

**WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Jem Beadle, Steve Brisley, Dolly Hannon (Chair), Jonathan Skidmore and Susie Warriner.  
**ALSO PRESENT** Clerk: Angela Livingstone. NYC Cllr Hugill

**25.24 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES and approve reasons for absence and receive any declarations of interest**  
All Parish Councillors were present at the meeting. There were no declarations of interests.

**25.25 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING**  
The minutes of the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were proposed as correct and approved, minutes were signed by the Chair and the Clerk had added to the website.

**25.26 PUBLIC FORUM** – No residents attending.

**25.27 PLANNING APPLICATIONS** –  
Councillors discussed planning applications.  
Planning applications received – NYM/2025/0081 – 6 School Close – Application for erection of shed and pergola – No comment. ZB25/00278/CLP – Windy Rudge Ingleby Cross – Application for a lawful dev. Cert. Current use for light industry (Class E). Proposed use of a farm shop & associated café (Class E) – No comment.

**25.28 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**  
The Clerk informed of correspondence received - YLCA training sessions. NYC survey of sports facilities ends 31.3. NYMNPA -western area parish forum 15.4 and information on traditional boundary fund. Insurance renewal questionnaire, Chair to look at details and give back to the Clerk at the April meeting.  
**ACTION: Chair**

*Cllr Hugill entered the meeting.*

**25.29 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION** – Cllr Skidmore informed that the bins still awaited installation. Cllr Skidmore, Cllr Brisley and the Clerk to liaise on removal of the existing bins and installation of the new bins. Cllr Skidmore informed that there had been some maintenance works carried out by volunteers. Work to paths to be progressed in the summer. A new padlock was to be purchased by Cllr Skidmore to secure the gate from the pub. Cllr Skidmore to ensure that the annual return for the charity commission was completed.  
**ACTION: Cllr Skidmore/Cllr Brisley/Clerk**

**25.30 POLICE REPORT** – The Police Report showed 1-28 February - 1 no Arson/Criminal Damage.

**25.31 ADOPTION OF CLAVER CLOSE CAR PARK AND EV CHARGERS – UPDATE** – Cllr Skidmore informed that the hard copy of the section 104 agreement regarding Northumbrian Water access had been received and required signing and returning. To be completed at the meeting. He informed that an email had been sent requesting a site boundary plan, change to chargers and line markings. There had been some response but this was still ongoing. Cllr Warriner advised that she had contacted three service operators but only one, Fuuse had responded and she was still pursuing. The Chair stated that the incorrect chargers had been installed by Brierley Homes and this needed correcting, she enquired if a meeting with NYC Karl Battersby Director of Environment could be organised to try to progress the matter. **RESOLVED: Clerk to email and cc Cllr Hugill.**  
**ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Warriner**

**25.32 WHORLTON CASTLE – CLOSURE OF PUBLIC ACCESS**  
The Chair had received an email which had been circulated regarding the castle being locked due to its deteriorating condition. Historic England had a different view and disagreed with the risk report received they felt it was negative, and felt the castle was in good condition with low risk, just in need of better management. The Chair reminded that the owners had obtained a grant which had been conditional on

public access. The Parish Council had been involved in agreeing a management plan and works had been completed cutting down the hedge and cutting pathways, but this was not maintained and the owner had locked it up. Historic England enquired if the Parish Council were interested in helping, they had visited the previous year and noted the graffiti and that the staircase needed to be locked, they felt that the castle needed to have managed access during the day and be locked at night, with paths mown in and a clear access as had been agreed previously. They suggested an information panel for the castle and noted that the old church and churchyard do not have the same problem with vandalism. Historic England had suggested that the Parish Council get involved and look at leasing the area, they would discuss this with the owner. RESOLVED: The Chair was to liaise with Historic England on any funds available towards insurance/repairs and discuss costs with the insurance company. A Friends of the Castle group could be progressed if the land was leased to the Parish Council. Concerns were raised on ongoing costs which could fall to the Parish Council for maintenance due to vandalism and it was suggested that a trust took on the castle to enable grant funding. **ACTION: Chair**

### **25.33 FUTURE PROJECTS**

25.33.1 Interpretation panels – Cllr Warriner had looked through the information provided by the Chair and had typed up some information. RESOLVED: Cllr Warriner to continue with the wording and pass back to the Chair. Chair to contact resident regarding providing images. **ACTION: Cllr Warriner/Chair**

25.33.2 Planting in village up to £100 approved – Cllr Beadle was awaiting better weather and would look at perennial plants for the bedding area outside of the pinfold. The Chair reminded that the rose must remain in this area. **ACTION: Cllr Beadle**

25.33.3 Signage in the Village - to discuss the need for SLOW signs and consider resident request to renew No Parking marking Emmerson Close. Cllr Beadle believed that there had been SLOW markings on the road many years ago and they had not been updated. He added that the No parking signs near the toilets had worn away and needed renewing as people were parking here and blocking access. RESOLVED: Cllr Beadle to report that this was causing an issue to residents online to NYC. **ACTION: Cllr Beadle**

### **25.34 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORT**

25.34.1 Cllr Hugill had forwarded a report covering council tax, new bin plans and plans for 4077 new homes annually. He stated that the Local Plan call for sites was out at the minute but did not directly affect Swainby. A blocked gully in the village had been reported and the Highway Officer had completed a site visit. The drain did not meet criteria for urgent works and would be completed as scheduled work later in the year.

25.34.2 The Chair informed that she had attended the Footpaths public enquiry. There had been 12 witnesses called to support the opening of the footpaths. The Parish Council stated thanks to the witnesses who had attended the public enquiry in person and the challenges were discussed in giving evidence with the paths having been closed since 2015. The Chair informed that the decision can take up to six months.

### **25.35 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

25.35.1 The Clerk presented the financial report, RESOLVED approved by all members.

WPC Account – Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary, EDF Energy monthly direct debit. Expenditure to pay – Employers NI contribution £35.15.

WPC Playing field account – Paid to account – monthly credits.

25.35.2 The Clerk informed of the need to change the address on the bank account as she was due to move house and she requested that a new bank paying in book was ordered for the main account. A letter showing the new details was signed by signatories to comply with the banking mandate requirements. **ACTION: Clerk**

Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 7.30pm

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of Whorlton Parish Council