

BURTON-CUM-WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 8 JULY 2025

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Village Hall, West Burton on Tuesday, 8 July 2025.

Present: Miss Jane Ritchie, Mr Andrew Landau, Mrs Sally Sahin, Mrs Victoria Whitehead and Mr David Dent, Councillors, and Mr Richard Nolan, Clerk.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies, all the members being present.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 June 2025, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed as a true record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerk's Report

The Clerk presented his Report on the following matters:

- Waterfall area
- Vegetation on Ellers Lane
- Parish Bank Account
- Council Finances

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report be received and noted, and that the Clerk should ask Mike Lawrence to cut the vegetation on Ellers Lane down further.

5. YLCA

The Council received a report from Councillor David Dent and the Clerk on their attendance at the YLCA meeting on 17 June 2025, which focused principally on the progress of the new Catterick Integrated Care Centre.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the report.

6. Council Succession Planning

The Council began consideration of succession planning for the chairmanship of the Parish Council, in the light of the Chairman's current intention to stand down from the Parish Council when her present term expires in 2027.

7. Trees by Ellers Lane / Eshington Lane

The Council heard from Councillor Dent about the state of the trees along the side of the beck and Ellers Lane / Eshington Lane.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should investigate whether North Yorkshire Council, failing which Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, can fell trees on Ellers Lane which might be dangerous to users of the road.

8. Morpeth Gate

The Council heard from Councillor Dent about the state of repair of Morpeth Gate, particularly by and beyond Howraine Farm.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should report the state of Morpeth Gate to North Yorkshire Council.

9. Parish contributions to the Aysgarth Cemetery Committee

The Council considered its future contributions to Aysgarth Cemetery Committee. The Council noted that it might be possible for the Committee to obtain cheaper insurance, which could reduce the level of contributions, and that it was worth the Council's representatives on the Committee investigating this. The Council also noted that the level of the Parish Contribution must, in future, inform the setting of the Parish Precept.

10. Items of interest or concern in the NYC Parish Update June 2025

The Council considered the following items.

(a) Item 2 – Digital switchover of phones

RESOLVED: the Clerk should investigate and prepare an item for inclusion in the September Parish Newsletter.

(b) Item 9 - North Yorkshire Council Community Awards 2025

RESOLVED: the Clerk should investigate putting the Emergency Plan Group forward for an award.

11. To consider the hourly rate for the Parish Caretaker service

The Council considered the hourly rate for the Parish Caretaker service.

RESOLVED: To leave the rate unchanged.

12. Notice of meetings and reports of meeting attended

Councillors noted the dates of future meetings and reports of meetings attended.

13. Items for the next agenda

RESOLVED: that in addition to any matters mentioned above, the following items should be brought forward:

- Development of the Parish website and associated clerk's email to comply with the New Assertion 10 in the 2025/2026 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR);
- Succession planning for Chairmanship of the Parish Council;
- The anticipated closure of West Burton School;
- Items for the September Parish Newsletter;
- Delegation of authority to the Clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of the next meeting, **Tuesday, 2 September 2025 at 8.00 pm** in the Village Hall.

Chairman

Date: