WHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors Steven Brisley, Dolly Hannon (Chair), Jonathan Skidmore and Susie Warriner.
ALSO PRESENT: Clerk- Mrs Angela Livingstone and NYC Cllr Hugill.

26.98 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES
Jem Beadle had resigned as a Parish Councillor and the notice of vacancy was displayed. There were no declarations of interest.

26.99 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING
The minutes of the meeting of the 9th September 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

26.100 PUBLIC FORUM – None present.

26.101 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Councillors discussed the applications received. There were no observations on the application, the decision on the application would be left to the planners.
HP/2026/00465 Throston House, Shepherd Hill – alterations to outbuilding, increased roof height (retrospective).

26.102 CLERKS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT
The Clerk informed of correspondence received – NYC Housing needs survey completed, resident complaint re wooden bridge – response sent NYC working on repair, NYC Lets Talk money consultation, NYC funding opportunity for rural digital inclusion, Citizens Advice & Law Centre – request for donation, 15 residents supported with 27 issues, NYC Local Plan-scoping consultation, NYMNPA training event 22.10 Chair attending, NYMNPA invite to community forum 28.10, NYC Home to school travel policy review.

26.103 VEGETATION ON RIVERBANK to arrange date in November to clear & a review of future maintenance – A request for grass cutting support had been sent to residents. Cllr Hugill offered his support with his tractor. A date of Saturday 14th November was agreed. A notice for support with the grass cutting had been sent to residents, but there had been no interest. A more detailed notice would be sent and displayed. The Chair would email residents to request support. Cllr Warriner to add to local Facebook pages. If there were no residents wishing to take this on it would go to tender. Councillors and a volunteer had been completing the cutting. Concerns were voiced that the previous grass cutter was still using the store cupboard for personal use, the mower and strimmer needed storing there. Clerk to remind Mr Beadle to remove his items and use the toilet store cupboard for the toilet consumables. Cllr Skidmore requested that when a person was found to take on the work that they include the area opposite Clover Close to the watersplash.
ACTION: Chair/Cllr Warriner/Clerk

26.104 SWAINBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION To look at any issues identified on RoSPA report and to approve a colour for the Butterfly information board. The RoSPA report highlighted similar items to the previous year. There was the need to have a disclaimer sign made for the MUGA. A group was needed to work through the issues. Cllr Skidmore informed that the hedge needed trimming, rabbits were causing damage and there were a lot of worn items. The thick rubber matting under the swings needing some work and he was uncertain if this was repairable. The rocker had still not been repaired and this would be progressed. Cllr Hugill would find if his contact was interested in supporting with the hedge trimming. RESOLVED: The Butterfly board would have a green background colour similar to the information boards. The Chair would advise the provider of this detail. **ACTION: Cllr Skidmore / Chair**

26.105 POLICE REPORT
The Police Report for September showed no incidents.

26.106 CAR PARK – To agree management policy on handover from Brierley Homes

A couple of residents had made comments on who could use the car park. The Chair reminded that National Parks had asked for the car park to be promoted for visitors use. The car park was closed for a month whilst Brierley homes were working on it. RESOLVED: Chair to request if signage could be erected as soon as the works were completed, even if this was before the area was handed to the Parish Council. Chair to order two additional signs stating EV Parking only for two on the units. Two already purchased Priority for electric cars would be used for the other two units. **ACTION: Chair**

26.107 FUTURE PROJECTS/VILLAGE MATTERS

Inconsiderate parking, north end of High St – To remove from the agenda.

26.108 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hugill informed of attending a National Parks strategy day and queried the value which the Parish Council put on Parks Rangers. It was agreed that this was a high value particularly due to the footpaths and signage. He talked of the mayors vision to improve the bus service. There were changes to the planning system and the Local Plan, call for sites was out for consultation. New government limits relaxed planning conditions for developments with the National Planning Framework.

26.109 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

WPC Account Money received - NYC Precept £5735.21. Expenditure paid – Clerk monthly salary, bank charges, EDF monthly bill. To approve: Initial Rentokil £84.44, Wave water £231.10, Employers NI Jul-Sept £104.56, A Livingstone backpay 1.4 – 31.9 £68.94 and to amend direct debit. Stamps purchased £7.28. The Chair handed money from the toilet donations to the Clerk to pay into the bank, A deep clean of the toilets would be organised for November. **ACTION: Clerk**

WPC Playing field account

Paid to account – monthly credits £20. Expenditure paid – bank charges. To approve: Playsafety RoSPA £114.00 (To be paid by the Playing field account).

26.109.2 To consider budget requirements for the November meeting for precept approval for 2027-28.

26.110 Meeting Dates 2027 – 13th January, 10th February, 10th March, 14th April, 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 8th September, 13th October, 10th November. To approve. Agreed.

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 11th November 2026, 7.30pm.

Adopted: _____ Date: _____Chair of Whorlton Parish Council