

WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025 following the Annual Parish Assembly

PRESENT: Jem Beadle, Steve Brisley, Dolly Hannon (Chair), Jonathan Skidmore and Susie Warriner (part time)

ALSO PRESENT Clerk: Angela Livingstone. NYC Cllr Hugill (part time)

25.48 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL 2025-26

25.48.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR:

Cllr Brisley proposed Cllr Hannon to continue as Chair of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Beadle and agreed by all.

Resolved: Cllr Hannon accepted the position, was appointed as Chair and signed the Declaration of office. Cllr Hannon chaired the meeting.

25.48.2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Cllr Beadle proposed Cllr Skidmore continue as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Hannon and agreed by all. Cllr Skidmore accepted this appointment.

25.49 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES and approve reasons for absence and receive any declarations of interest
All councillors were present. There were no declarations of interests.

25.50 REVIEW STANDING ORDERS / FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/COMPLAINTS POLICY

The Clerk had circulated the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations on which there were some slight updates from NALC. There had been no changes on the Complaints Policy. It was RESOLVED these were adopted.

Cllr Warriner entered the meeting.

25.51 REVIEW OF ASSETS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSURANCE

The Clerk had circulated an up-to-date assets list and informed that the insurance renewal had been received. Councillors agreed that the figures and assets were an accurate record but the toilet block needed adding as an asset. The Clerk enquired how this had been received and as this had been gifted by the Unitary authority it would show a value of £1. This was already accurately insured. The Clerk was awaiting a revised insurance quotation following updates forwarded and would ensure that payment was made prior to the renewal date of 31st May.

ACTION: Clerk

25.52 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH APRIL 2025 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting of the 9th April 2025 were proposed as correct and approved, minutes were signed by the Chair and the Clerk had added to the website.

25.53 PUBLIC FORUM – No residents attending.

25.54 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

Councillors discussed planning applications.

NYM/2025/0307 Application for construction of one and a half storey triple bay garage/ancillary room at Throston House, Shepherd Hill. Councillors agreed that this was a large site and it would be looked at by the planning department.

Planning decisions received: ZB25/00457/FUL - 1 Summerfield Farm Cottages Ingleby Cross - Two storey side extension as amended by revised plans received 1 May 2025. The decision on this proposal was: Granted.

25.55 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Clerk informed of correspondence received - MaD races requesting support for race 12th or 19th April 2026. Councillors agreed this was supported. YLCA training sessions.

ACTION: Clerk

25.56 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION – Cllr Skidmore advised that the charity commission return was now complete, the previous trustee had now registered Cllr Skidmore as a new trustee and he had completed the return for 22/23 and 23/24. There had been some difficulty removing the old bins and Cllr Warriner and her husband had supported and removed these. Cllr Warriner to liaise with the Clerk to organise removal to Great Ayton. Fixing options for the new bins were discussed and would be progressed by Cllr Skidmore/Cllr Brisley and Cllr Warriner.

Cllr Hugill entered the meeting.

A date for Swainby Sports Day had been agreed for Saturday 21st June at 2pm. Cllr Skidmore informed of difficulties with the loss of several core helpers. Due to the lack of support the sports day had been scaled back and Cllr Skidmore advised that unless there was support there would be no bar or tombola. Cllr Warriner to support in ideas for the bar. The need to ensure some income for the playing field was discussed and it was agreed that a poster would be displayed asking for support, this would also be emailed to the Parish Council database and added to social media. It was agreed that the event should not be a charge for entry, but that there was a need for some income, the monthly donations by residents only came from three households at a total of £15 per month and expenditure was greater than the income, however there was currently still a healthy bank balance. The difficulties in collecting items for the event was discussed and it was felt that tables may be available from the village hall. Cllr Hugill offered to support the event again with eggs. It was commented that there had been no donation made from the Whorlton run in the previous year. The Chair stated that if funding was needed for the playing field the progressive suppers could be resurrected. RESOLVED: Cllr Skidmore to continue organising, Cllr Warriner to support with the bar and Cllr Hannon to support in advertising. **ACTION: Cllr Skidmore/Chair/Cllr Warriner**

25.57 POLICE REPORT – The Police Report showed 1-30 April – 1 ASB Nuisance, 1 Drugs, 1 theft of quad bike, 1 Auto crime. Total 4.

25.58 ADOPTION OF CLAVER CLOSE CAR PARK AND EV CHARGERS – The Chair had met with Brierley homes and they authorised that the Parish Council could discuss the meter requirements for the chargers direct with Rolec. The Chair informed of several communications with Rolec and it was hopeful that the change could be made, but she awaited a further call. Cllr Skidmore stated the need to progress the conveyancing and enquired if the site plan requested had been received. The Chair advised this was still not received and she would email again and would email the solicitor who provided information previously. **ACTION: Chair**

25.59 FUTURE PROJECTS

25.59.1 Interpretation panels – The Chair had tabled ideas for wording on the two boards and had met with the Catch Design representative, they were working in a map for the board. The Chair suggested that support should be requested from residents for illustrations and a logo. She would organise a date with a resident who may help with this and inform Cllr Warriner. A decision on the DMMO was awaited to enable up to date information to be added to one board. RESOLVED: The Chair to send an email out to the database which would include a request for support for the Sports Day and for the illustrations. **ACTION: Chair**

25.60 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hugill informed of a new customer service hub in Northallerton situated within the old prison building, planning was not located here. Housing options were there to support residents' including with affordable housing. Stone Cross would be sold. Cllr Hugill informed of a new position joint chairing the Route Map to NetZero committee across North Yorkshire and the city of York. This followed him achieving his Carbon Literacy certificate, and he looked forward to making progress. He advised of a meeting regarding Home to School Transport which the opposition party were trying to have the decision reversed on. The budget position would be difficult if this was overturned. It was advised that the National Parks Western Forum officers were unhappy with the turnout at meetings and they would be emailing Parish Councils to see how they wished to be communicated with. It was questioned if there was any information on the coast to coast walk with the bridge across the A19. Cllr Hugill stated that there had been discussion on the bridge previously and that a bridleway had been wanted for this too which would cost £2-3million more than already expected. At present there was a signpost directing people but this bypassed Ingleby Arncliffe.

25.61 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

WPC Account – Payments received: - NYC Precept £5462.10, Toilet donations £176.27. Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary, EDF Energy monthly direct debit. Expenditure to pay – insurance.

WPC Playing field account – Paid to account – monthly credits

25.61.2 The year end accounts had been circulated and were left with the Chair to pass onto the Internal Auditor. The Clerk asked that the Chair also contact Nat West Bank as they had taken no notice of any instructions when there had been requests for a bar coded paying in book and for the change in correspondence address. **ACTION: Chair**

Next meeting 11th June 2025, 7.30pm. Cllr Hannon and Cllr Beadle gave their apologies for this meeting. The Chair requested a change to the July meeting and it was agreed that this be moved to 16th or 23rd July. Chair to include information on the date change in the newsletter.

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