

**Little Smeaton Parish Council Meeting 28th July 2026
Community Room, Kirk Smeaton**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr G Ivey (Chair), Cllr C Atkinson (Vice Chair),
Cllr A. Croall, Cllr V. Warren Holmes, Anne Moran (Clerk & RFO).

Commenced 7.30am

1. Welcome and Apologies

No apologies were received all Councillors present.

2. Declarations of interest

2.1 One declaration of interest, not already declared under the Councils' code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, was declared by Councillor Ivey.

2.2 Approved by Councillors Atkinson, Warren Holmes and Croall that Councillor Ivey could remain and participate in Item 5 on the agenda.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

3.1 Councillors confirmed the minutes of the meetings held on the 8 July 2026 as a true and correct record. Minutes signed by the Chairman

4. Public Forum. Questions and concerns raised by members of the public present.

4.1 Two members of the public were in attendance.

5. Councillors to consider a request for the Parish Council acting as Transferor on a covenant to Hillside Cottage whereby the Transferee wishes to erect a building extension that encroaches onto land between the blue dotted line as shown on Hillside Cottages' title deeds and Hodge lane and is therefore seeking approval and written consent to do so by the Transferor to the covenant.

A discussion took place regarding the cottage development with planning approval in relation to the covenant.

Resolved

Agreed the council is willing to grant consent for the highlighted extension that encroaches onto the protected land all other elements of the covenant to remain in place, agreed that the primary reason for the covenant not breached by this request.

Clerk to make enquiries to confirm the legal process with solicitors

Reasonable legal costs to be met by applicant

These works relating to the breach must not commence until written notification is issued.

6.Councillors to approve movement of £2000 from surplus account into current account

Following discussion regarding current account balance proposed to move £3000 in light of expected expenditure.

Resolved to approve £3000 proposed Councillor Warren Holmes and Seconded by Councillor Atkinson and all in favour

The meeting closed at 8.25