Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council held on **Monday 1st June 2026 at 6:30pm in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons

PRESENT: Councillor A Watson (Chairman) in the Chair. Councillors: R Corner, D Tate and M Warner.

North Yorkshire Cllr Clive Pearson
Representatives from Anglo American – M Parsons and H King

Clerk - Catherine Raistrick

No members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES.

1.1. Apologies for absence received from Councillors S Bremner, A Harrison, L Jones, J Parkin
1.2. **RESOLVED**: Reasons for absence agreed and approved.

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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 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council meeting and the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May were agreed and approved as true and correct records.

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10. ANGLO AMERICAN (AA) / WOODSMITH MINE.

It was agreed to bring this item forward so that the Anglo American representatives could speak to the meeting without waiting until later in the meeting.

10.1. The meeting was told that the planning application seeking amendments to the original application had been submitted to the North York Moors National Park Authority. It was explained that after a detailed technical review by Anglo American over the past few years it has been agreed that there was a need for amendments to the design. The main amendments being applied for at the Woodsmith site include:

- Amendments to increase the airflow and cooling load underground. This will lead to some new buildings on the surface. (An additional winding house for example)
- The relocation of buildings – the welfare building will be moved from the woods – and the request to retain some buildings once the construction stage has been completed.
- A request to increase the number of HGV vehicles from 63 to 70 whilst construction is underway. In addition, it will be requested that 40 HGV's are permitted once the site is operational.

It was reiterated that the principle of screening the site remains with the aim that, once complete, it will be hidden from sight.
In addition, an environmental impact assessment has found that the impact from the revised application will be no more significant than the impact from the consent already granted.
Economic benefits. Currently there are just over 1,000 employees working on the project but it is hoped that this will rise to over 2,000 once the project starts ramping up again (after 2028). Once operational, it is expected to have 1150 operational jobs with a further 3.8k jobs linked to the Woodsmith mine in addition to the significant exports of the product. It was also mentioned that it

is intended that the mine will donate 0.5% of revenue to the Woodsmith Foundation once operational and this could be a significant amount of money. It is expected that it is likely to be the mid 2030s by the time it is operational.
A summary of the application was distributed together with the latest Social Impact Report.
Drilling site – Sandy Lane/Deam Hall brow. The concerns of the local residents regarding the ongoing drainage issues were explained to Anglo American. The representatives of Anglo American stated that they will look at this.

10.2. To consider any issues in respect of mining activities that impact the Parish and decide on actions to be taken. Nothing further to discuss.

10.3. The Woodsmith Parish Council Neighbourhood Fund. This will be discussed at the July meeting.

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4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Noted: No public attended.

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5. POLICE MATTERS.

5.1. The Police Report for April had been distributed to councillors.

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6. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC) REPORT.

Cllr Pearson had nothing to report**.**
Appreciation was expressed for the Parish Council workshops organised at the end of May by Area 3 Highways both the workshop organised at the Whitby Highway depot and those online over a number of evenings. These were felt to have been very useful. Cllr Pearson also encouraged attendance at the next NYMNPA planning event (usually held in Autumn)

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7. ITEMS FROM MEETING HELD ON THE 11th MAY 2026.

7.1. North Yorkshire Local Plan. As stated at the meeting in May, North Yorkshire Council has reopened the 'Call for Sites' for a period of 6-weeks ending 22nd June 2026. The meeting was encouraged to take note of what is happening. The council can't comment until plans are put out for consultation. Cllr Pearson also told the meeting that the NYMNPA will be putting out a call for sites in the future.

7.2. S106 agreement regarding land adjacent to 69 Carr Hill Lane (Decision Notice ZD24/00437/FLA) – update (Bridgeford Gardens development in Briggswath) – no further information has been received.

7.3. Parish Charter – defer until July meeting.

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8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:

8.1. North Yorkshire Council

8.1.1. **26/01925/FUL** – Proposed new side extension, new front porch, alteration to the rear to the rear garden room roof and new hardstanding to the front. Red Roof, 14 The Carrs, Briggswath, Whitby YO21 1RR. A brief description of the application was given to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to respond to the planning authority with option A, no objections.

8.2. North York Moors National Park Authority

8.2.1. **HP/2026/00163.** Demolition of existing side porch and construction of single storey side extension and two dormer windows to the rear elevation. Stonyway, Brackenhill Lane, Sleights, Whitby, YO22 5ER. This is a small development with a dormer at the rear. **RESOLVED** – no objection

8.2.2. **NYM/2026/0085.** Application for permission for temporary potash vertical borehole and three branched boreholes, etc at land east of Dean Hall Farm, off Dean Hall Brow road, Littlebeck. This was discussed with the Anglo American representatives earlier in the

meeting. The main concern is Sandy Lane. It was RESOLVED that a further comment regarding the amount of water on Sandy Lane be sent to the NYMNPA Planning section.

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

9.1.1. **NYM/2026/0021** - Application for demolition of existing farmhouse and construction of replacement dwelling at Bleach Garth Farm, Littlebeck, YO22 5EZ. (Portal Ref - 14579353) **NOTED** - No decision yet.

9.1.2. **NYM/2026/0085** - Application for permission for temporary exploratory potash vertical borehole and three branched boreholes, associated plant equipment including drilling rig (max height 15 metres) and welfare facilities within a compound together with access arrangements at land east of Dean Hall Farm, off Dean Hall Brow road, Littlebeck. **NOTED** no decision expected at this time

9.1.3. **26/01544/FUL** Change of use from annexe to holiday let and long letting use (non family members). Annexe At 72 Coach Road Sleights Whitby North Yorkshire YO22 5EQ. Application permitted

9.1.4. **FL/2026/00112** Erection of sauna building on existing decking area & erection of two ancillary timber built sheds to serve holiday lodge business known as Foss Escapes (retrospective) Newton Haye, Lousy Hill Lane, Littlebeck, Whitby, YO22 5JD Permitted with conditions.

9.1.5. **26/01256/OUT** Outline consent for the erection of a dwelling. Land adjacent to 15 Ridge Lane Planning Application Consultation**.** No decision yet.

It was also mentioned that a letter had been received from North Yorkshire Planning enforcement who are going to investigate possible over development at the back of a property on Lowdale Lane. The clerk is to check for any progress.

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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 cheques. **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule for June 2026

11.2. To receive and approve the **Bank Reconciliation** and **Budget vs Actual** to 31st May 2026. **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation and the budget vs actual

11.3. To consider the renewal of the Insurance policy with Clear Councils due 26 June 2026. Please note that the Council are currently within a Fixed Rate Agreement (FRA) until 23 June 2027. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the renewal of the insurance and to review the insurance next year.

11.4. To discuss, approve, and sign the Annual Internal Checklist – the clerk will distribute the updated checklist to be reviewed at the July meeting.

11.5. To receive the Annual Internal Audit Report. **NOTED** – the Audit report was received.

11.6. To receive, approve and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 25/26 (AGAR). To receive the 'Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance and Accountability Return'. **RESOLVED** the AGAR was approved and signed by the Chairman.

11.7. Draft Service Agreement – Cemetries and Closed Churchyards. Update. The clerk explained that North Yorkshire had contacted the clerk to explain that the agreement was to be amended. However, at the time of the meeting no update had been received.

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

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

12.1.1. Update and decision on actions to be taken. The clerk will contact Chris Stone and request that he test the emergency lighting and PAT tests the kettle.

12.1.2. Review and approve the Public Convenience Risk Assessment – cleaning/management & fire . To defer to the meeting in July.

12.1.3. Review and approve the COSSH review by the Clerk – to defer to the July meeting.

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

12.2.1. Bench at Red Barn, Littlebeck. Cllr Parkin had been unable to attend the meeting so there is no update on this issue. Defer to July meeting

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

12.3.1. The Carrs (Ruswarp to Briggswath) Active Travel Proposal and update. It was reported that this is progressing to the next stage with a plan for a footpath extension at either end of The Carrs (Ruswarp and Briggswath) for 150/200 yards at either end. Cllr Tate is to discuss the new information with the landowner.

12.3.2. Access from the footbridge over the Esk from Briggswath to Sleights Railway Station. This had been mentioned at one of the Parish Council workshops the previous week. The Clerk will email again.

12.3.3. Update on a new bin near bracken Hill due to an increase in dog fouling. The clerk had notified north Yorkshire that the council would pay for the bin and it's installation.

12.4. **Linden Close** – To receive a report from the meeting with the Operations Manager, NYC Parks and Grounds (Ian Smith) on 15th May Cllr Tate explained what had been discussed at the meeting. The meeting was informed that if a tree needed removing then the tree team would need to be contacted. It was also reported that the location of the new picnic bench was discussed and that this will be secured. In addition, the condition of the small footbridge was discussed and it was agreed that the Parks and Grounds Team would repair this. **RESOLVED** that the report written about the meeting with Ian Smith by Cllr Tate be distributed to the members.

The issue of cutting the visibility splays in the 'urban area' and around the car park had also been discussed. Parks and Grounds cut these 3 times a year. It was suggested that North Yorkshire Estates be contacted about the grass cutting around the car park near The Salmon Leap. **RESOLVED** – clerk to contact Estates about this issue.

The area of grass at the entrance to Inghams Close behind the bus stop was confirmed to be the responsibility of Beyond Housing. The Clerk had contacted Beyond Housing who had acknowledged that it was their responsibility and that this would be included in the cutting plan. However, it is unclear who the grass at the other side of Inghams Close belongs to. **Resolved** that the Clerk will contact North Yorkshire and ask them who owns and is responsible of the maintenance of this piece of grass.

12.5. **Sleights Station** – update. A meeting on the 2nd June will hopefully result in Northern Powergrid agreeing to move the fence to make the station safer for people crossing the track.

12.6. **Sleights Play Park and dogs** – There was no update about this issue.

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13. NYC / HIGHWAYS. To consider any issues and decide on actions to be taken
The following items were raised**:**

13.1. Linden Close covenants. The Clerk is to contact North Yorkshire Council Planners to discuss this issue and what can be done.

13.2. It was reported that there is an overhanging tree opposite the Ugglebarnby sign on the road out of Ugglebarnby towards Sneaton. The clerk is to report this to Highways.

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14. WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The poster advertising the Parish Council, the website and facebook pages had been put up around Sleights and the surrounding area.

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15. PARISH PLAN REVIEW

15.1. Update regarding the Parish Plan questionnaire. Posters advertising the Parish Council and the survey had been put up around the Parish Council area. The survey is available on line or it can be downloaded. The clerk has been asked to leave some hard copies at Sleights Village Hall for completion.

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16. COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS. To consider reports and decide on actions to be taken. **Noted**: Cllr Tate had already updated the meeting about the Parish Council Highways workshops that he had attended.

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17. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the resignation of Cllr Perry, there are now 4 vacancies on the Parish Council. **RESOLVED** Clerk to update North Yorkshire Council about the resignation. Clerk to start the process of advertising the vacancies.

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

18.1. **For Decision.**

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

18.2.1. Correspondence from a resident re a business running from a house.

18.2.2. General updates from YLCA circulated to Councillors.

18.2.3. General updates from NALC circulated to Councillors.

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

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20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 6th July 2026 - 6:30pm, Sleights Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: ……. Chairman. **Dated: …….**

Catherine Raistrick
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