EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2026



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Embsay with Eastby Parish Council UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS April 26

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2026

		2025/26		2024/25
RECEIPTS				
Precept		35000.00		31098.00
Interest Received		316.42		439.73
Refund		52.00		51.60
Donations and Grants		3277.62		1100.00
NYCC Grass Cutting	0.00		713.41	
Allotment Rent Reimbursement		400.00		0.00
VAT Recovered		3160.45		0.00
		42206.49		**33402.74**
PAYMENTS				
Staff Costs		14486.58		12655.31
Administration	7721.83		7200.96	
Legal & Professional Fees	425.94		2407.37	
Village Maintenance	15452.15		16379.54	
Car Park Expenses	575.00		0.00	
Allotment Rent	0.00		0.00	
		38661.50		38643.18
Grants Gifts and Donations		556.00		160.00
VAT on Payments		2782.22		763.36
Queens Fund		0.00		0.00
		41999.72		39566.54
CASH SURPLUS		206.77		-6163.80
	2025/26		**2024/25**	
Add Bank Balances brought forward from:2024	21784.60		27741.63	
Community Account	500.00		490.58	
Business Premium Account (feeder account)	6216.39		11018.80	
Business Premium Account (saver account)	15068.21		10068.45	
	21784.60		21577.86	
Less Unpresented Cheques	0.00		0.00	
Balance Surplus	**21784.60**		**21577.83**	

PARISH COUNCIL STATUTORY SERVICES

The Parish Council has powers to raise its income by means of the precept, levied on households in the parish. This is collected within the Council tax. The Parish Council income and expenditure is monitored annually by independent auditors. Budget setting for the precept reflects the predicted expenditure based on the needs of the parish and this is reviewed and agreed annually and then submitted to be assessed and awarded by the Authority. The Parish Council is legally responsible to oversee and co-ordinate the following activities and services for the benefit of the parish:

Allotments, the Recreation Ground, Planning and Land Development, the Environment, Embsay Nature Reserve, the War Memorial & Gardens and the Main Street Car Park (under lease).



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There is no formal Council Office. Members of the public are invited to contact the Council through the Parish Clerk at the email above or by calling 0741 4850 766

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025-2026

I am pleased to say that Embsay with Eastby Parish Council has very supportive parishioners.

I mention this as I read of the demise of Farnhill Parish Council, due to the resignation of all its councillors, owing to, it seems, 'increasing levels of pressure from a small number of residents". Parishioners who were residents in 2015 may recall that, although not for the same reasons, the Parish found itself inquorate with only two councillors and no clerk. Several parishioners 'stepped forward' and the Parish Council continued without the need for intervention by the authorities - whilst also securing the services of our current, excellent clerk, Gillian Alcock.

All Parish Council members are volunteers who try to support their communities as best they are able – given the constraints placed upon them by authorities including North Yorkshire Council, YDNPA and Central Government.

As residents you are invited to all Parish Council meetings and time is always allocated for you to raise any concerns that you may have and the Parish website provides both information and links. My thanks go to both the Clerk and to Cllr Peppiate for ensuring that these facilities function as efficiently as they do.

Due to the creation of unitary North Yorkshire Council all local town and parish council elections will now take place in May 2027. Changes do occur and during the past year three councillors have resigned (Cllrs Smith, Hill and Briggs) and I would like to formally thank them all for their work during their time in office.

Cllrs Paul Conyers and Alex Osborn have been 'co-opted' until the next election and currently there is still one vacancy. I would ask you to consider becoming a Councillor. Whilst there are the inevitable constraints the role does provide you with a formal opportunity to support your community.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all councillors and parishioners for their continued support of the Parish Council.

"Working for the Whole Parish"
Cllr Judith Benjamin. Chairman of the Council

PLANNING

This year, 30 planning applications were submitted and considered by the Parish Council in its role as a statutory consultee. Parishioners planning major projects are encouraged to seek a pre-application discussion with the Council to help identify and address any issues that could delay a decision by the Planning Officer or Commitee. The Council follows established planning guidelines, and early awareness of these can streamline the process. The Parish Council thanks those applicants who engaged with it during the year.

SECTION 106 GRANT FUNDING

The Parish Council has now received confirmation that Section 106 funding from the Candelisa development has been approved and released. Several local organisations have successfully applied through the Clerk, including the Church, the Village Institute, Holme Grown Eastby, and the Recreation Ground. For details on eligibility and how to apply, please visit the Parish Council website or contact the Clerk.

RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Management of the Recreation Ground has returned to the Parish Council. Funds remaining from the Friends of the Recreation Ground, along with a portion of the Section 106 allocation, have been used to upgrade the footpath and extend access to the pump track. The upper pathway has also been improved and is intended to be designated as an additional cycle track leading to the roundabout. This forms part of an ongoing park development project, and volunteers are welcome (please contact Cllr Alex Osborn). It is hoped that the Environment Group will also have an input into the scheme (please contact Cllr Paul Conyers if interested).



SUPPORTING EVENTS

The Parish Council was pleased to support the Remembrance Day event in Embsay last November, the Easter Egg Trail, the VE Day 80th Anniverasry celebrations and to make a donation to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity.

WITH THANKS

The Parish Council would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped with community projects over this last year, including the Environmental Action Group, the Litter Picks, Fairtrade, Good Neighbours and the Friends of the Nature Reserve. We are always looking for additional volunteers and co-ordinators. Please contact the Clerk if you'd like further details.

The Council also acknowledges the efforts of the 'Building Proposal' WhatsApp group in mobilising support and submitting objections to sites within our parish included in the YDNPA Local Plan. This collaborative community effort proved effective and resulted in a positive outcome.

