Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council held on **Monday 3rd February 2025 at 6.30pm in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons

PRESENT: Councillor A Watson (Chairman) in the Chair. Councillors; D Tate, A Harrison, J Parkin, R Corner, P Perry, S Bremner.

Cllr Clive Pearson – North Yorkshire Council (NYC)
A-M Benson - Clerk

There was a Public session prior to the start of the meeting. No members of the public were present, so no issues were raised.

1. APOLOGIES.

1.1. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs M Warner, L Jones, R Atherton
1.2. The reasons for absence by councillors were given.
RESOLVED: The reasons and apologies were agreed and approved.

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2. DISPENSATION AND INTERESTS.

2.1. *To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation.*
2.2. *To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.*
NOTED: no such declarations or applications were received.

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3. MINUTES.

3.1. *To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th January 2025, as a true and correct record.* **RESOLVED**: The minutes were agreed, approved and signed as an accurate record.

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4. POLICE MATTERS.

To receive the latest Police report. No crime was reported in the Eskdaleside area. **RESOLVED**: that the report be noted.

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5. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC) REPORT.

To receive general update report from the NYC Councillor and updates on items detailed from previous meetings and to decide on actions to be taken, where necessary. Councillors have an opportunity to ask questions.

Cllr Pearson update:
There was a discussion around the proposed Whitby Maritime hub.
NY Fire service precept is to raise by 29% or £24 for Band D properties.
Locality budgets are to be halved for 2025-26, reducing to £5000 for the year.
Whitby is to lose its remaining High St Bank. There was a question raised about; don't community banking hubs need to be established before the closure takes place? NYC are to fight the closure.
NYC Highly-paid Officers – has increased to 32 (up from 26) in 2024-25.
Additional Recycling Bin – Rollout to begin in the Ryedale area. Current doorstep recycling to increase to 2 bins – one for paper and card, and another for tins, plastic and glass etc.
A discussion took place about the "Call for sites" for future development sites, and concerns were raised that there were a significant number of sites, included in the Eskdaleside area.

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6. ITEMS FROM MEETING HELD ON THE 6th JANUARY 2025.

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide actions to be taken, where necessary:

6.1. *EUPC Website* – The Clerk and Cllr Bremner met to discuss options for a new website. The recommended website is Hugo Fox, Cllr Bremner has started a 'mock' new website. The issue of whether we can redirect people from our old website domain still remains and for how long. Some further investigation is required, but time is of the essence.
RESOLVED: Approved to contract with and move our website to Hugo Fox, once issues around the domain redirect are resolved. Clerk and Cllr Bremner to take this forward before the next meeting, if possible.

6.2. S106 monies from planning application NYC. ZF24/00437/FLA - Land adj. 69 Carr Hill Lane, Briggswath. **RESOLVED**: to defer to next meeting, as no substantive reply yet received.

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7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** *To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:*
NOTED: None were received

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8. **PLANNING DECISIONS.** *To receive and note the following planning decision/information:*
NOTED: None were received

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9. ANGLO AMERICAN (AA) / WOODSMITH MINE.

9.1. *Skills4Work Team. Update on works undertaken or to be undertaken and decide actions to be taken if necessary.* The Clerk reported that she had a useful meeting with Heather King from AA to get up to speed with the work they do and the Skills 4 Work program.
It was suggested that S4W team could be asked to remove the snowberry bushes between the footbridge over the River Esk (south side) and the A169 road bridge Jason Fenwick (S4W co-ordinator) may be able to get permission from NYC to cut them down. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to approach Jason to see if this is possible.

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10. FINANCE. To consider and decide action where necessary.

10.1. *To receive the payment schedule and approve payment of the invoices detailed therein and sign cheques.*

10.2. *To receive and approve the bank reconciliation*

10.3. *To receive and approve Budget vs Actual Jan 2025*
RESOLVED: All Items 10.1-10.3 were agreed and approved, and the cheques duly signed.

10.4 Clerk and Cllr Tate provided an update on the move to internet banking. Cllr Tate had to travel to Malton to TSB pop-up to give his phone number. Cllr Tate to contact TSB shortly to make progress with this matter. Once that is done, account details and signatories can be updated.
RESOLVED: to update the Council at the next meeting.

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11. PARISH MAINTENANCE. To consider issues and decide actions to be taken, if required.

11.1. **Public Conveniences** – Update and decision on actions to be taken.

11.1.1. *PAT and emergency light testing.* This has been agreed and Cllr Tate to arrange a time with electrician.

11.2. **Parish Council Assets - Maintenance / Repairs to –** Update and decide on actions to be taken.

11.2.1. *Village pump refurbishment*. No progress yet **RESOLVED**: defer to next meeting

11.2.2. *Village pump plaque costs.* No progress yet **RESOLVED**: defer to next meeting.

11.2.3. Update on destroyed seat at bottom of Sandy Lane and replacement.
RESOLVED: Clerk authorised to order the bench before the next meeting and arrange installation.

11.2.4. *Update on replacement of unstable seat on Birch Grove*. The Clerk was mistaken about the bench required (Phoenix recycled plastic). **RESOLVED**: Cllr Tate to see when concrete base can be laid. Clerk then authorised to order the bench before next meeting and arrange installation.

11.3. **Footpaths –** *To receive report or updates from Cllr Tate or the Clerk on any issues within the Parish boundary and decide on actions to take.*

11.3.1. *Featherbed Lane signs.* Nothing to report.

11.3.2. *Whin Green to Iburndale footpath repairs*. Nothing to report

11.3.3. *NYMNPA – PC priority route.* Clerk said that NYMPA (Bethany) were aware of a few issues on this route. Various work in the pipeline, there are no finalised plans as yet, but Bethany will keep us updated. **RESOLVED**: to wait for an update from Bethany.

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12. NYC / HIGHWAYS. *To consider issues, updates and decide on actions to be taken.*

12.1. *Karl Battersby meeting* – Clerk has requested a face to face meeting, and arranging this has been delayed due to annual leave. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to organise meeting once further information has been received, hopefully within a week.

12.2. *Response, if received, from NYC Streetworks in regard to the road reinstatement at Carr Hill Lane / Ridge Lane junction.* The Clerk notified the meeting that Streetworks have ordered the contractors to make good on the repairs and this should be scheduled for next month.

12.3. *Update on the Linden Close wildlife area management plan.* The Clerk met with Greg Crowther from Parks and Grounds and completed a walk round of the wildlife area. There is no maintenance plan due to their being no S106 money for this site, and with it being a wildlife area. However, the possibly dead willow tree, may become a hazard, and so will be checked in spring and if dead, listed for removal within 12 months. The fallen tree in the pond, is not a hazard and so will most likely be left to rot. **RESOLVED**: to note this update and notify the Clerk if any items in the area become a hazard or safety concern.

12.4. *Response, if received, regarding site meeting at Ugglebarnby Low Lane regarding the excavated water filled hole in the verge.* Clerk's meeting with Andrew Santon, where this was to be discussed has been postponed for now. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to contact NYC Highways to get an update.

12.5. *Road Safety at junction of Birch Avenue and Lowdale Lane, Sleights.* As 12.4
RESOLVED: Clerk to contact NYC Highways to get an update.

12.6. *Grit bin refills at Iburndale Lane, The Cliff and Carr Hill Lane* – these have all been re-filled and the faulty bin repaired.

12.7. *Other issues - Birch Grove street sign, Littlebeck streetlight and Beyond Housing low branch* – Street sign repaired, Streetlight being resolved and Beyond Housing are to investigate.

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13. NETWORK RAIL AND SAFETY ISSUES AT SLEIGHTS STATION. *To consider reports and decide on actions to be taken*

Cllr Tate has noticed on 3 occasions that passengers getting off the train have stood so close to the carriages that could fall under the train. Also, in the dark, people cannot see the trains coming due to signs and the height of the fences, which is dangerous. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to request a site meeting between Network Rail and Cllr Tate to discuss the issue.

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14. EUPC BUSINESS CONTINUTY PLAN. *To consider a draft Business continuity plan for the Council*.

The Clerk presented the Business Continuity Plan (BCP) that is based on a YLCA template. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to make the amendments discussed and bring to the next meeting for approval.

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15. COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS. *To consider reports and decide on actions to be taken*. None attended.

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16. CORRESPONDANCE. The following correspondence was received and the decisions made were as follows.

16.1. **For Decision**

16.1.1. *Email from resident regarding fly tipping* **RESOLVED**: Clerk to reply to the resident explaining the Parish Council cannot investigate the matter (that power lies with NYC) but it will look to raise awareness of the issue through the newsletter and website, during the growing season.

16.2. **For information only.** (Not for discussion or decision).

16.2.1. General correspondence circulated to Councillors.

16.2.2. General updates from YLCA circulated to Councillors.

16.2.3. Information and / or public consolations received from NYC and other third parties circulated to Councillors and where appropriate uploaded to the Parish Council Web site.

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17. MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT MEETINGS AGENDA.

VE day 80th celebrations – Preparation and planning

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18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

18.1. Resolved – the Parish Council meetings will be as follows as per the agreed meeting schedule.

Monday **3rd March 2025** - NO PUBLIC SESSION

6:30pm – 7:00pm Annual Parish Meeting with Speaker, if can be arranged

7:00pm – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – Joyce Sargent Room, Sleights Village Hall.

Monday **7th April 2025** - 6:30pm, Joyce Sargent Room, Sleights Village Hall.

Monday **12th May 2025** - 6:30pm, Annual Parish Council Meeting, followed immediately by the ordinary Parish Council meeting - Joyce Sargent Room, Sleights Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: ……. Chairman. **Dated: …….**

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