

BADGER HILL RESIDENTS COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Heslington Church on Wednesday 9 July 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Jon Edison (Chairman), Alan Richards (Secretary), Catherine Odell, Emily Scott, Andrew Mortimer, Glen Robinson, Cllr. John Moroney, Cllr Anna Baxter and 17 Residents.
Facebook attendees: 6 residents

Apologies:, Cllr Pavlovic, Malcolm Pepper, Elisa Main, Ray and Pauline Gilpin

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone.
2. The minutes of the meeting held in October 2024 were summarised, taken as read and adopted.
3. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman summarised the last year's work - speed up opposition to planning applications, joining the Hull Road planning group, offering input to Residents' Parking negotiations, research into legal changes concerning Planning permission (including the Persimmon development), web site updates.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jon Edison reported on the financial position of the Group.
The Previous Balance (1/10/2024) £751.36
Current Balance £603
We should get some funds from the Council for our 2025 IT Costs

Thank you for the donations at the meeting which brought us a further £45

5. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary explained how difficulties contacting CYC staff had delayed progress with Permitted Development and ResPark concerns.

We discussed the Group's power (we have no legal power) and influence. We cannot execute or *force* any action on key issues (eg rubbish over the road and gardens, noisy neighbors, overgrown hedges) .
We can advise Residents who to report issues to in the Council, how to use CYC's IT systems and - on occasions - accompany them to meetings with CYC or other Residents
6. **Committee Election:** everyone expressed their willingness to remain in office for a further year. Nobody else expressed an interest to stand.. Therefore, following a proposal by the Chairman, it was agreed that the current Committee members should be re-elected

7. **Councillors' Issues:** The meeting Cllr Pavlovic suggested last year with Traffic Officers over ResPark never materialised. Our letters on the subject have not been properly answered . Councillors have had very little information on the plan for this year (September onwards). We suspect we will be offered another free year. We will keep seeking information until the matter is clear (!) One resident said "it is the Uni's responsibility for as long as it is there". We expect the Council to maintain the safety improvements made, to revisit the issue of paper parking tickets vs. a digital system and to review parking near schools. Emily Scott is joining the Active Travel Plan group reviewing roads and signage near BH Primary.

Rachael Maskell is heavily involved in the review of Short Term lets and HMOs (NB there was an article on Look North and other BBC shows 11 & 13 July).

There is to be a student housing block in Heslington in about 3 years time

- 8 **Environment** the University is proposing to build a Geo-thrmal unit. See their website for more detail or attend the Public Meeting on 16 July. Jon Edison and Cathie Odell will seek more information at the next 'Good Neighbours' meeting.

Trees and bulbs planted over the year are now established. All costs are covered by Charities involved in maintaining them. New trees can now have their plastic trunk covers removed. Debbie and Paul Pemberton have volunteered to help maintain trees.

We are ordering Group Notice Boards and a Park Bench for the field with some wheelchair access

Andrew Mortimer requested the two dead trees near BH school be replaced.

The Eastfield Crescent ambulance has gone! There are two other cars behind the garage which we propose are also removed as foxes frequent them regularly.

Some of our residents again expressed concerns about the Persimmon Development. We still do not have a finite start date. There is talk of a further housing development on the Hull Road. This has not yet found its way into the Planning system.

The Field Lane resurfacing happened at short notice. Most of us hope the Council will be tackling Hull Road potholes "soon"

Changes to Planning law and objections to building need to be more "evidence based". This makes our case against Permitted Development more difficult. We were warned such legal changes can see years of review

10. Questions: were taken through the meeting, which concluded at 21:02. Several people said they thought the debate was constructive.

11. Refreshments.

For Your Reference:


Councillors' details: <https://democracy.york.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

Committee's email: <mailto:badgerhill.rcgroup@gmail.com>

Reporting noise: <https://www.york.gov.uk/PartyNoise>
They will involve the Universities if its a student issue

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