

WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2025 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Jem Beadle, Jonathan Skidmore (Vice Chair) and Susie Warriner.

ALSO PRESENT Clerk: Angela Livingstone. NYC Cllr Hugill (P/T)

25.36 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES and approve reasons for absence and receive any declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Steve Brisley and Dolly Hannon. The reasons for absence were approved. There were no declarations of interests.

25.37 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2025 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting of the 12th March 2025 were proposed as correct and approved, minutes were signed by the Vice Chair and the Clerk had added to the website.

25.38 PUBLIC FORUM – No residents attending.

25.39 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

Councillors discussed planning applications.

Planning applications received – NYC ZB25/00457/FUL – 1 Summerfield Farm Cottages, 2 storey side extension – No comments.

Application received after agenda published NYM/2025/0204, 126 High Street, Swainby – Councillors had no concerns to require the Clerk to request an extension on this application.

Planning decision – ZB24/01919/FUL Summerfield Farm – retrospective application for change of use from agricultural to salon, domestic garage and fitness studio. Demolition of existing dairy building and construction of new structure on same footprint – Application granted.

25.40 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Clerk informed of correspondence received - Resident - report of stone bridge being used by a HGV. The Chair and Vice Chair had inspected the bridge and noted a minor scrape. Cllr Beadle believed that HGV had problems with parked cars and overhanging trees at the other side of the river, which was believed to have been why the south side was used. The Chair had sent a reminder to the owners of the caravan park of the agreement to use the north side of the village. Cllr Beadle enquired if there was any knowledge of why there had been many trucks going through the village up to Heathwaite, some using the bottom bridge which had weight restrictions. Councillors agreed to monitor this as the Parish Council were not aware of any planning applications or works being completed. NYC - sports facility research survey, LGBCE - draft recommendations on boundary, YLCA training, NYMNPA parish forum agenda 15.4.

ACTION: Councillors

Cllr Hugill entered the meeting.

25.41 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION – Cllr Skidmore advised that the bins were still awaiting installation. The old bins were being donated to Great Ayton Parish Council who would remove the bins. Cllr Skidmore informed of further issues with completing the Charity Commission annual return, this required the previous trustee to register him but this was not completed. He had emailed the Charity Commission and would call them if there was no response. He reminded that a date for the 2025 sports day needed organising and he would progress this.

ACTION: Cllr Skidmore

25.42 POLICE REPORT – The Police Report showed 1-31 March – 0 incidents.

25.43 ADOPTION OF CLAVER CLOSE CAR PARK AND EV CHARGERS – update on meeting with Brierley Homes - The Vice Chair informed that the meeting with Stuart Ede from Brierley Homes had been positive, they had approved having the meters and chargers changed. They had asked for the Parish Council to deal directly with Rolec and they would accept the invoice for the works. However, despite this being chased, an email was still awaited with the contact details for who the Parish Council needed to progress this with. The location boundary plan was also awaited.

25.44 WHORLTON CASTLE – update from Castle Owner – The owner had been interested in the Parish Council taking on the castle on a three year lease, but when it had been found that the Parish Council could not accept public liability insurance for the site and that it must rest with the landowner, he informed that he did not feel able to relinquish control. Therefore, the matter was now closed. It was noted that the gates had been locked and the site was secure.

25.45 FUTURE PROJECTS

25.45.1 Interpretation panels – Cllr Warriner informed that she had met with the Chair and they had completed some more work and the artist in the village had agreed to support. Meeting to be held with design company. **ACTION: Chair**

25.46 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORT

25.46.1 Cllr Hugill informed that he had reported the drain issue which had been brought to his attention, he stated that this had been reported by different people and the officers had to keep checking the area. He had been told that the work could not be completed out of schedule and that a routine trip would be completed in September. He had then been advised that the works had been completed and believed there must have been some capacity.

25.46.2 Councillors had queried if there were changes to the current boundaries in the LGBCE boundary recommendations. Cllr Hugill informed that any changes would come in from the next election in 2027. He advised of no change for Swainby but concerns on the changes for Faceby and Carlton who would join the Stokesley division but these villages rely on national parks and he would ask that they remained in the current division area.

25.46.3 Cllr Hugill gave an update from the Monthly members seminar, there had been information on battery storage which was interesting with the application at East Rounton. He advised that the Sheepswash meeting had been cancelled, this was now known as Project Spotlight and was run by the Community Safety Group not NMYNPA. This change was after applying for a protection order, it had not qualified for this as there were no residents to protect, but due to the issues in the area reported by rangers the area was being monitored and could be moved to a protection order. Cllr Hugill informed that he had passed his carbon literate exam.

25.47 FINANCIAL MATTERS

25.47.1 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 – YLCA Membership £243.00, D Hannon toilet rolls £71.28 and spray for wild flower meadow £22.00 (received after agenda issued). National Non-domestic rates invoice for Public toilets £1035.43 reduced to £0 with small business relief. NYC Playing field mowing £964.08 (received after agenda issued).

WPC Playing field account – Paid to account – monthly credits

25.47.2 The Clerk informed that the credit balance on EDF had been increasing and she had sent a reading and requested that the direct debit be reduced. EDF had agreed to refund the credit balance and would change the direct debit payment to a variable direct debit as there was a smart meter installed. The current EDF tariff ends on 19th June, Clerk to explore options and get new tariff in place. **ACTION: Clerk**

25.47.3 Cllr Beadle handed money collected from the toilet donations to the Clerk to pay into the bank account.

ACTION: Clerk

Next meeting 14th May 2025, 7.30pm. The Clerk reminded of the Parish Assembly which generally commenced 30 minutes before the May meeting and it was agreed this would be held at 7pm on 14th May. meeting. 7pm.

Exclusion of the Press and Public - In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council can RESOLVE that the press and public be excluded from the meeting if required.

Adopted: _____ Date: _____ Chair of Whorlton Parish Council