

**GREAT AYTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held at The Discovery Centre on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 - 7pm.

**Present:** Cllr Baylin, Cllr Blackmore, Cllr Greenwell, Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton, Cllr Kirk (Chair) and Cllr Mason.

**In Attendance:** Angela Livingstone (Clerk), Lee Marley (Cemetery and Services Superintendent), PC Giles Noble North Yorkshire Police, 30-40 residents.

**26.22 Apologies for absence**

All Parish Councillors were present. There were no declarations of interest. The Chair informed that a resignation had been received from a Parish Councillor and the election process had commenced with North Yorkshire Council.

*Due to the current concerns with anti-social behaviour in the village, the Chair thanked the Police Officer and residents for attending and moved the police report to the beginning of the meeting.*

**26.24 Police report** – North Yorkshire Police Constable Giles Noble introduced himself and reminded people of the need to report any incidents, even if they feel this may have been reported by someone else. There was a crime map and additional resources were placed where there was the most need. The best method of contacting police was questioned, as the 101 calls seemed to be put on hold for a very long period. PC Noble informed that residents could call 101 for non-urgent matters, 999 for emergencies and they could call the front desk at Stokesley station. He stated that he would be present in the village and could give his email address. He advised residents not give the children the attention they crave and to report everything no matter how small, and where possible safely gather CCTV and photographic evidence. The Chair reiterated the need to report any incidents. A resident stated that there had in the past been a dispersal order in the village and enquired if this would be considered. PC Noble advised that such a measure would need to be authorised by the Inspector. If there were such a large number of incidents reported there would need to be the circumstances to justify, but this impinged on civil liberties and would last for 24 hours. PC Noble acknowledged the spike in ASB and assured that the police were making headway with those involved. The group mainly involved around 6 main culprits aged 14 to 18 years old, from Great Ayton and the Middlesbrough area. Two of the culprits were due to be voluntary interviewed and parents had been notified. In some cases, they were having to attend either police and/or school interviews. Proof of involvement was needed to take any matter forward. He informed that in some cases children from outside the village were being dropped off at friends' homes and picked up by parents who were unaware or didn't seem to care about the issues. Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton gave a summary of known incidents in the village since late January, stating that on average Great Ayton had 17 incidents a month on the crime statistics, this rose to 26 in January and in February rose again to 33 which clearly showed a near 100% rise in crime against the average and it was RESOLVED that Parish Councillors would progress multi agency meetings to support this.

**ACTION: Councillors**

**Incidents noted**

- Adult Male set up on getting into his car on High Green by group of youths (pre last meeting)
- Ball bearing gun shot through Parish Council centre on High Green
- Youth on bikes rode actual bikes into the COOP
- Rock thrown through house window on High Street
- Adult male pensioner outside Suggets verbally assaulted and called 'nonce'
- Doors kicked in on several properties, sometimes multiple times.
- House doors opened and people run off
- Discovery Centre wooden railings vandalised
- Premier shop staff member assaulted
- Children not wanting to play out due to intimidation
- Highways temporary road furniture moved twice to block the high street road
- Thompsons hardware window damaged
- Joplins Restaurant - Customer verbally Assaulted and had things thrown at his Range Rover
- Spade stolen from fish & chip shop yard and used for some other deviance

A resident advised that when calling 101 he was informed that there were only two officers available between Thirsk and Great Ayton. This did not encourage reporting, and it was understood that the police were stretched. PC Noble confirmed that Great Ayton was not the only area suffering with an increase in ASB, this was not helped by social media. Other cases were discussed and it was agreed that whilst the police appreciated any information including CCTV and photographic evidence it was reiterated that people needed to put their safety first and not engage or challenge the children. Many of the concerns showed that verbal and threatening intimidation was more widespread than anticipated, especially to the older generation. Residents generally felt threatened by the size of groups loitering, aggressive body language and appearance, even when not directed specifically to a person. Volunteers in the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum reported the children having pushed boundaries the previous season. A resident reported that the previous summer he had called the fire brigade on four occasions when seeing fires lit above the quarry below Roseberry Topping. PC Noble confirmed that multi agency resources were involved including county council, social and housing services. The usefulness of Neighbourhood Watch schemes was discussed and PC Noble said this would have his full support.

~25 residents left the meeting and the Chair returned to the agenda order.

**26.23 Minutes from the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 as a true and accurate record. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

**26.24 Police report** – report received 3<sup>rd</sup> February. 1st – 31st January 2026 - ASB Personal: 2 (2 – same person reporting for ASB, ASB Nuisance: 1, Arson/Criminal Damage: 4, Burglary: Residential: 1, Theft (including from shops): 2 – Co-op 3, Auto crime/SMV: 1, Violence Against the Person: 9 (1 – hoax call) Total This Period: 26.  
1st – 28th February 2026 ASB Personal: 2, ASB Nuisance: 15, Arson/Criminal Damage: 3, Theft (including from shops):2  
Violence Against the Person: 10, Other crimes:1 TOTAL THIS PERIOD: 33  
Concerns on the increased ASB were discussed earlier in the meeting.

**26.25 Report from NYC Councillor** – Cllr Moorhouse had sent her apologies, the Clerk informed that a recent concern regarding Bennetts Corner was being progressed by Cllr Moorhouse.

**26.26 Allotments**

26.26.1 Update from COF application – The Chair informed that he was completing fortnightly reports and sending to the Advisor who was encouraging and very positive from the grant point of view.

26.26.2 Allotment committee meeting minutes – circulated draft minutes from 20.2.26. The Chair informed of little to add to the minutes from the meeting. Following the planning committee decision on 19<sup>th</sup> February, work had commenced on frantically trying to deal with the purchase of the allotments, lawyers were attempting to draw up the documentation, and he was expecting something back. The Parish Council offer had been accepted by the owner with no revision. One matter which he felt may take time to resolve was the need from the planning conditions for revisions required by the developer and an issue regarding the entrance access for the refuse wagon. He informed that the Parish Council Allotment implementation committee will meet again this month and that there may be the need for an emergency Parish Council meeting to sign off documents. Cllr Greenwell stated thanks to the Chair and the people involved in the committees. It was advised that the group was active and keen to go ahead. Mrs Young to forward quotes to the Chair for the shed for the community garden.

26.26.3 Allotment current matters report provided – Current issues - Tenant intimidating staff member 29.1.26, for second time in two weeks, reported to police and staff member purchased a bodycam. Tenant reported to PC and the complaints policy was followed. Investigated and found to be no concern. Concerns from tenants - Rats. The Clerk had emailed to a tenant regarding chicken feeding methods. Mr Marley felt that this had not been heeded and if the correct response was not evident the Clerk was asked to reiterate requirements to stop the rats. Plots let - Allocated 9c1. Request from tenant 44a2 request to install a polytunnel to go on one of the sides of the plot once fence erected. They had informed that this would not affect neighbours. They had not seen any adjoining plot holders when at the plot to enable discussion. The tunnel would be collapsed over the winter. Councillors discussed the request and RESOLVED to approve subject to a final check by the GAPC team on location. **ACTION: GAPC Team.** Available gardens 28a, 29a, 30a, 30b and 43b. Work had been undertaken with heavy machinery and a skip to clear three gardens, which were now available, but none were being relet as it was understood that some were needed for replacement plots for tenants effected with the sale of land.

## 26.27 Planning Matters

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

Application ref / Address	Description of Works	Parish Council responses
NYM/2026/0069 Roseberry Topping	Application for improvements to existing (permissive) footpaths including surfacing, realignments, surface water drains and path restoration together with installation of interpretation panels at paths to south east and west leading to the summit of Roseberry Topping, near Newton under Roseberry.	Parish Councillors RESOLVED this had their full support. <b>ACTION: Clerk</b>
ZB26/00238/CLP Field House 18 Yarm Lane	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use or development to construct a detached garage.	No comments

## 26.27.2 Planning decisions by LPA – Noted

Planning Ref/Address	Description Of Work
ZB25/02279/TPO 100 Guisborough Road	Application for works to a tree subject to a Tree preservation Order 19/00009/TP02 (Oak) Remove side shoots around trunk up to 2m high. The decision on this proposal was: Granted.
ZB25/02288/FUL 24 Linden Avenue	Proposed single storey extension to rear of house, proposed dormers to front and rear of house, proposed canopy. The decision on this proposal was: Granted.
ZB25/02299/FUL Langborough House 110 Newton Road	Application for a Proposed single storey extension to rear of house The decision on this proposal was: Granted.
ZB25/01962/FUL Hillrise 24 Linden Road	Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension with Roof Terrace, Demolition of detached garage and new proposed detached garage. The decision on this proposal was: Granted.
ZB25/01666/FUL 68 Roseberry Crescent	Construction of a single storey side extension and install 2 No. roof lights. Changes to windows. Creation of additional parking space. As amended by revised plans received 12 January 2026. The decision on this proposal was: Granted.

## 26.28 Lease Approval – Village Hall and Yatton House

The Village Hall licence had been signed by both sides and was complete. The Management Committee had made a payment for a 5-year period from January 2025 to January 2030. There had been no updates on the Yatton House lease.

## 26.29 Correspondence and Information from Clerk

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

### 26.29.1 Correspondence for discussion-

From	Details
Residents	3 x Complaints re potholes High Green – solicitor information received on responsibilities and options. The Chair stated that there was the need to progress the matter but explained the problems on the question of ownership and rights of access. He added that the Parish Council owned the High Green and looked after this grassed area. He reminded that there were several roads in the village which were not adopted and residents made their own provision. The Clerk was asked to request support from YLCA. A resident stated that it was many years since it was last resurfaced, and they had complained a few years ago, and holes had been filled. He suggested that the vast majority of the users of the road were not the residents and this was used as a roundabout. He added that he felt that the green was designated from the walls of the homes from one side to the other. The western side road was historically a bridlepath. He felt that the Parish Council was responsible for the green and the road. The Chair explained the vast cost for resurfacing and options of grassing over the road or blocking the road were commented on. Dry weather was awaited to get the holes filled. <b>ACTION: GAPC Team</b>
Resident	Request to plant Horse chestnut tree in memory, query where to plant where it would flourish. Sapling been in pot for 2 years now. Councillors discussed a suitable space for a large tree and suggested this could be planted within the Floodplain Meadow. Clerk to speak with BUGs. <b>ACTION: Clerk</b>

### 26.29.2 Correspondence for information

Resident	Complaint re condition of grass verge due to parking opposite Esso petrol station, NYC informed this did not meet the criteria for an actionable defect. Resident informed
Resident	Complaint re pothole repair workmanship on Race Terrace – NYC informed further works will be scheduled for the full repair to be complete. Resident informed
NYC	Street sweeping in December and January outsources, new small sweeper will visit in February and streets advised would be added to the worksheet
Resident	Concerns re hedge trimming requirements Little Ayton Lane – email sent to Taylor Wimpey x 2
NYC	Third public release of 'call for sites' submissions for the Local Plan
NYMNP	Update on planning website maintenance
Resident	Interest sent regarding the Parish Councillor vacancy, process advised
HarBus	Public meeting (zoom) 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Resident	Complaint re potholes Yarm Lane. Already reported by Clerk and response sent to resident.

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

Item	Information	Action / Comments
26.30.1 Facilities	Waterfall Park	Information being collated for refurbished panel, slight increase in price to £775+VAT. The Clerk explained that a photo of a flood on the original panel could not be located and a different picture and change to wording was being looked at to come for approval.
	Play Area	£5,114.67 being held in GAPC account. Further fundraising ongoing. A constituted group was being set up and a bank account being opened. Clerk to support group.
	Yatton House GAPC Team	Awaiting advise from Planning to further progress planning application. New door fitted on GAPC team office. Painted by GAPC team.
	Public Conveniences	To discuss/approve painting quotes received. Councillors discussed the three quotes received in 2025 with values of £1660, £1880 and £1960 and the more recent quotation from a recommended decorator K&J Decorating which was £975. <b>RESOLVED: Approved.</b> Toilets were closed 6 <sup>th</sup> February for repairs due to deliberate blockages. It was agreed that due to current ASB issues the toilets will continue being closed at 15.30pm at present. This would be monitored.
	Parish Office	Smashed glass 5 <sup>th</sup> February, reported to Police and repair completed.
	Brighten Up Great Ayton	Update of progress since January meeting – report provided <b>Bug Trail</b> - Studio Botez sponsoring the app and web pages, these will remain available without any charge. No changes needed to the posters/booklets/posts. content/links to be updated next month. <b>Great Ayton - Action for Pollinators</b> - draft updated plan to be ready for June meeting. <b>Brighten Up Great Ayton group</b> -The Climate Action Stokesley and Villages group (CASA <sup>v</sup> ) have agreed that the (BUG) will become a sub-group of CASA <sup>v</sup> and it will fall under their insurance. The BUG group are thinking of appropriate planting for the entrance signs to the village. <b>Floodplain meadow</b> - three alder buckthorn and some hemp agrimony added. Birds foot trefoil seed sown and will be planted.
26.30.2 Village Events	Summer Fete 13 <sup>th</sup> June/14 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Fairground rides requested to set up on Friday night, owner to stay at site. Not to be used until fete. Girlguiding group enquired if they would be an opportunity to parade. This was not possible. Entertainment and stalls still being progressed. Teesside Wind Band request to play on Low Green afternoon of 6 <sup>th</sup> June, following discussions they have agreed that there are sufficient members to play on Sunday

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		14 <sup>th</sup> on High Green.
26.30.3 Training sessions	First Aid training at Allotments  Allotment Agreement webinar	To approve training to be booked for up to 18, at a cost of £750, to be reclaimed from grant when received. RESOLVED: Approved.  Cllr Mason to attend session on 4 <sup>th</sup> March.
26.30.4 Website / social media		WCAG2.2 all actions as per section 1.1 complete. gov.uk domain and emails for Councillors still to be finalised. The Parish Council Facebook page now had 326 followers.
25.30.5 Any update from Parish Councillors or the GAPC Team		Cllr Mason advised that he had progressed hosting a series of community litter picks and had collected grab stick and high visibility vests. He intended organising the first one for the end of March and would advertise this on the Facebook page. Areas of concern mentioned were John Street and Waterfall Park. There had been an offer of support for litter picking from the Brethren Christian church who had attended this evening to reiterate this. Mr Marley informed that there was again dog dirt in the Cemetery. This had not been as regular as it had been. He felt that many people walking the dogs within the Cemetery had no relatives in there and were just using this as a walking route off road. The increasing levels of dog dirt in the village was discussed and it was felt to be at a very concerning level especially on Roseberry Crescent, Newton Road and through the village centre. Residents were encouraged to report to North Yorkshire Council Environmental Services, but the availability of a Dog Warden was unknown. This matter was to be monitored.

### 25.31 Financial Reports

To receive and approve items on the Accounts Report. Receipts and Payments to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 were **AGREED** as **RECEIVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the payments list be signed as approved in accordance with Financial Regulations.

#### **ACCOUNTS REPORT – MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**

##### Receipts

Paid From	Description	Date	Amount £
Gear4Music	Refund from returned purchase	30.1.26	£647.96
North East granite	Install headstone	10.2.26	£125.00
Rea Funeral service	January fees	11.2.26	£1350.00
Everflow	Refund of bill	13.2.26	£698.64
Village Hall	Peppercorn rent £1 per year Jan 25 – Jan 30	16.2.26	£5.00
Allotment tenant	Rent and deposit 9C1	25.2.26	£56.00
Allotment tenant	Key deposit 44a2	25.2.26	£20.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2902.60</b>

##### Payments

Paid to	Description	Date	Amount £
Mole country stores	20l rosate	30.1.26	£ 107.94
Nat West	bank charges 3.1-30.1	1.2.26	£ 9.25
North Yorkshire Council	Advance monthly bin collection charges	1.2.26	£ 71.51
Sam Turner & Sons	Cemetery guttering parts for outbuilding	2.2.26	£ 70.01
Sam Turner & Sons	Cemetery guttering parts for outbuilding	3.2.26	£ 3.70
A Livingstone	Gandi.net renewal great-ayton.org.uk domain	11.2.26	£ 19.18
Valda Energy	electric parish centre and cemetery	12.2.26	£ 21.42
A Livingstone	Amazon laminating machine with pouches	12.2.26	£ 29.98
A Livingstone	Amazon radar key for toilets	12.2.26	£ 3.99
A Livingstone	Toolstation white gloss paint and brushes	16.2.26	£ 22.54
Valda Energy	public toilets electric	16.2.26	£ 24.01

Lex Autolease	Van lease	16.2.26	£	473.67
BNP Paribas leasing	Kubota mower	16.2.26	£	456.00
Thompsons Hardware	Toilet consumables	20.2.26	£	59.36
Everflow	Water in Cemetery, Allotments and toilets	19.2.26	£	130.96
UK Fuels Limited	Grass cutter petrol	22.2.26	£	39.08
Sam Turner & Sons	Allotment - post, tape, water tap/pipe parts	23.2.26	£	30.24
Sam Turner & Sons	Allotment -rat bait box x 2	23.2.26	£	14.98
Staff/HMRC/pensions	February wages inc tax, NI and pension	25.2.26	£	7,872.07
Alan Dale	dig & fill grave 11.2	26.2.26	£	430.00
<i>Additional invoices received</i>				
Sean Hugill	Supply and fit door store cabin Yatton Hse	26.2.26	£	384.00
Jason Gawthorpe	Replace glass in Parish Centre	1.3.26	£	80.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£10,535.89</b>

*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 – Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7pm at the Discovery Centre. Meeting at a later date in the month due to Easter.

Signature

Date

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