

**WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Jem Beadle, Steve Brisley and Jonathan Skidmore (Vice Chair, Chaired the meeting).

**ALSO PRESENT** Clerk: Angela Livingstone. NYC Cllr Hugill.

- 25.62 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES** and approve reasons for absence and receive any declarations of interest  
Apologies were received from Dolly Hannon and Susie Warriner. The reasons for absence were approved.  
There were no declarations of interests.
- 25.63 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING**  
The minutes of the meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were proposed as correct and approved, minutes were signed by the Vice Chair and the Clerk had added to the website.
- 25.64 PUBLIC FORUM** – No residents attending.
- 25.65 PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – None received.
- 25.66 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**  
The Clerk informed of correspondence received - NYC consultation on Local Plan views on the priorities and issues and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report end date 15 July 2025 supporting documents on website Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) and Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper.
- 25.67 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION** –  
Cllr Skidmore advised that the grass had not been cut and this was being chased with NYC who normally cut the grass on a regular basis and sent the invoice at the end of the season. The Clerk confirmed that she was never asked regarding this order the service just continued. Cllr Skidmore had left a message for Highways and would progress further with parks and environmental services. The Sports Day was scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> June and the grass was extremely overgrown and needed to be mowed in advance of this date. It was noted that there was a padlock on the gate but the code had not changed and NYC were aware of this. There were sufficient volunteers to proceed now with the Sports Day and there would be some costs associated with the event to be claimed. Cllr Hugill offered to support if NYC would not cut the grass in time. Cllr Skidmore to organise. **ACTION: Cllr Skidmore**
- 25.68 POLICE REPORT** – The Police Report showed 1-31 May – 1 Arson / criminal damage, 1 theft of fuel. Total 2.
- 25.69 ADOPTION OF CLAVER CLOSE CAR PARK AND EV CHARGERS**  
The matter was still being progressed with Brierley Homes and a reply awaited. A resident had been informed that Brierley Homes were opening the car park under their liability before the transfer to the Parish Council. White lines had been sprayed. The Parish Council just awaited the meters being changed and conveyancing information on the site boundary plan.
- 25.70 FUTURE PROJECTS**  
**Interpretation panels**  
The Chair and Cllr Warriner were working on a draft for the panels and were progressing.
- 25.71 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORT**  
Cllr Hugill informed he had received emails from a resident regarding the car park and had heard that Brierley Homes had offered to open under their ownership then deal with the outstanding issues. A report had been received from Cllr Hugill and he highlighted an announcement today by Rachel Reeves stating that council spending power was to increase by 3.1%, he stated that this was on a predicted 4.99% council tax rise next year. He felt that NYC had been correct to make savings and that the government were likely to be urban centric when allocating funding when looking at deprivation verses the cost of delivery.

## **25.72 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

WPC Account – Payments received – EDF refund £417.91. Cllr Beadle handed the Clerk cash collected from the toilet donations box, to be entered into the account. Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary, EDF Energy monthly direct debit £77 (changing to actual invoice cost monthly and new 4-year tariff agreed from 19.6.25 with a slight Kwh unit price reduction), bank charges March £2.10, April £3.85. Expenditure to pay – Chuhan & Singh year end £84, payroll £36. Insurance renewal £1,047.97.

WPC Playing field account – Paid to account – monthly credits, expenditure paid: bank charges £1.05.

**ACTION: Clerk**

25.72.2 Nat West Bank change of address had not been possible with current arrangements, RESOLVED Clerk to be added to bank account signatories to enable progress.

**ACTION: Clerk/current signatories**

## **25.73 APPROVAL OF YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2024/2025.**

25.73.1 The Clerk advised that the accounts which had been circulated to Councillors the previous month had now been signed by the internal auditor and Councillors approved as follows.

25.73.2 RESOLVED that Annual Internal Audit Report for 2024/25 included at page 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 be noted. To be displayed on website.

25.73.3 RESOLVED that Whorlton Parish Council approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 for Whorlton Parish Council on page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25. To be displayed on website.

25.73.4 RESOLVED that Whorlton Parish Council approve Section 2. Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2024/25 for Whorlton Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/2025. To be displayed on website.

25.73.5 RESOLVED, that, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, SI 2020/404 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, Whorlton Parish Council will publish additional documents on a public website: Certificate of Exemption, Analysis of variances, Bank Reconciliation to 31 March 2024, Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Councillors discussed topics required for the next agenda

- Resident request for works to trees by the beckside. Clerk to check when the last tree survey was completed.
- Public Rights of Way furniture was looking worn and there was some damage noted. Councillors to look at areas and agree an inventory of repairs to notify NYMNPA.

**ACTION: Clerk / Councillors**

*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