Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council held on **Monday 6th October 2025 at 6.30pm in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons

PRESENT: Councillor A Watson (Chairman) in the Chair. Councillors: S Bremner, R Corner, A Harrison, L Jones, J Parkin, P Perry and D Tate.
North Yorkshire Councillor C Pearson
Representative of Anglo American: Ms H King

C Raistrick – Clerk

Members of the public 3

1. **APOLOGIES.**

1.1. Councillor M Warner
1.2. **RESOLVED**: To approve the reasons for absence.

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4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

It was decided to bring this session forward in the agenda.

The issue of a footpath along The Carrs was discussed again. Mr Budd from Whitby introduced himself and his daughter and grandson from Sleights and asked a number of questions of the council about the council previous actions regarding a footpath along The Casrrs. He also informed the Parish Council that this issue was to be discussed the following day (7th October 2025) by Whitby Town Council in whose area the other part of The Carrs falls. He was told that it is still on a list of capital projects held by North Yorkshire Council but the cost is high (in excess of £1 million) and there are many other projects which are seen as more urgent.
It was stated that a Whitby Town Councillor had suggested forming a joint working party between Whitby Town Council and Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council to consider this issue. Once the Town Council meeting has been held it will be clearer how to progress with the issue.

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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. **RESOLVED**: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st September 2025 were agreed and approved as a true and correct record.

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5. P**OLICE MATTERS.**

The report for October 2025 was read out to the meeting by the Chair. Two representatives of the Police arrived at 7.15 and explained the report and took questions from the council.
The following issues were mentioned:

- 1st September 2025 – assault on Selstone Crescent – victim did not want to bring charges.

- 16th September - serious RTI resulting in a single vehicle fatality.
- 24th September – report from carer about dent to car.

Also mentioned was that e-bike theft is likely to increase and that it would be useful to put a warning out to the community encouraging them to secure their e-bikes.

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

Councillor Pearson gave an update to the meeting. He explained that he was attending a meeting the next day (7th October) to discuss what, if anything, would replace the Model Agreement that had been in place in the former Scarborough borough district. He was not hopeful that there would be any replacement and told the meeting that in other areas their precept funded works currently funded from the Model Agreement income. He will update the council once he knows what is happening.
Answering a question about the fourth bin that will be introduced by NYC, Cllr Pearson thought that it could be 1 to 2 years before they are introduced in this area.

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7. **ITEMS FROM THE MEETING of 1st September 2025.**

7.1. Consultation on the North Yorkshire Local Plan. **NOTED** That it was likely to be another 2 years before there is consultation on the Local Plan. Cllr Harrison also explained that the North York Moors National Park Authority would be putting forward a Local Plan for the National Park for consultation.

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8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**.

8.1. **North Yorkshire Council**.

- **ZF25/00900/OL** 40 Birch Avenue, Sleights**,** Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 5DA – Proposed new dwelling within the existing garden. Cllr Tate explained that this was an outline application for a 3 bedroomed dwelling with all matters reserved except the access. The access would not be required for the site as it is already there at No, 40. However, using that as an access for the proposed new dwelling will take away all the parking for No. 40. He also stated that the plot seemed very small for a three bedroomed house and that, as off street parking for 2 cars with a turning area would be required, there would be limited space remaining for amenity use. **RESOLVED:** to object to the application as overdevelopment of a small plot and on the grounds of lack of parking and amenity space.

8.2 **North Yorks moors National Park Authority**
None received.

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

9.1. **Noted:** Planning Enforcement Case 24/00141/NC 3 Briggswath. Changed to Juliet balcony

9.2. **ZF25/00663/HS** Yew Tree Close - Erection of single storey rear extension. Awaiting a decision as at 28.9.25

9.3. **ZF25/00734/FL**, 38 Brook Park Briggswath Whitby North Yorkshire YO21 1RT Conversion of garage to annexe and holiday use. Permitted with conditions. The accommodation shall remain ancillary or incidental to the use of the main house. It shall not be sold off, let out or occupied separately from 38 Brook Park with the exception of use for holiday letting purposes.

9.4. **NYM/2025/0443**, 1 Hard Struggle Cottages, Eskdaleside, Sleights - Application for removal of chimney stack at 1 Hard Struggle Cottages, Eskdaleside, Sleights**.** Approved with conditions

9.5. **NYM/2025/0214**, land between 3 and 9 Eskdaleside, Sleights. Amended application. No decision yet. Comments open until 5th October

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

10.1. Heather King from Anglo American gave an update on the project immediately after item 2. She said that she should be able to give more detail to the next meeting but, at this point, she could give the following information:

- Anglo American are currently liaising with the planning authority about changes to the planning conditions as they need to sink a deeper ventilation shaft.
- There will be additional drilling, both on-site and off-site, which may include a site near Blue Bank. This is to gain additional data about the polyhalite seams.
- A merger has been announced between TECK, a Canadian mining company, and Anglo-American. It could take 18 months for this to be finalised. The new name of this company will be Anglo-Teck. It should make that the company is less vulnerable to takeover. In the meantime, the Woodsmith mine is still waiting for an announcement from Anglo, before Christmas, about further funding which will be required if redundancies are to be avoided.

10.2. Issues regarding mining activities that impact the Parish**.** Ms King asked if were any issues with traffic – non raised.

10.3. Skills4Work Team. Ms King mentioned that they were active again and know about tidying up the war memorial. It was also mentioned that the weeds at Briggswath had now been removed.

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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 payment schedule and to sign the cheques.

11.2. To receive and approve the Bank reconciliation and Budget vs Actual for August 2025. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation and Budget vs Actual for August 2025.

11.3. To receive and note an update regarding the replacement of the Model Agreement. As stated earlier. No update had been received but should be known by the November meeting. **RESOLVED**: Cllr Harrison to forward his work on the size of the increase in the precept required for 2026/27 without the Model Agreement.

11.4. Update on new policy for charging parish councils for elections – contested and uncontested. **RESOLVED:** to ensure that election costs are included in budget planning.

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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

12.1.1 Voluntary contribution box – has been purchased. Cllr Tate has purchased a piece of oak to fasten it to and will complete the installation outside the toilets. Once a padlock has been purchased the toilet cleaner will be asked to empty the box every time they clean the toilets.

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

12.2.1 Village pump plaque. The plaque is now in position.

12.2.2 Bench maintenance. A quote from Town and Country Landscapes has been received and the Clerk read it out to the meeting. **RESOLVED**: to accept the quote. The Clerk will go

back to Town and Country Landscapes and inform them that they have been successful and ask them to complete the work.

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

12.3.1 Featherbed Lane signs. Ordered, received and in place.

12.3.2 Whin Green to Iburndale footpath repairs. The Footpath Officer for NYC had contacted Cllr Tate and explained that the contractor who had looked at the work with them had not come back with a quote. He has asked another contractor to do the work.

12.3.3 NYMNPA has asked all Parish Councils to identify two routes that could be maintained by the NYMNPA. Whilst discussing this issue Cllr Harrison, who had attended the Northern Area Forum, updated the meeting about the discussion held on communication from the NYMNPA about footpaths which was felt to be poor. There will now be more feedback from the NYMNPA about work being undertaken on footpaths. **RESOLVED**: The route funded by the Community Access project - Whin Green, Battlebanks, Tom Bells Lane, Seggimire Lane and back to Whin Green to be submitted. (See also 12.3.5 re Seggimire Lane)

12.3.4 Diversion Order Coast to Coast National Trail Diversion Order Sleights Moor – information from NYMNPA. **NOTED:** this is now in place.

12.3.5 Seggimire Lane – report from resident regarding motorbike use of Seggimire Lane. A report had been received from a local resident about the use of Seggimire Lane by motorbikes stating that large groups of motorcyclists were using the lane, often at speed, causing distress to horses and dogs and damaging the surface of the lane. This is a long-standing issue and in the past 4-wheel drive vehicles were stopped from using the lane. In 2004 NYC drew up an agreement with the Trail Riders Association allowing the use of Seggimire Lane by motorbikes. After a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would take the following actions:

- Write to the Trail Riders Association asking them to remind their members about using Seggimire Lane considerately abiding by the Agreement.
- Contact the area ranger from the NYMNPA, Ben Platt, about the condition of the lane and identify it as one of our priority routes.
- Reply to the email from the resident and explain what is being done and that it is on our agenda as a priority route.
- Contact the rural policing team to make them aware of the complaint.

12.4 **Linden Close.** The fence near the stream water had been repaired but the unsafe trees are still there**. RESOLVED**: That the clerk request that a survey is undertaken on the trees.

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

13.1 Update on meeting with Richard Marr from NYC Highways. Mr Marr had contacted the clerk offering to meet to review the issues listed on Wednesday 15th October. **RESOLVED**: Cllr Tate and Cllr Parkin will meet with Mr Marr at 1pm on Wednesday 15th October at Sleights Village Hall.

13.2 Smiddyfields signage. **NOTED**: No response received about this. Clerk to chase up.

13.3 Footpath outside No 15 The Carrs (possible relocation of streetlight) – no update about the action to be taken yet.

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14 WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

14.1 Discussion and resolution on content transfer to the new website and actions with regard to those not transferred and to consider a change to the Social Media Policy.

14.2 Discussion and agreement and to consider as to any necessary actions to launch new website and action to be taken in regard to the old website. There was lengthy discussion about the old website and actions to be taken to relation to ensuring that viewers are redirected to the new website and how to approach the old hosting company. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Bremner will draft an outline letter to the former hosting company about actions that could be taken relating to the old website. The old website will be stripped down. Get control of the Facebook page and advertise the new website there. Put the new website address on all paperwork (including minutes and agendas)

14.3 Request for contributors/volunteers needed to provide update articles for the Local History section of the website. **RESOLVED**: Cllr Tate will look at this. Cllr Bremner will send him the links to the old articles.

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15 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Nothing further to be discussed at this point. The next review will be in June 2026.

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16 **COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS.** To consider reports and decide on actions to be taken..

The Northern Area Parish Forum on 29th September at Danby Lodge was attended by Cllr Harrison. In addition to the update given at 12.3.3, Cllr Harrison also gave details about attendance at the meeting which was poor (only 2 other representatives of Parish Councils) and details of future meetings. **NOTED**: In the future there will only be one meeting per year. The Northern and Coastal Forums will be amalgamated into one and this meeting will be renamed as a Community Forum

NYMNPA Planning Training event, 22nd October 25. The Clerk had contacted the NYMNPA to notify them that Cllr Bremner and Cllr Tate wished to attend. Cllr Bremner had been allocated a place and Cllr Tate was on the reserve list. Unfortunately, Cllr Bremner can no longer attend. The Clerk will update the NYMNPA and ask that Cllr Tate is given the place.

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

17.1 **For Decision**

17.1.1 Update on complaint to Royal Mail regarding the removal of the Post Box at Iburndale. No response.

17.1.2 Report of traffic speeding on Birch Avenue causing concern for safety of children. **NOTED** that the local MP has been informed and contacted Karl Battersby about this. Mr Battersby had advised the Parish Council to contact Highways to request a traffic survey (which the council had resolved to do at the September meeting. Ann email acknowledging receipt had been received. In addition, parking on Lowdale Lane opposite Birch Avenue was a problem for traffic turning out of Birch Avenue and is illegal opposite and 20m either side of junctions. **RESOLVED**: that the clerk contact NYC about this

17.1.3 Query about land between 18 Selstone Crescent and 23 Hall Pasture and who owns it. **RESOLVED**: Cllr Tate will have a look at this.

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

17.2.1 General correspondence circulated to Councillors.

17.2.2 General updates from YLCA circulated to Councillors.

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

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

The perceived value and the Council's reputation is to be added to the next agenda.

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19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 3rd November 2025 - 6:30pm, Sleights Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed: …….. Chairman. **Dated: ……**

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