

Minutes of Healey Parish Council on Thursday March 5th 2026,
in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Public Participation.

2. Apologies. Cllrs Tom Warde-Aldam & Janeen Smith until 8.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor , Christine Johnston in the Chair, Councillors Michael Cartlidge, Philip Cain & Clerk Pat Wilson.

Public:

3. Declaration of Interest and Hospitality record. None

4. Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on December 3rd 2025, attached as pages 816 – 817, appendix 1, page 818, appendix 2, page 819 & appendix 3, page 820. Interim Report No 133 December 4th – January 1st 2026, page 821. Interim Report No 134 January 2nd – February 1st 2026, Pages 822 -823.

Cllr Michael Cartlidge proposed the minutes as a true record this was seconded by Cllr Philip Cain The minutes were dated and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising:

a) Defibrillator update: Park End Electrical fitted the Cabinet onto Fourest Mount Wall
Checked by HPC Clerk 11/2/26 and registered on NEAS website The Circuit as ready for use.
Date on Defibrillator pads is 07 – 2028.

Training Date was Friday March 6th at 6 p.m. this has been cancelled due to reduced attendance, alternative dates will be considered later in March.

The Councillors were concerned that there was no postcode or address on the outside of the Defibrillator Cabinet. How would the public know where to find the machine? Clerk explained that the address is registered with the NEAS through The Circuit – meaning that when anyone telephoned 999 reporting a suspected heart attack if that person is near the Healey Defibrillator they will be told the location (adjacent to the letter box and opposite St. John's church, Healey). Cllr C. Johnston meanwhile wondered if a member of the public had a heart attack while out walking in the parish, knew where the defibrillator was but not the area where they were to request an ambulance, should the cabinet not have a Postcode. The Councillors felt that people often park their vehicle in the countryside, get out and take a walk without having any idea of where they are or how to direct emergency services to them, Therefore the Councillors decided the cabinet should be marked with its Postcode and Cllr M. Cartlidge volunteered to put a postcode sticker onto the cabinet.

6. Correspondence

Hard copy:

Clerks & Councils Direct March issue

Glasdon advertising leaflet. – the Councillors looked at winter salt bins, litter bins and commemorative plaques.

GNAA thank you letter for grant.

NCC Community Governance Review 2026 Public Consultation – Stage 1 (came in via email 29/1/26.)

Emails:

5/2/26: North Pennines National Landscape February Newsletter

6/2/26: NCC: Joint Town & Parish Council Spring Conference 5/3/26 at County Hall (previously sent 12/12/25)

17/2/26: NCC Help shape the future of Northumberland Libraries (also in Courant, 19/2/26, page 9.

17/2/26: Streetworks TTRO 22/2/26 for a trial Run of the Derwent Reservoir 5 & 10 mile runs.

2/3/26: Smartwheelie. – wheelie bin safety stickers – the Councillors looked at this type of safety notices

7. Planning:

25/03942/FUL: Single storey extension to rear of existing farmhouse. Extension to existing out building (existing residential use class) Change of use of existing byre/stable wing from agricultural to residential use and extend to make habitable. New single storey detached garage with storage over. Bridges Farm, Stocksfield. NE43 7SF. Applicant Mr Damon Smith. **Pending.**

Decisions from planning:

8. Financial Report.

a) Payment to Park End Electrical £1059.60

Clerk's salary October 1st 2025 – March 30th 2026 £400

End of year payment to include Clerks annual expenditure, TP Jones payroll, Venue final payment

b) Income and Expenditure 2025/26 as per March 5th, attached as appendix 1/050326, page 826.

c) Clerk requested to get plaque prices from Timpsons for the QE11 Platinum Jubilee bench (purchased June 2022. Plus, the flowery cherry tree to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III in 2023. Cllr M. Cartlidge to check that the tree has survived the winter frosts. Currently there is a printed memorial in St. John's porch.

d) Barclays account balance as at February 4th 2026 = £3,735.50

e) Draft copy of Asset & Investment Register circulated for approval. Accepted and attached as appendix 2/050326, page 827.

f) Draft copy of Risk Assessment circulated for approval. Accepted and attached as appendix 3/050326, page 828.

9. Domesday Project & Local History Group Report.

The March 2026 history meeting will be 'Quakers and the Lead Mining Industry of the North Pennines' by David Penn.

10. Barley Hill Endowment Fund:

On November 5th 2014, £82,005.86 was invested with the Community Foundation Tyne and Wear, as we approach year 12 of the fund it is reassuring to know the initial deposit is secure. According to the fund manager, (emailed dated 25/6/2024: 17 grants have been awarded totalling £33,705).

11. Trustees of Healey Community Environment Fund

Fund with annual interest is now £490.38. Less 2 x 87p postage for cheques.

12. Healey Representative at Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee's meetings.

Christine Kerr represents Healey parish on the SCH management committee. Date of next meeting March 18th 2026. SCH Kitchen and Community Room are currently being decorated. Quotes for treatment of the solid maple floor and roof repairs at the south-west corner are currently out for grants. Beer Festival is May 9th

13. AOB

The death of former Healey PC Councillor, Monica Gibbs, on February 4th 2026 was announced in the Hexham Courant. Monica moved from the area in 2016 and left Healey Parish Council in May 2016.

14. Date of 2025 Meetings

May AGM	Wednesday	May 6th	Annual Parish Meeting / Annual PC Meeting / Normal
September	Wednesday	September 2nd	+ 6.30 -7.30 Barley Hill Endowment Fund meeting
December	Wednesday	December 2nd	