

WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL 2026 AT 7.30PM**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Hugill NYC Councillor, Katarina Carver (NYC Housing Enabler) and two residents.

26.36 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

All Parish Councillors were present. There were no declarations of interest. The Clerk sent her apologies, and Cllr Warriner took the minutes of the meeting.

26.37 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2026 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting of the 11th March 2026 will be discussed and signed at the next meeting due to the absence of the Clerk.

26.38 PUBLIC FORUM

Two residents attended the meeting. They had moved to the village two years ago. Cllr Hannon asked them to share their email addresses to receive the Parish Council circular email. They stated that they could offer their services as volunteers and Cllr Hannon thanked them. There was a discussion about the repair of the fence close to the main road which had been damaged by cars. Partial painting had been completed of the fencelines, but other areas of the very tired fence had been left.

26.39 NYC HOUSING ENABLER – KATRINA CARVER

Katrina explained her role. A Housing Need survey had been carried out – the last one being completed in 2022. Cllr Hannon recalled this previous survey. Currently North Star has 6 affordable houses in the village and Broadacres have several bungalows. Average house prices in this area are £300k and rents of £702 per month – both are above the national earnings. Katrina asked if another survey was required to update need and explained the survey process – responses are sought via a paper form or a QR code, plus social media and local businesses would promote the survey which would be open for 4 weeks. It could be carried out along with Carlton and Faceby. Part of the survey would include a ‘Call for Land’ to source any suitable areas of land/sites for development.

RESOLVED: Cllrs determined to proceed. Katrina will contact Carlton and Faceby to see if a Cluster survey could be completed. She will email the Clerk and be back in touch.

26.40 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors discussed the application and had no comment.

FL/2026/00031, Scugdale Hall, construction of garage and creation of turning area.

26.41 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Chair informed of correspondence received – Allerton Park Recovery Centre open day 1st April. Climate Action Stokesley and villages – Management of Himalayan Balsam – There were no concerns within Swainby. Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust call for sites. Fly tipping Coalmine Lane reported. NYC invite to charity event. The Chair also mentioned that she had seen an email shared by the Clerk regarding NYC repairs to foot bridges that had just been repaired to the cost of the Parish Council. The Chair had verified with NYC whose responsibility the repairs were and was informed that it was the Parish Council. It was expressed their frustration of this overturn.

26.42 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Cllr Skidmore informed the meeting that there are still outstanding items to complete - the repairs on the play equipment after the RoSPA inspection. The date for the Sports Day still needs to be set. The grass has not been cut. Cllr Warriner will email NYC Grounds Maintenance. Cllr Skidmore stated that dog owners were still accessing the area despite interventions. Cllr Brisley will also visit the area. **ACTION: Cllrs Skidmore / Cllr Brisley / Cllr Warriner**

26.43 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for March was received after the agenda had been issued, this showed 0 incidents.

26.44 ADOPTION OF CLAVER CLOSE CAR PARK AND EV CHARGERS

Cllr Hannon stated that there was no update yet as to the transfer.

ACTION: CHAIR

Cutting of the grass in the Claver Close area – residents are willing to cut the grass and trim foliage if the Parish Council purchase a Green Waste licence which was discussed and approved at the meeting.

ACTION: CHAIR

26.45 FUTURE PROJECTS/VILLAGE MATTERS

- 26.45.1** Information panels – Final drafts are expected and hopefully by the next meeting we will have a further update.
- 26.45.2** Inconsiderate parking, north end of High Street – There is still no progress with this issue. Chair has offered to speak to the PCSO at Stokesley Police Station. **ACTION: CHAIR**

26.46 **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Hugill spoke of the NYC Mayor that is based in York. He has got involved with NYC Highways and Road Safety issues which may have an impact on monies available for these departments. The matter of Potto Parish Council has not been resolved. Cllr Skidmore asked if there was any update on the 20's Plenty speed limit Swainby.

26.47 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Councillors were provided with financial information and approved the following information.

WPC Account

Income to account - Toilet donations of £67.24.

Expenditure paid - Clerk monthly, bank charges, Wave £125.99, NYC non-domestic rates £0. Approved – D Hannon spray for play field £23.99 (to be paid).

It was noted that the signs which had been paid for to L Dunn were still awaited. Update – Cllr Hannon has spoken to him and the plaques are being erected so consider this matter resolved.

WPC Playing field account

Income to account - monthly credits £20.

It was noted that the new Whorlton sign had been recently installed by the Chair, Cllr Warriner and her husband, Duncan. No costs to claim and thanks to be passed to Duncan. Councillors agreed the new sign was a great improvement.

Next meeting Wednesday 13th May 2026, 7.30pm. Proceeded by the Annual Parish Assembly at 7pm. Cllr Hannon offered her apologies that she will be unable to attend next month's meeting, but she will provide a report.

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