Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council held on **Monday 2nd March 2026 at 6.30pm in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bremner, R Corner, A Harrison, J Parkin, D Tate, A Watson (In the Chair).

North Yorkshire Councillor C Pearson

H King (Anglo American)

Members of the public: 2

C Raistrick – Clerk

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1. **APOLOGIES.**

1.1. Cllrs P Perry and M Warner.

1.2. **RESOLVED**: To approve the reasons for absence

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2. **DISPENSATION AND INTERESTS**.

2.1. To receive, consider & decide upon any applications for dispensation. **Noted**: None received

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**: None received.

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3. **MINUTES.**

3.1. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2026 were discussed. The clerk stated that the correction requested by Cllr Harrison asking for Cllr Tate's name to be removed from the list of councillors offering to join the group to review the Parish Plan had been actioned. **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a true and correct record.

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4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.** The representatives of the Trail Riders fellowship asked if the council had received the letter regarding Seggimire Lane and their proposed maintenance programme. The meeting confirmed that the letter had been received and distributed to all councillors. They told the meeting that they were organising a work party for Sunday 22nd March to tidy Seggimire Lane meeting at approximately 10am and invited council members to join this party. They intend to clear drains, trim and generally tidy up before growth begins. They explained that they work with North Yorkshire as part of the volunteer Parkkeepers scheme, undertaking minor maintenance across the county and submitting reports to North Yorkshire Council about the work done. They work with Samantha McGivern, a Volunteer Coordinator, and are the largest volunteer group in the county. The members noted the date.

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5. **POLICE MATTERS.**

The February report for incidents during January had been received and distributed. There were no incidents of note reported for the area. At the time of the meeting the March report had not been received.

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6. **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC) REPORT.**

Cllr Pearson reported the following to the meeting:

- Annual demand for all services is growing for all services and especially for children's services. Currently North Yorkshire is working with more than 1500 SEND children of whom 80% are assessed within 20 weeks.
- They are also working with the NHS around the discharge of patients to try to reduce the length of hospital stays.
- They have allocated the second homes council tax premium to affordable housing.
- The local plan is in the process of being prepared. North Yorkshire have a target of 4,200 new homes per year outside of the national parks which he felt to be challenging.
- It is understood that the Locality budget remains the same as last year (£5,000/year)
- Cllr Pearson was asked about the email asking for further sites for possible building and if there a deadline for this. He stated that he thought it likely that any deadline would be extended.
- He also told the meeting that the NYMNPA will be requesting sites for housing soon – probably in summer.
- A question was asked about when the 4 bins will be distributed to this area. Cllr Pearson understands that it will not be until 2027/28. He explained that the additional bin is to allow the separation of glass from paper and cardboard, reducing contamination when glass gets broken in the bin and increasing the amount recycled. In addition, the council have been given a dispensation for the collection of food waste allowing a much later start date for the service.
- Car Parking charges are set to rise while fees will also be 'rebalanced' to ensure consistency across the county.

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7. **ITEMS FROM THE MEETING of 2nd February 2026.**

7.1. Consultation on the North Yorkshire Local Plan. No further update.
7.2. S106 agreement regarding land adjacent to 69 Carr Hill Lane (Decision Notice ZF24/00437/FLA). No response to this had been received at the time of the meeting.

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8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**.

8.1. **North Yorkshire Council**.
None received

8.2. **North Yorks moors National Park Authority**

8.2.1. NYM/2026/0021 – Application for demolition of existing farmhouse and construction of replacement dwelling at Bleach Garth Farm, Littlebeck, YO22 5EZ. The location of the site was discussed. The meeting was told that the building is in a bad state of repair and was last refurbished in the 1980s. It is now damp, rotten and falling apart. The plan submitted is to rebuild on the current footprint. It is not overlooked. It was suggested that this application be supported. The meeting **RESOLVED** to support the application.

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9. **PLANNING DECISIONS.** To receive and note the following planning decision/information:

9.1. 25/04254/FUL - Giraffe House 26 Carr Hill Lane Briggswath. Erection of single storey side extension and elevated walkway to side and rear. No decision had been seen for this application.

10. **ANGLO AMERICAN (AA) / WOODSMITH MINE.**

10.1. Heather King from Anglo American gave a report to the meeting. She told the meeting that a letter had been sent out to all residents explaining that Mitsubishi had entered into an agreement with Anglo American and that they had offered a small equity investment. They currently are in partnership with Anglo American in copper mining so they already have an established relationship. It is hoped that this will have a positive effect, encouraging more investment. It is currently hoped to 'ramp up' work in 2028. Work is ongoing in the shaft and the tunnel has exceeded 30km.

The application for drilling at the Dean Hall site has gone in (it was received too late from the NYMNPA for inclusion in this meeting). If it goes ahead they hope to start drilling in July. She explained that the traffic management plan for the site would be the same as access to Woodsmith (through Whitby, not Sleights or Sneaton) when it was stated that the council would be concerned about more traffic travelling through Iburndale to get to Dean Hall. It was felt that additional signage would be required to enforce this.

Concern was also expressed about noise levels and lighting. Worries were raised that steps to reduce these issues may not be as effective with a temporary site. Heather explained that the rig was smaller than the original rig and that a visit could be arranged to see the rig and understand the noise levels. She also asked that people contact her if they had any concerns.

10.2. Issues regarding mining activities that impact the Parish**.** None raised.

10.3. Skills4Work Team. It is understood that the coordinator of the Skills4Work team has been informed that his contract will cease and the project end. The meeting expressed their dissatisfaction with this and it was stated that there was now a need to make provision in the budget for work previously carried out by the team. Once confirmation that the scheme was definitely ending was received, it was suggested that the council contact Anglo American and ask if they are able to continue to support the work in some way.

11. **FINANCE.** To consider and decide action where necessary.

11.1. To receive the payment schedule and approve payment of the invoices detailed therein and sign the cheques. **RESOLVED**: To approve the March 2026 payment schedule and to sign the cheques.

11.2. To receive and approve the Bank reconciliation and Budget vs Actual for February 2026. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation and Budget vs Actual for February 2026. In addition, the Clerk had now gained internet access to the account and it was **RESOLVED** that she would now send details to Cllrs Jones and Parkin to enable them to do the same so that in future BACS payments could be made to suppliers rather than using cheques.

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

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

Bedding plants had been added to the planter next to the toilets by the cleaner. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk contact the cleaner and give her the council's thanks.

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

12.2.1. Bench Maintenance. The work had now been completed and an invoice received which was included in the payment schedule.

12.2.2. Ian Smith from North Yorkshire Council had been in touch to say that they were happy with the design of the picnic bench but that they would discuss the siting of it at a later date. It was **RESOLVED** that the picnic bench be ordered from Glasdon. That North Yorkshire Council be contacted to ask about the installation and inform them that the council would be happy to pay.

12.2.3. Noticeboards – the clerk updated the meeting on the cost of a new noticeboard for the station. This would be in excess of £1,000. Discussion ensued about the possibility of using the money for installation for a noticeboard instead.

12.3. **Footpaths**. To receive a report from Cllr Tate or the Clerk on any issues within the Parish boundary and decide on actions to be taken.

12.3.1. Andrew Hall, the footpath officer, had been in contact to say that a contractor was beginning work on the footpath at Whin Green this week (week commencing 2/3/26) and would finish w/c 9/3/26. The council had made £500 available as a contribution for this work and it was understood that an invoice from North Yorkshire Council would be received for this. In addition, Andrew Hall was going to ask Samatha McGivern to contact Cllr Tate about the Path Keepers scheme to get more information about volunteer groups. Cllr Tate was going to update the village facebook site about the footpath repair and asked that the information be added to the council facebook page and website. Cllr Tate will send this information to the clerk and Cllr Bremner.

12.3.2. Seggimire Lane. This had been discussed at the public participation segment. The meeting was reminded that the Trail Riders Fellowship volunteer group will be working on the lane on 22nd March.

12.3.3. The Carrs Active Travel Proposal update. The next meeting is13th March.

12.3.4. Access from the footbridge to the railway station. No response has been received yet.

12.4. **Linden Close.** No issues to update on at this time. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange a site meeting with Ian Smith to discuss the issues.

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13. **NYC / HIGHWAYS.** To consider issues and decide on actions to be taken.

13.1 Review of the list of highways issues and update on the meeting with the new area manager, Area 3 Highways. The meeting with Hannah Bension was felt to have been positive, opening the lines of communications. In addition, she had responded to the issues listed with actions for different North Yorkshire staff. It was **RESOLVED** that the council should ask for a monthly update on the highways issues.

A number of issues were continuing to cause concern:

Brackenhill Lane and the water issue. **RESOLVED** that the clerk write and ask who owns the lane and to find out where the water is coming from to solve the problem.

Sandy Lane and drainage. **RESOLVED** to ask who owns Sandy Lane in order to tackle this issue.

Dangerous trees – Parks and Grounds are dealing with this. **RESOLVED** that Clerk ask Parks and Grounds for an update in progress.

Stability of the retaining wall on Blue Bank. **RESOLVED** that this be added to the list and also ask if anything is being done about this.

Ugglebarnby to Sneaton road. It was stated that every gulley is blocked. **RESOLVED** to ask North Yorkshire to investigate.

Hannah Benson had given the council the details of the new contact replacing Andrew Santon.t. The Clerk will contact them.

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13.2 Smiddyfields signage. No update

13.3 Water on Sandy Lane – see 13.1

14 WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

14.1 The Facebook page has been set up and posts have been added. A number of local Fb pages have been followed to raise the profile of the EcU Fb page. A calendar has been added to the website. Any suggestion for the Fb page to be sent to Cllr Bremner.

15 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

An update from the working group was given. Cllrs Bremner, Harrison and Parkin had met and reviewed the last questionnaire. The updated questionnaire had been distributed to all members for review and comment. Comments to Cllr Harrison by Friday 6th March.

The meeting was told that the questionnaire had been put onto a google form and then tested on various devices (e.g IPAD, Android). Using google forms would remove much of the manual analysis required previously. It was, however, stated that some paper forms would have to be available for people who were unable to access an online form. There was a 48% response rate when the last questionnaire was sent out. It was hoped that there would be a similar number this time. At this point it was stated that a lot more work needs to done to improve the online presence of the council before the survey is promoted.

Cllr Harrison is to organise a further meeting. Routes to encourage participation need to be discussed. It was felt that posters around busy areas would be useful – the surgery, shops, chip shop for example. One word of caution was sounded in that as the survey would be anonymous it would not be possible to ensure that people responded only once but this was felt to be a minor weakness.

16 **COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS.** To consider reports and decide on actions to be taken.
No external meetings had been attended in February

17 **CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

To consider the following and decide actions where necessary.

Three co-option vacancies. Decide how to advertise and any deadline for applications.

The clerk was asked to check procedures with the Returning Officer. Cllr Pearson offered to check with the North Yorkshire Monitoring Officer.

18 **CORRESPONDENCE.** The following correspondence was received and the decisions made were as follows.

18.1. **For Decision**

18.1.1. 2026 Great British Spring Clean. Discuss and decide if the council could be involved in any way. Add to the website

- **For information only.** (Not for discussion or decision).
  - North York Moors National Park Planning Updates.
  - General updates from YLCA circulated to Councillors.
  - General updates from NALC circulated to Councillors.

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- Information and / or public consultations received from NYC and other third parties circulated to Councillors and where appropriate uploaded to the Parish Council Website

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

- Nothing identified

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20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 13th April 2026 - 6:30pm, Joyce Sargeant Room, Sleights Village Hall.

- Annual Parish Meeting 6.30 to be followed by
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed: …….. Chairman. Dated: ……..

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