Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council held on **Monday 5th October 2026 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, and D Tate.

North Yorkshire Cllr Clive Pearson

Clerk - Catherine Raistrick

No members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES.

1.1. Apologies for absence received from Councillors M Warner and 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. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2026, as a true and correct record. **RESOLVED**: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September were agreed and approved as a true and correct record.

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4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Noted: No members of the public attended.

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5. POLICE MATTERS.

5.1. The reports for September had been distributed to councillors. Cllr Watson reviewed the report for the meeting.

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6. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC) REPORT.

Cllr Pearson told the meeting about the closure of Blue Bank for maintenance in October. The road will be closed from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 3.30 pm. He did not have information about what was to be done but didn't think that in that time they would tackling the landslide. The meeting expressed concern about the lack of detail from Highways which made it difficult for the Parish Council to communicate effectively with residents and Cllr Pearson was asked if he could request more information about what was to be done so that the Parish Council could disseminate this via the Facebook page.

Cllr Pearson also confirmed that it is now very likely that the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire will impose a tariff on overnight tourism which is likely to be a percentage of the cost of the stay. He also gave details of a planning issue that he and Cllr Tate had been dealing with. No planning application had been submitted but it was clear that the building would not fall within permitted development and the owner had been informed by North Yorkshire Council that they would need to submit a retrospective planning application which would then come to the Parish Council for comments. There was an additional issue of a laurel hedge that appeared to have been planted outside the property boundary and on highways land and which was going to cause an obstruction

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in the future. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would write to Highways and ask them to inspect the hedge. Cllr Pearson will also take this to the council.

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7. ITEMS FROM MEETING HELD ON THE 7th September 2026.

7.1. North Yorkshire Local Plan including land being put forward for building to North Yorkshire council - update. Cllrs Tate and Harrison intend to 'attend' a Teams briefing about the consultation process for the Local Plan. It was understood that Spatial Development Strategy had been issued yet by the York and North Yorkshire Authority.

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

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8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications: No applications had been received this month.

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9. PLANNING DECISIONS. To receive an update on the following planning applications:

9.1.1. **26/04355/LB** – Installation of 5no. replacement windows with white uPVC frames on the wet (front) elevation of the building. 115 Coach Road, Sleights, YO22 5EH. This is the Old Vicarage on Coach Road. **NOTED** No decision as at 5th October 2026

9.1.2. **NYM/2025/0217** - land between 3 and 9 Eskdaleside, Sleights. A further email had been sent to North Yorkshire Highways about cutting back the hedges. There had been a response from Highways stating that they were happy with the most recent cut. However, this had been looked at by some of the councillors who felt that it had not been adequately cut back and it was still very difficult to use the footpath on Eskdaleside. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Tate will take photos and the clerk will forward them to Area 3 Highways and ask them to review the hedge again as it is felt to be unsatisfactory.

9.1.3. **26/01256/OUT** Outline consent for the erection of a dwelling. Land adjacent to 15 Ridge Lane Planning Application Consultation**. NOTED** - No decision as at 5/10/26.

9.1.4. **Planning enforcement case** – 10 Lowdale Lane. This was discussed earlier in the meeting (item 6)

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10. ANGLO AMERICAN (AA) / WOODSMITH MINE.

10.1 To receive a report from a representative of Anglo-American – Heather King had been unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

10.2 To consider any issues in respect of mining activities that impact the Parish and decide on actions to be taken. The clerk updated the meeting about the 'No mine traffic through Ugglebarnby' sign that the council had asked to be erected. Anglo American had told the drivers travelling to the drilling site at Dean Hall about permitted routes so there shouldn't be any traffic going through Ugglebarnby

10.3. To discuss the following projects that could be helped by the Woodsmith Parish Council Neighbourhood Fund.

10.3.1. War memorial maintenance – James Ward has completed the work on the war memorial. A number of councillors had seen the memorial since it had been restored and told the meeting how much better it looked now. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would send a letter to Mr Ward to tell him how pleased the council were with the work he had done.

10.3.2. Seat base on Ingham Close. The clerk had contacted North Yorkshire Council about the seat base on Ingham Close and had been informed that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council. The clerk had obtained a quote from the normal contractor for the work. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would check if he has a street works licence and, if not, ask contractors who do to give a quote for this work.

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10.3.3. Noticeboards. The clerk has obtained quotes for the 2 noticeboards. Because we have asked for aluminium these won't be an exact replacement, with the one outside the Spar being slightly smaller but it was felt that they would be acceptable

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk will send this list to Anglo American to ask for funding of this work through the Woodsmith Parish Council Neighbourhood Fund.

10.4. To note that the Liaison Group Forum for Q3 of 2026 will be held in Ruswarp Village Hall on Tuesday 13 October 2026 at 2pm. Cllr Tate intends to go to this meeting. The clerk will notify Heather King that he will attend.

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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. The clerk explained each of the payments to the members. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule for October 2026 and sign the cheques.

11.2. To receive and approve the **Bank Reconciliation** and **Budget vs Actual** to 30th September 2026. **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation and the budget vs actual. The clerk informed the council that North Yorkshire had asked the Parish Council to submit an invoice for £1,678 for the 'Parks and Open Spaces' funding that has been awarded in the past as part of the Model Agreement. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will need to ensure that this funding is used effectively.

11.3. To discuss, approve and sign the Annual Internal Control checklist. This was presented to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that this should be reviewed twice a year, in April and October. Cllr Harrison will undertake the review. The clerk will meet with Cllr Harrison after the November meeting to discuss how the information will be made available and what the process will be.

11.4. To review and agree the updated asset list which includes current cost of benches. The clerk had checked the benches and had updated the asset list with the replacement cost of the benches.

11.5. Discuss and decide upon a new supplier of electricity from the end of October. The clerk explained that any new contract would be for a 3 year period and the meeting **RESOLVED** that the clerk go back to Clear Utility Solutions to agree a contract.

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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 on any issues. No issues to report. However, the clerk informed the meeting that £90 had been donated in September, the highest monthly amount yet.

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

12.2.1. The bench base discussed in item 10.3 will followed up.

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) Cllr Tate has a meeting with the Whitby Town Council clerk to discuss this as the councillor who was taking it forward has resigned.

12.3.2. Access from the footbridge over the Esk from Briggswath to Sleights Railway Station. No further updates. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would go back to North Yorkshire Council about this.

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12.3.3. Update on a new bin near Bracken Hill due to an increase in dog fouling. The clerk had gone back to North Yorkshire about this and had been told that an invoice has to be raised and paid before the bin is installed. Information had been given to North Yorkshire that will enable them to raise the invoice.

12.4. **Linden Close.** The fallen tree opposite the viewing platform had been cut back but the bridge has not yet been repaired. The clerk will check about this again.

12.5. **Sleights Station** – update. There is no update about when this work will be done.

12.6. **Sleights Play Park and dogs** – The resident who reported this had written to Alison Hume about this issue and she has contacted North Yorkshire Council. The resident had forwarded the email from Ms Hume to the clerk who read part of it out to the meeting.

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

The clerk told the meeting that the log of issues that had been updated after the September meeting had not been sent to Highways as the Communications Officer was currently absent. It was **RESOLVED** that this would be updated and sent to Area 3 Highways and the Head of Highways. The members also expressed concern about the lack of communication between Highways and the Parish Council, in particular in response to queries and also the lack of detail given by Highways about works they are planning to undertake, especially in regard to the maintenance on Blue Bank in October.

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14. WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA ISSUES

14.1. Cllr Bremner gave an update on the increase in traffic on the Facebook page over the last 90 days. He stressed the importance in continuing promoting the Parish Council via the Facebook page which will increase the number of users who will see them in their Facebook feeds and hopefully increase awareness of the Parish Council. In addition, a new 'strapline' has been added to the Facebook page which includes the names of all the settlements within the Parish Council boundary to help to reinforce the fact that the Parish Council is serving all the communities within the area. It should also help when people are searching for the Parish Council Facebook page if they are not sure of the name.

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15. PARISH PLAN REVIEW

15.1. Cllr Harrison had circulated the draft Parish Plan document to all councillors after the September meeting but had only received a couple of responses to it. Most of the members said that they were happy with this draft plan so hadn't had any comments but Cllr Harrison asked everyone to respond even if it is just to say that they are happy with it which will enable him to go forward with refining the plan. Cllr Harrison will continue to work on the draft Parish Plan and email out information to members for comment.

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

Nothing to report as there had not been any meetings during September.

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17. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

There had been no responses to the Co-option notice. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk will check North Yorkshire Electoral Services to find out about issuing another notice and check the regulations and liaise with Cllr Bremner to see how this can be promoted further.

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

18.1. **For Decision.**

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18.1.1. NYMNPA – Invitation to the Northern/Coastal Area Community Forum Wednesday 21st October, starting at 6.30 to 7.00 pm and expected to finish by 9.00 pm at Danby Lodge National Park Centre. To decide who, if anyone would like to attend this new forum. Cllr Tate will attend via Teams and Cllr Harrison will go in person. The clerk will notify the NYMNPA

18.1.2. NYMNPA – Invitation to NYMNPA Parish Council Training Event, Thursday, 22 October 2026 at 5.15pm - 7.30pm at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley. Cllr Tate would like to attend via Teams.

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

18.2.1. General updates from YLCA circulated to Councillors.

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

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

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 2nd November 2026 - 6:30pm, Sleights Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed: …….. Chairman. **Dated: ……**

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