

EMBSAY WITH EASTBY

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

14TH MAY 2025

Attended: Cllrs Smith, Ayrton, Briggs, Shuttleworth, Kirkbride and Peppiate.

Apologies: Cllr Benjamin, and Cllr Hill

Also Attending: The Clerk and 8 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Report - Chair

The Vice-Chair (Acting Chair) thanked the 8 parishioners for attending and read the Chairman's report published in the Annual Report document.

The Chair asked if anyone is thinking about or know any friends/neighbours who might be interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council to please contact the Clerk.

This is due to the elections in May 2026 and imminent resignations of some Councillors after serving for some 10 years and one for nearly 20 years at this point. Highlighting the fact that unless parishioners show a willingness to actively get involved to ensure a quorum could be established then control of parish affairs and precept would revert to NYC or become part of Skipton North with no local representation.

Things have moved on significantly with establishing the 20mph restriction within the Parish and NYC are in a consultation process with other departments including the Police and Highways. Please check the Parish Council website for regular updates.

2. Rules and Responsibilities of the Parish Council – Clerk

The Clerk read out the statutory rules and responsibilities of the Parish Council.

3. Invitation to get involved - Cllr Peppiate

Cllr Peppiate informed residents of various projects and initiatives that required community involvement if they were to be supported by the Parish Council:

- **BECOMING A COUNCILLOR:** Any Parish resident over the age of 18 or living within a 4-mile radius is eligible. Able to attend maximum 7 meetings per year, vote on issues affecting residents, input on planning applications, road safety, village maintenance, recreation, budget spending and governance. Nomination for May 2026 election required by March 2026. Co-option available from May 2025. Anyone interested please give your details to any Councillor or to the Clerk. Free Training is available from YLCA (Yorkshire Local Council Association).
- **WINTER ASSISTANCE:** NYC are looking for a team of residents to help with pathway gritting and secondary road gritting etc. Equipment, training, protective hi-vis waistcoats and expenses will be provided. If you are interested in organising and running this team, please contact the Clerk.
- **ADOPT A PHONE BOX:** Both Embsay and Eastby have a red telephone box available to the Parish should residents want them. Again, if you have any ideas and are willing to undertake this adoption opportunity please contact Cllr Peppiate or the Clerk with your details. Please remember the

Parish Council will obtain the boxes for adoption, but it will be up to individuals or group to maintain. The PC will cover any expenses.

- **RECREATION GROUND CHARITY:** The existing Charity is in danger of being disbanded due to the lack of sufficient trustees. Anyone with a passion and can spare time to attend 4 meetings per year, have some fund raising or organisation skills would be most welcome, but enthusiasm is more important. Anyone interested please contact Cllr Benjamin or the Clerk.
- **FRIENDS OF THE NATURE RESERVE:** are also looking for any keen gardeners to help when necessary to keep everything under control and looking fit for purpose. Anyone interested please contact Cllr Briggs or the Clerk.
- **ALLOTMENTS:** Both Embsay and Eastby allotments are completely full with an ever growing waiting list. If you are a landowner or know someone who might be interested in leasing land to the community for allotment use, please contact Cllr Briggs or the Clerk.
- **ROADSIDE WEED CONTROL:** As part of a two-year pilot scheme the Parish Council have agreed to join with NYC to use an alternative method of cutting over use of Glyphosate spraying. The 1st sweep will be carried out before the end of May (actual date to be confirmed).

We will have a dedicated sweeper operative who will continue to monitor the parish throughout the year and will undertake ad-hoc sweeping if required. Additional full programme sweeping will be arranged on the advice of the operative. Your assistance as residents to park elsewhere during the 1st sweep, once a definitive date is announced, would be appreciated. This information will be available on the Parish Council Website, The Embsay with Eastby Post, Embsay Update and PC Noticeboard.

4. Public Participation – (2 mins per person)

- How far have the Parish Council got with the Shires Lane Developers meeting the conditions set in the agreed planning residents?

Cllr Shuttleworth was asked to reply: He informed residents that a formal complaint had been lodged against NYC Highways Officers for not enforcing the conditions set by the Planning Inspectorate. As a result of this complaint an independent NYC Officer was asked to meet with the Parish Council members on site to gather evidence. This had recently taken place, and we are awaiting the outcome.

- Could the Village Fete be an opportunity to help recruit potential candidates for the next election?

Cllr Peppiate respond that was an excellent suggestion and would get in touch with the Village fete committee.

- Can the Parish Council look at moving the bench from the side of the Village Institute to the front for people to use while waiting for the Bus?

Cllr Peppiate had raised this issue at an earlier Parish Council meeting and would raise it again to look at this issue of where the bench could be placed so not to block the pavement access.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

The next Annual Meetings will be held in May 2026 Time & Venue TBC

