

Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council held on **Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.00pm in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons.

PRESENT: Cllr A Watson (Chair). Cllrs D Tate, A Harrison, J Parkin, R Corner, and S Bremner.

Clerk: A-M Benson

There was no public session prior to the meeting, due to the Annual Parish Meeting, being held beforehand.

1. APOLOGIES.

- 1.1. Apologies for absence received and recorded from Councillors M Warner, L Jones, R Atherton, P Perry.
 - 1.2. Reasons for absence were approved.
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2. DISPENSATION AND INTERESTS.

- 2.1. No applications for dispensation were received.
 - 2.2. No new declarations of interest were made.
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3. MINUTES.

- 3.1. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd February 2025, were approved as a true and correct record.
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4. POLICE MATTERS. The March 2025 report had not yet been received.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC) REPORT.

Cllr Pearson was absent. Cllr Harrison provided an update that the new recycling bin rollout has started in Selby and is now moving to Ryedale. Collections for paper/card and glass/tin/plastic will take place every four weeks.

6. ITEMS FROM MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd February 2025.

- 6.1. *Littlebeck Streetlight & Beyond Housing Low Branch* No work has been carried out yet.
RESOLVED: Clerk to follow up on both issues.
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7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- 7.1. NYC - ZF25/00165/HS - 16 Linden Close Briggswath Whitby North Yorkshire YO21 1TA.
Conversion and extension to garage to form annex. Concerns were raised regarding reduced parking. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact Planning requesting that the annex be used solely by house occupants and not as a holiday let and that we request the provision of additional off street parking, within the curtils of the property, to replace that lost by the use of the garage for living accommodation, should be included in the comments to the planning authority.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS.

- 8.1. NYC. ZF24/01756/FLA – 69 Carr Hill Lane, Sleights. Variation of condition 1 was granted with conditions.
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9. ANGLO AMERICAN (AA) / WOODSMITH MINE.

- 9.1. The Clerk reported that Heather King would like to attend the April meeting. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to invite her.
- 9.2. Skills4Work Team.
The Clerk has requested the Skills4Work team consider removing the Snowberry bush's near the Station – awaiting confirmation. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to ask the team to install two recently purchased benches.
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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 and Budget vs Actual information.
RESOLVED: That the payment schedule, bank reconciliation, and budget vs actual reports were reviewed and approved.
- 10.3. Audits – The internal auditor confirmed availability for this year but will retire afterward.
RESOLVED: Clerk to submit Audit papers in April and seek recommendations for a new auditor.
- 10.4. Internet Banking – Cllr Tate is set up but attempts to add the Clerk were unsuccessful.
RESOLVED: Clerk to retry using Cllr Parkin as a second signatory.
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11. PARISH MAINTENANCE. To consider issues and decide actions to be taken, if required.

11.1. Public Conveniences

- 11.1.1. Emergency light testing is scheduled for this week.

11.2. Parish Council Assets

- 11.2.1. Village pump refurbishment. Cllr Tate has now partially constructed this, and with just the mechanism to complete.
- 11.2.2. Village pump plaque costs. **RESOLVED:** Defer to next meeting, as requires 11.2.1 to be completed first.
- 11.2.3. Update on two bench replacements – Birch Grove and Sandy Lane. The Clerk reported that both benches have been purchased and the concrete slab installed. We are currently awaiting delivery for 1 bench and then installation. **RESOLVED:** as per previous minutes (that deferred the issue until these benches were purchased), it was approved to purchase a picnic bench to be sited at Linden Close Wildlife area, as the current one is rotting. Clerk to check with Grounds and Parks regarding the placement of it.

11.3. Footpaths

- 11.3.1. Featherbed Lane **RESOLVED**: Clerk to request the footpath cutting schedule for this year from NYC and NYMNPA. Regarding the signs this matter is to be deferred to the next meeting and Cllr Tate and Cllr Parkin are to look into the matter.
- 11.3.2. Whin Green to Iburndale footpath repairs. No response received as of yet. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to chase up NYC Footpaths.
- 11.3.3. NYMNPA – PC priority route. No response received as of yet. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to chase up.

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

- 12.1. *Karl Battersby Meeting with Parish Council.* No response received as of yet. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to chase up.
- 12.2. *Ugglebarnby Low Lane excavated water filled hole.* No substantive response received yet. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to follow up due to worsening road conditions.
- 12.3. *Response regarding Road Safety at junction of Birch Avenue and Lowdale Lane, Sleights.* The Clerk reported that our request was declined, due to their being no injury accidents in previous years. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to re-examine this decision and request from NYC cost estimates for Parish Council to fund a white line to prevent parking opposite the junction.
- 12.4. *Response, if received, from NYC Streetwise in regard to the road reinstatement at Carr Hill Lane / Ridge Lane junction.* Cllr Tate reported repairs had been completed.
- 12.5. *Parking on Grass verge opposite Botham's shop* – Safety concerns raised about trucks parking on the footpath, creates a dangerous traffic hazard, for both pedestrians and vehicles. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to write to Highways about the issue.

13. NETWORK RAIL AND SAFETY ISSUES AT SLEIGHTS STATION – A meeting with Network Rail personnel is scheduled for 20th March. Cllrs Tate and Harrison to attend.

14. VE DAY 80TH CELEBRATIONS. **RESOLVED**: Clerk to notify Fire and Police services about beacon lighting on 8th May, confirm if Grosmont Estate will load and light the beacon, and check Pageant Masters requirements.

15. WEBSITE RENEWAL.

The new gov.uk website is expected in 3-4 weeks. Cllr Bremner and the Clerk and are preparing the new website. A launch will be planned.

16. POLICIES. To review and decide on actions to be taken.

- 16.1. **EUPC Business Continuity Plan. RESOLVED**: That the Business Continuity Plan be approved with copies to be retained by the Chair, Vice Chair, Cllr Tate and the Clerk.
- 16.2. **Standing Orders – to discuss and decide the timing of the Public Session of Parish Council meetings.** Clerk has checked the standing orders of EUPC and there is nothing saying we must hold the Public session for 15 minutes before the Parish Council meeting. **RESOLVED**: To integrate Public Session into the formal agenda, rather than holding it separately. Clerk to update the agenda format.

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

17.1. For Decision

17.1.1. Post Box at Iburndale. A formal complaint has been submitted to Royal Mail on this issue and we are awaiting a response.

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.

18. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT MEETINGS AGENDA.

Carr Hill Lane Development – road safety concerns due to mud on the road.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

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 8.50pm

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