

WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2026 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors Dolly Hannon (Chair), Jonathan Skidmore and Susie Warriner.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk- Mrs Angela Livingstone, NYC Cllr Hugill.

26.62 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr Brisley and Cllr Beadle had sent their apologies for absence. The reasons for apologies were accepted. There were no declarations of interest.

26.63 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH MAY 2026 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING

26.63.1 The minutes of the meeting of the 19th May 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

The following matter arose from the previous minutes:

26.63.2 Public Toilets information from NYMNPA. The Clerk had received a quotation from the officer for solar panels. The different options for cost savings for the toilets were discussed and it was agreed that the solar panels were the best option for reducing the toilet future costs. Clerk to progress details with NYMNPA and add to the next agenda. **ACTION: Clerk/Agenda**

26.64 PUBLIC FORUM – There were no residents present.

26.65 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - None received.

26.66 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Clerk informed of correspondence received – NYC Planned Road Restriction Notification - Scarth Lees Diversion, Ingleby Cross - Dig down on existing BT network to clear blockages. 17th - 19th June 2026. Resident complaint re dog fouling – answered by the Chair. RAF Leeming additional night flying from 1-12 June 2026, NYMNPA Summer cycling events.

26.67 REVIEW OF GRASS CUTTING REGIME ON RIVER BANKS IN RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

The Chair informed of many complaints regarding the current state of the grass. All agreed that this was unkempt. The Chair advised that she had spoken with Cllr Beadle regarding the matter and he had explained that he had started late and had hoped that using a strimmer would be better, but it was agreed this was messy. It was acknowledged that there had been significant rainfall. Councillors discussed the type of equipment being used, and if adequate equipment was provided to complete the work. The Chair confirmed that she had questioned the equipment and the need for more robust footwear and had been assured that the equipment and footwear were not an issue. She informed that there had been no requirement to preserve wildflowers as had been trialled in previous years. She had researched a mowing guide on the Royal Horticultural Society and the following grass cutting regime was agreed which the Chair would pass onto Cllr Beadle together with a timeframe for the grass to be back to a normal state within three weeks. *Parkland/Village Green – minimum 10 cuts pa, up to 14 cuts pa subject to weather conditions. Robust footwear to be worn at all times. First cut – late March – strim if grass long, mow on highest setting, April through Summer – mower, every 14 days, cut between 4cm – 5cm. Final cut – end October in dry weather and firm ground. Daffodils to be cut back around 6 weeks after flowering.* Cllr Skidmore and other residents had offered support previously, the PC determined to take up offer and arrange a mowing session to help get the backside grass back under control. Cllr Skidmore to investigate costs of a remote-control machine. **ACTION: Chair/Agenda/Cllr Skidmore**

26.68 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

26.68.1 The Chair informed of a meeting with A Proposal For Butterfly Project. They had advised of specialist planting to encourage butterfly's. The contact had access to purchase the species. A resident who uses the playing field to bring the Scouts group for games, said they would bring the Scouts to do the planting. The Parish Council would need to fund the plants and interpretation boards showing the different butterfly's. The plants could be incorporated into the existing beds. **RESOLVED:** Up to £200 approved for purchase of plants and boards, which could be planted under PC supervision in the Autumn.

26.68.2 Cllr Skidmore informed as mentioned last meeting that the Sports Day was being postponed from June to September due to the lack of volunteers.

26.68.3 The Chair informed that a card had been put through her door from someone residing on the caravan park. They were informing of a disabled relative but no facility in the playing field, they asked if a wheelchair accessible swing and a playing frame would be considered and suggested a fundraiser. Councillors discussed that the existing equipment was showing signs of ageing, and queried if there was equipment which would suit all children. Cllr Hugill informed of a North Yorkshire Council grant named Movement, Activity and Sport investment programme. Councillors to look at ideas, equipment costs and if a Lottery Grant could be entered. Chair to respond that Councillors were in favour and would look at costs and then go back to the resident to see suggestions for fundraising. **ACTION: Chair/All Councillors**

26.69 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for May showed 1 Residential Burglary, 1 Violence Against the Person(self-harm) – Total incidents 2.

26.70 ADOPTION OF CLAVER CLOSE CAR PARK AND EV CHARGERS

The Chair had been chasing the Brierley Homes contact, and had finally managed to gain a reply. She was informed that the electrician couldn't complete the work as they needed a code from National Grid for the meter. She had been informed that they would call back but had not received a call. She would chase again. There was then the connection for the payment terminal. The Green Waste bin and licence had been delivered and the bin had been used and emptied by NYC. Cllr Skidmore had been advised that the residents had a WhatsApp group and would cut the grass between them. **ACTION: Chair**

26.71 FUTURE PROJECTS/VILLAGE MATTERS

26.71.1 Information panels – The Chair had forwarded final designs; Councillors made a couple of small amendments and would forward anything else within the next week. The Chair informed that there was still no update on the proposal to modify the Definitive Map, objections had been due by 9th January 2026. She would question if there was progress. **ACTION: Chair**

26.71.2 Inconsiderate parking, north end of High Street – Chair to speak with PSCOs. **ACTION: Chair**

26.72 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hugill informed that Stokesley were going to have a Banking Hub. He stated that the mayors transport plan was £20million worse off over a 4–5-year period as the mayor had top sliced this and given more to York. NYC Councillors were trying to get a meeting with the mayor and see what common ground can be found. Climate change strategy for a sustainable future was now looking to get to Net zero by 2040. He informed that Brierley Homes had lost £1million and there was a £7million contingency in the budget in case of the need of funding. This had caused some concern. North Yorkshire police had talked of changing to a regional police force, merge all into one. It had been felt that this would not work due to the very different crimes in the rural areas.

26.73 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

WPC Account

WPC Account - Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary, bank charges, EDF £42.58. To approve: NYC garden waste licence for WPC £52.00.

The Chair handed the monies from the toilets to the clerk to put into the bank, £97.67.

WPC Playing field account

Paid to account – monthly credits £20. Expenditure paid – bank charges.

26.74 APPROVAL OF YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2025/2026.

26.74.1 The Clerk advised that the accounts which had been circulated to Councillors the previous month had now been signed by the internal auditor, Councillors stated thanks to the internal auditor for her work. Councillors approved as follows.

26.74.2 RESOLVED that Whorlton Parish Council is exempt from external audit for the year 2025/26 as its annual turnover does not exceed £25,000. Exemption certificate to be sent to PKF Littlejohn LLP and displayed on website.

26.74.3 RESOLVED that Annual Internal Audit Report for 2025/26 included at page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 be noted. To be displayed on website.

- 26.74.4 RESOLVED that Whorlton Parish Council approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 for Whorlton Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26. To be displayed on website.
- 26.74.5 RESOLVED that Whorlton Parish Council approve Section 2. Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2025/26 for Whorlton Parish Council on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/2026. To be displayed on website.
- 26.74.6 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**

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.

Next meeting Wednesday 8th July 2026, 7.30pm.

Adopted: _____ Date: _____ Chair of Whorlton Parish Council