

GREAT AYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held at The Discovery Centre on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 19.00

Present: Cllr Blackmore, Cllr Greer, Cllr Healy-Dufosse Belton, Cllr Kirk (Chair) & Cllr Mason.

In Attendance: Angela Livingstone (Clerk), Lee Marley (Cemetery and Services Superintendent), Mr O'Connor Whitby Wellbeing, 2 residents, Sergeant Ross North Yorkshire Police.

25.21 Apologies for absence and declaration of Interests

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Baylin and Cllr Greenwell. The reasons for apologies were accepted. There were no declarations of interest.

25.22 Minutes from the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 4th February 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 4th February 2025 as a true and accurate record. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

25.23 Police report. Police Report

25.23.1 Report from North Yorkshire Police –1st – 31st January 2025 - ASB Nuisance: 2 -1 x kids putting cones out in the road. 1 x Vehicles causing ASB, making doughnuts on the High Green. (No CCTV available). Criminal Damage: 1, Drugs: 1, Theft (including from shops): 5, Auto crime/SMV: 1. Total this period: 10.
February report received after agenda issued - 1st – 28th February 2025 - ASB Personal: 1, ASB Nuisance: 2, ASB Environmental: 1, Criminal Damage: 4, Burglary Residential: 2, Theft (including from shops): 6, Violence Against the Person: 5. Total this period: 21. Sergeant Ross took councillors through the report.

Sergeant Ross left the meeting.

25.24 Village Speed Limits – to consider the need throughout the village for 20mph limit

The Chair informed that around five years ago the Parish Council had made an application for a reduction to speed limits in the village, this had been rejected. He had been involved in discussions with Caryn Loftus who was involved with Climate Action Stokesley and villages. Ms Loftus informed of work by the group and the subgroup called the Public and Active Transport (PAT) group to improve the Endeavour Way at each end by implementing 20mph speed limits which was believed to be achievable. She informed that there was no funding for the off-road section between Stokesley and Great Ayton. There had been a lot of support nationally and across Scotland and Wales for a reduction to 20mph. It was agreed that throughout the village there were many areas where pedestrians mingled with traffic. Ms Loftus had met with NYC Senior road safety officer Darren Griffiths who was willing to look at 20mph zones in Stokesley and Great Ayton and had some funding for 7-day speed surveys to provide information on any need for traffic calming. Additional funds were available for the Great Ayton side of the route from the Margaret Mawston Trust. It was agreed that many areas would benefit from a reduced speed limit to 20mph with 11 routes identified to put forward. The Chair advised he had watched a webinar giving feedback from Wales after 20mph routes had been implemented. This showed that longer distances were required where 20mph zones were set outside of schools, the number of accidents under 30mph reported had fallen by 18%. There had also been information that car insurance policies were on average £50 less where there was a 20mph speed limit. Scotland were looking at implementing the 20mph zones. Ms Loftus offered to forward to the Clerk further information and key questions from the 20s Plenty campaign, she informed that Stokesley Town Council had supported having speed surveys completed, these were to take place in March/April 2025. Councillors agreed that 20mph zones were more welcoming and calmer but felt that there would initially be complaints about this. A Councillor from Stokesley Town Council was looking at organising a charity event in the Autumn to fund putting gravel down on the narrow area of the route near Stokesley. **RESOLVED:** Parish Councillors supported the initiative.

Ms Loftus left the meeting.

25.25 Report from NYC Councillor – Apologies from Cllr Moorhouse, no report. Cllr Greer commented on the VIP Barbers sign, it was agreed that the lettering had been reduced as required, but the spinning barbers pole was still illuminated. Clerk to progress having this turned off as had been advised by planners. **ACTION: Clerk**

25.26 Allotments

Update from Allotment Implementation Committee

- 25.25.1 The Chair stated that as reported at the last meeting the grant was offered, but the team involved still needed additional information. The information required was an updated valuation, an Anti-fraud policy and an updated unredacted bank statement. The Parish Council had provided the financial regulations which it followed but there was the need for an additional policy. The Clerk and Chair had researched this and a policy which was in line with the Parish Council had been circulated to Parish Councillors. RESOLVED: Anti-fraud Policy adopted and to be sent with other documents to the COF team. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 25.26.2 Information had been received from a potential developer who had circulated information showing the implications for the allotment site to gain access to the adjacent field. Allotment land used to access the site would be compensated with equal land and this complied with the grant requirements.
- 25.26.3 The Committee had met on 25.2.25 and had agreed that when the document was received, and the affected plots were known the group would give reassurance to tenants that there will be allotments available for them. It was agreed that information on the tenants would be shared by the Clerk with Cllr Mason to allow the support. The committee had discussed the requirements for the grant money to be spent by December 2026 and the Chair had spoken with the land agent and property developer regarding alternatives if the timescale was not achieved. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no funding for the allotments other than the funds donated for the bid. **ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Mason**
- 25.26.4 An Allotment report had been circulated, this showed information on a dispute on the allotments which was still being dealt with. Mr Marley reminded that there were many empty plots at present which can be offered to tenants before the new area needed using, he was still working on clearing these and keeping them in a good condition. The Clerk reminded that there had been a number of tenants who had been given notices to improve from inspections last year and had been removed from their plots due to neglect. A quarterly inspection was required and would be organised this month to ensure that gardens did not deteriorate. The Clerk informed of the need to make progress with the locks for the allotment site. RESOLVED: Consultation /questionnaire to be agreed outside of the meeting. Mr Marley informed of discussions with tenants, who didn't feel that locks would be used. He was unsure how this could be enforced/locked daily. **ACTION: Clerk**

The Chair asked that an agenda item be brought forward for discussion to allow the attendee to give details.

25.29.1.3 Correspondence – Mr O'Connor from Whitby Wellbeing had forwarded a proposal to host events at Low Green, weekly for 2-4 hours with a mobile sauna and cold water immersion. He informed that he had been offering this service in locations on the coast for 3 years and the wellbeing benefits supported cardiovascular health and dementia levels. He informed that the sessions were popular with the decline in pub culture. He had hosted a session in December in Great Ayton prior to understanding that the land was owned by the Parish Council and there had been 30 attendees. He hoped to bring this to the area and take out onto the moors. Following concerns raised by the Clerk he had forwarded information which would ensure that practises were implemented to ensure there was no damage to the green, riverbank or river. Councillors felt that the depth of the water was insufficient for the cold-water immersion and suggested a location in Little Ayton with deeper water. The Chair advised that historically the greens did not support commercial trading, the Parish Council allowed some charity one off requests and had turned down some other business proposals such as an ice cream van and a barista. He enquired regarding additional information about the company and was informed it was a limited company. It was suggested that residents around the immediate vicinity should be consulted by the company before any events were held. The Chair informed that the matter would be discussed later in the meeting and a decision would be advised.

Mr O'Connor left the meeting.

25.27 Lease approval

Village Hall and Yatton House lease – Meeting to be held with Yatton House Trustees to discuss concerns. The Village Hall licence was still awaited from the solicitor. **ACTION: Clerk**

25.28 Planning Matters

25.28.1 Planning applications – Consultation Responses. –Councillors discussed applications and the following was agreed.

Application ref / Address	Description of Works	Parish Council responses
ZB25/00097/LBC 2 Race Terrace	Application for Listed Building consent to replace windows and front and back door.	This application was discussed in February as it was received just before the meeting. There were no observations.
ZB25/00256/CAT The Vicarage Low Green	Application to fell four trees and works to eight trees in a Conservation Area.	Councillors discussed their reluctance to see extensive tree works to any trees which were healthy. It was believed that the Planning Officer would look at this carefully. Cllr Healy-Dufosse Belton to attend the site and send comments to the council, Clerk to submit if there were concerns. ACTION: Cllr Healy-Dufosse Belton
ZB25/00207/FUL 29 Linden Grove	Proposed two storey extension to side, Single storey extension to rear, Canopy roof to front and Revision to boundary treatment	Not out of keeping with other properties. No observations.
ZB25/00153/CLP 78 Roseberry Crescent	Proposed extension to rear of dwelling under permitted development rights. Removal of existing Chimney stack.	No observations.
ZB25/00172/FUL Cobb House 18 Easby Lane	Demolition of existing dormer bungalow and double detached garage and construction of a replacement one and half storey dwelling with attached large double garage	Large property and no observations.
ZB23/01580/MRC Angrove Park	Modification of condition 9 (landscaping) and 20 (occupancy) from previously approved application 16/02048/FUL -Change of use of land to holiday lodge park (54 Lodges) with associated reception building, solar farm, landscaping and amenity ponds, together with formation and alteration of highway access and internal roads and associated car parking (As Amended: Proposed Layout Plan and Pitch Break Plan [November 2024] and Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan received on 22.11.2024)	The Parish Council had sent objections to this application and the modifications did not change the objection.
NYM/2025/0040 Rye Hill Farm, Great Ayton	Application for variation of condition 2 (material amendment) and removal of condition 5 of planning approval NYM/2023/0693 to omit the timber screening around the air source heat pump	Councillors agreed that NYMNPA officers carefully consider applications. Cllr Greer to check what condition 5 was to ascertain if any comment is required. ACTION: Cllr Greer

Application ref / Address	Description of Works	Parish Council responses
NYM/2025/0117 Tall Trees, Aireyholme Lane	Application for non-material amendment to planning approval NYM/2024/0852 to allow a change of window and door colour from white to Anthracite Grey RAL7016	Councillors agreed that NYMNPA officers carefully consider applications.

25.28.2 Planning decisions by LPA – Noted

Application ref / Address	Description of Works
ZB24/02263/CLP - 24 Wheatlands	Application for certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for a loft conversion and roof extension to rear of dwelling. The decision on this proposal was: Granted.

25.29 Correspondence and Information from Clerk

To receive and review the correspondence and information details and decide upon necessary actions attached.

25.29.1 Correspondence for discussion-

From	Details
25.29.1.2 Village Hall	Roofing work required, only one quote received, work urgent, 2 further quotes requested. The Chair informed that the Village Hall committee have a meeting 5.3.25 and P Cllrs could attend to see works required. The Clerk confirmed that the financial regulations covered provision of works up to £3000. RESOLVED: Councillors approved the quote received as works were urgently required and this roofer had been used the previous year on the hall works and had been found to be best value at the time. ACTION: Clerk
25.29.1.2 YLCA	Communities Innovating Yorkshire fund, application closes 23.3.25 – no comments.
25.29.1.3 Whitby Wellbeing	Mobile Sauna Events Low Green proposal for 2-4hr weekly events – to discuss later in meeting

25.29.2 Correspondence for information

Resident	Request to have a commemorative bench Low Green looking towards Marwood Drive, to pay for new metal bench to replace an old wooden bench– Site meeting held, bench agreed needing replacing, awaiting response from resident if she wishes to proceed.
Rotary Club	Proposal of seeking permission to erect a metal seat in Waterfall Park to mark the occasion of celebrating 60 th year – Site meeting held, and site identified for bench, Awaiting response. The Clerk informed that an update had been received and this was progressing.
Resident	Request for memorial bench or tree in memory of father, long history with Scouts. Cost sent for new bench on High Green, progressing costs for base.
Studio Botez	Cost for emails for Clerk and Councillors and Proposal to make changes to website to become WWCAG2.2 compliant – being progressed
Resident x 1	Complaint regarding removal of dog waste bin Langbaugh Road
The Circuit	Information that defibrillator taken from case, checked, this was replaced unused.
Guisborough & District Amateur radio club	Disappointed GAPC didn't support a local club, Low Green not suitable due to trees. Request to let them know of any suitable event.
NYC	Home to school transport policy changes information received
YLCA	Training information Mar-June, Highways priorities /funding training, Biodiversity legislation training

25.30 To receive reports/information from Councillors and decide upon necessary actions.

Item	Information	Action / Comments
25.30.1 Village Appearance and concerns	Grass cutting across village	Grass cutting commenced early during good weather and the team were keeping on top of this. The Clerk informed that the van had been fitted with a tow bar to enable a trailer to be used and Mr Marley had 2 quotes with a cost of £1800 plus VAT for the type required. An additional quote would be obtained. RESOLVED: Purchase approved. To be progressed when the container was in place for storage.
	Low Green	Welding repair required to circular seat, requested.
	Waterfall Park	Plaque from park found in hedge, quote received and accepted for metal information stand to hold plaque - £100 plus VAT. To be installed when received.
	Bins / Road sweeping	Discussions ongoing with officer on replacements and complaints.
25.30.2 Facilities	Cemetery	Further concerns regarding dog waste, signs erected. Mr Marley informed of a property backing onto the cemetery where the team had blocked the access as there was no right of access but this had been cut back off, he had piled cemetery tree waste to block this and would monitor.
	Yatton Hse	Planning permission for container submitted, awaiting costs for base.
	Play Area	New bin liner needed following fire in bin.
	Public conveniences	Water damage noted 14.2.25 on far wall in Ladies toilets, Mr Marley cleared leaves /mulch from the drainpipes, leaving wall to dry, costs for painting being obtained.
	Village Hall	Door to be varnished. Building maintenance to be progressed.
	Council garage	Query re high number of bins behind garage/ High Street. Door to be sanded and painted. The Chair suggested that NYC be asked for support as the bins were causing issues being against the garage. ACTION: Clerk
25.30.3	Website / Social Media	Requirement for a clear vision and useable website and proposals to look at social media options. Cllr Mason requested to investigate additionality with a task and finish group. RESOLVED: Cllr Mason, Cllr Blackmore and Cllr Healy Duffose Belton to progress as a working party. ACTION: Councillors
25.30.4	Food event Village events Summer 2025	Event on 10.5.25 – Invites to stall holders/rides etc sent. To progress new PA system costs. Music licence to cost £149.50. Cllr Blackmore to organise poster and leaflets for schools. ACTION: Cllr Blackmore
25.30.5	Training Updates from Parish Councillors	Cllr Mason to attend Basic understanding of the Planning System 17.6.25 cost £27.40 Any verbal update – Mr Marley informed that he would paint the urinals in Waterfall Park over the Summer.

25.31 Financial Reports

To receive and approve items on the Accounts Report. Receipts and Payments to 4th March 2025 were **AGREED** as **RECEIVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the payments list be signed as approved in accordance with Financial Regulations.

ACCOUNTS REPORT

Receipts

Paid From	Description	Date	Amount £
M&B Rea	January fees	10.2.25	3150.00
B Clarkson	interment	17.2.25	100.00
	TOTAL		£3250.00

Payments

Paid to	Description	Date	Amount £
Mole Country stores	20l Rosate	31.1.25	£107.00
North Yorkshire Council	Advance charges for monthly bin collection	31.1.25	DD-£14.66
North Yorkshire Council	Advance charges for monthly bin collection	1.2.25	DD £69.23
Nat West	bank charges 4.1 to 31.1	1.2.25	DD £4.90
North Yorkshire Council	planning charge for container	4.2.25	£216.50
Radius UK Fuels	diesel for van and petrol for cutting	9.2.25	DD £89.48
Cleaning Products Limited	V screen urinal screen yellow citrus mango 2 x packs of 12	10.2.25	£63.13
Cleaning Products Limited	degreaser, mops, disinfectant, handwash, buckets cloths	10.2.25	£85.98
A Livingstone	Gandi - domain name renewal	11.2.25	£19.18
Valda Energy	electric parish council centre and cemetery	12.2.25	DD-£47.98
Sam Turner & Sons	bracket x 4 and shackle x 2	12.2.25	£8.20
Yatton House	Parish Council electric	13.2.25	£593.05
Sam Turner & Sons	workshop repair to DR Trimmer	14.2.25	£853.90
Sam Turner & Sons	rubble sacks 2 x 6, refuse bags x 10	14.2.25	£11.07
Lex Autolease	Van lease rental	17.2.26	DD £473.67
Valda Energy	electric public conveniences	16.2.25	DD £22.59
BNP Paribas Leasing	Grasscutter monthly fee	18.2.25	DD £456.00
A Livingstone	Safety sign supplies 5 x signs for Cemetery	19.2.25	£36.34
Sam Turner & Sons	nails, gravel engine oil	21.2.25	£48.98
PH Greenwell contractors	install new flushers, repair bottle filler	23.2.25	£292.69
Alan Dale	dig and fill graves	26.2.25	£425.00
Radius UK Fuels	diesel for grass cutter	26.2.25	DD £36.28
YLCA	training Income & Expenditure accounts for larger councils	26.2.25	£35.00
Arrived after agenda issued			
HSG Engineering	Allotment works – mini digger and operator 1 day, 1 ton hi tip dumper 2 days, 18 ltr derv	28.2.25	£483.53
Sam Turner & Sons	Redex Adblue 10ltr	28.2.25	£12.95
	TOTAL		£4382.01

The Clerk informed of notification of an increase from NYC on the collection of waste of 3.5% from April. She had also received a letter from Muckles LLP regarding the water supply to the Parish Centre. There had never been an invoice received or logged in the accounts prior to this and the invoices with a total value of just over £600 had been requested. *Attendees present left the meeting.*

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.

25.29.1.3 Councillors discussed the Whitby Wellbeing proposal of a sauna and cold-water therapy. It was agreed that commercial activities had not been accepted previously. Whilst the proposal was liked, there were concerns regarding the frequency and if this was in keeping with a Village Green which was well used. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to obtain information from other Parishes where this was offered to enable a charge to be ascertained. Councillors agreed if responses were favourable this could be accepted with a monthly frequency, and a review after 3 months.

ACTION: Clerk

Next Meeting –Tuesday, 1st April 2025 7pm at the Discovery Centre.

Signature

Date

Clerk: Mrs Angela Livingstone – clerk@great-ayton.org.uk