.
- Oak Bank Farm – NYC Planning enforcement team have confirmed previous enforcement still valid and that they have now established lines of communication with the resident / land owner at Oak Bank Farm.
- Drax Power Station Parish Council Liaison meetings (March) - update from meeting disseminated to PC by RT.

- NYC Parish Council liaison meeting in Ricall on 27th January – attended by RT primary involved Community Emergency Plans and the management of risk(s).

(8) Any other business

- Post on social media relating to the finding and reporting to NYC of nitrous oxide cannisters in Pear Tree Avenue – believed this issue has been displaced from Wren Hall Lane as there are now CCTV in place at the site of the convertor station. RT will check if the cannisters have been collected.
- Reported issues of low water pressure in Long Drax – ongoing issues including surrounding areas. Local MP is aware and resident(s) advised to contact them accordingly
- Reported issue of trees transgressing the road in the vicinity of the sewage farm Redhouse Lane – reported to Yorkshire water who have instructed contractors to visit site to assess.
- Obstructions on pavement on Langrick Road – JW to send a letter to resident(s) of Pebble Hall requesting obstructions are removed.

Meeting closed 20:50hrs

Next meeting – Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7.00pm to be held at Drax Sports & Social Club