

WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors Steven Brisley, Dolly Hannon (Chair) and Jonathan Skidmore.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk- Mrs Angela Livingstone. NYC Councillor David Hugill, 2 residents.

26.87 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Jem Beadle and Susie Warriner had sent apologies for absence. The reasons for apologies were accepted. There were no declarations of interest.

26.88 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH JULY 2026 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting of the 8th July 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

26.89 PUBLIC FORUM – Residents present stated that they were keen to volunteer when required and with their connection through the Plymouth Brethren church were happy to support in litter picking as had been done in other local villages.

26.90 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Councillors discussed the applications received. There were no observations on any applications, the decision on the applications would be left to the planners.

HP/2026/00390 Scugdale Hall - demolition of existing garage extension and construction of detached double garage and creation of new driveway.

26/03748/FUL Wellington Farm Black Swan Crossroads to Somerset House Ingleby Arncliffe - Erection of an agricultural building for egg production.

David Hugill entered the meeting.

WTCA/2026/00375 15 Garbutt Lane – to remove Golden Gage Plum tree in conservation area.

26.91 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Clerk informed of correspondence received – NYC Housing needs survey. NYMNPA - proposal for a new wood pasture creation scheme located – Fog Close Farm, Snotterdale. Report to NYC on hole in wooden footbridge outside Black Horse pub. NYC Local Plan call for sites update, NYC details of changes to parking payment machines, YLCA new pay scales increase of 3.3% from 1.4.26. NYC request for update on open spaces/sports facilities – Chair responded suggesting inclusion of amenity space on river bank.

26.92 RIVERBANK VEGETATION CLEARANCE AND MOWING REGIME - TO ASSESS IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW REGIME

26.92.1 Vegetation clearance - The Chair informed of overgrowth needing cutting back on the trees and as completed previously some support with a chainsaw, tractor and trailer was needed. Cllr Hugill informed that he would support with his tractor and trailer and the Chair stated she would contact the resident who had offered his help with the chainsaw. Councillors and residents attending offered support with trimmers for the works. **RESOLVED:** The Chair would advise of a weekend in October to complete. **ACTION: Chair**

26.92.2 Mowing regime – The Chair informed that despite support in strimming and a number of discussions with Cllr Beadle over the summer he had been unable to complete the works. Cllr Beadle had passed the equipment and store key to Cllr Brisley. He informed that he was wanting to quit the grass cutting. It was agreed that arrangements were needed for cutting for the remainder of this year and an advert was needed to see if someone was interested in taking this on for next year. **RESOLVED:** Councillors would complete the works this year, Cllr Brisley offered to complete the next cut and try to estimate the time required to complete. Residents offered to support and the Chair would pass on the contact details to Cllr Brisley. Chair to advertise to residents and reminded that receipts should be kept for fuel to be claimed back. **ACTION: All Councillors**

26.92 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

The Wildflower meadow was mainly cut. There had been some deterioration of equipment in the play area with a snapped rocker which a resident had been attempting to help with and had secured the base. He had made contact with the manufacturer in Germany. A further resident was suggested to help with this

and the Chair would make contact. **RESOLVED:** Repair work was pre-authorised to be ordered as needed. Damage was also noted to rubber matting under the toddler swing, Cllr Skidmore was still progressing this. The RoSPA inspection would be completed in September and any other works would also be considered. Cllr Skidmore informed of a rabbit issue in the playground, it was believed that myxomatosis was in the area and would reduce numbers. There had been discussions on delaying the annual sports day event to September due to a lack of support and insufficient volunteers. It was agreed that it was now too late for this year and would be organised for 2027. A resident was continuing with a fundraising campaign for some disabled equipment, which was supported by the Parish Council but no funds were available. They had been advised to inform when funds were available and match funding sources could be considered.

ACTION: Chair/Cllr Skidmore

26.93 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for July and August showed no incidents.

26.94 CAR PARK - UPDATE ON PROVISION OF PAYMENT TERMINAL & ELECTRIC SUPPLY

The Chair was still awaiting an update from Brierley Homes, they had informed they awaited a rebate before asking for a meter to be installed. At the previous meeting there had been a discussion on new amended signage for the electric bays, it was agreed that the signs already ordered would be trialled first and if there was an issue with non-electric cars using the electric bays then new signage stating only electric cars would be ordered. Cllr Skidmore stated the need for a general tidy of the area at the car park and to shape the hedge. He informed that residents were cutting the grass and the green bin being used and collected. **RESOLVED:** Chair to organise date for a weekend in October and inform. **ACTION: Chair**

26.95 FUTURE PROJECTS/VILLAGE MATTERS

Inconsiderate parking, north end of High Street – to update on progress. To remove from agenda as the previous issues had reduced.

26.96 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hugill informed that the new emails from NYC titled “On your patch” were worth a read and the Clerk forwarded this to Councillors. He informed that the council had a £10m overspend, and savings needed finding. There was a consultation to 14th November on the Mayors Transport Plan and the previous consultation on Home to School transport had now been published into a post implementation review. This showed four roads which were too dangerous for school buses and issues with mapping which were to be sorted. He advised that there was also a NYMNP Call for sites and the National Planning Policy Framework had been changed making it easier to build on edges of villages. Fossil free North Yorkshire had been campaigning and there was a meeting with the NYC pension people on 10.9.26.

26.97 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

WPC Account

Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary, bank charges, EDF. To approve: Chuhan & Singh £36.00, Vision ICT £226.13 website hosting/emails, Chase Design £2022.00 information panels, AC Hannon £31.90 toilet rolls. Councillors agreed that residents seemed supportive of the new information panels.

WPC Playing field account

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

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 14th October 2026, 7.30pm.

Adopted: _____ Date: _____ Chair of Whorlton Parish Council