Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council held on **Monday 11th May 2026 at 6:50pm (**after Annual Council Meeting**) in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons

PRESENT: Councillor A Watson (Chairman) in the Chair. Councillors: S Bremner, R Corner, A Harrison, J Parkin, P Perry, D Tate and M Warner.

Catherine Raistrick - Clerk

No members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES.**
   1.1. Apologies for absence received from Councillor L Jones
   1.2. **RESOLVED**: Reasons for absence agreed and approved.

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

3. **MINUTES.**
   3.1. **RESOLVED**: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 13th April were agreed and approved as true and correct records. It was noted that the Parish Plan had been circulated the day after the meeting. (Item 15 Parish Plan Review)

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**
   Noted: No public attended.

5. **POLICE MATTERS.**
   5.1. The Police Report for March had been circulated to the councillors by email. The April report had been received and will be sent out.

6. **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC) REPORT.**
   Noted: Cllr Pearson was not available

7. **ITEMS FROM MEETING HELD ON THE 13th APRIL 2026.**
   7.1. North Yorkshire Local Plan. It was **NOTED** that North Yorkshire Council has reopened the 'Call for Sites' for a period of 6-weeks ending 22nd June 2026
   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.

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:
   8.1. North Yorkshire Council
      8.1.1. **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.
      A brief description of the application was provided by Cllr Tate followed by a discussion of the plans. It was **RESOLVED** to select response C – neither support or object to the application - and to give comments regarding the lack of an adequate

turning area for cars which may result in vehicles reversing out on to the busy Coach Road. In addition, there was a concern that the lack of parking space may lead residents to park in the adjacent car park leading to a reduction of spaces available for people using the local shops etc.

8.1.2. **26/01256/OUT** - Outline consent for the erection of a dwelling. Land Adjacent To 15 Ridge Lane Planning Application Consultation.
After discussion about this application the council **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application on the grounds that:

- the development would be incongruous with the existing properties on Ridge Lane..
- A building of that size on the small site would lack amenity space
- There would be a lack of off street parking for the 4 bedroom property resulting in cars being parked on the road.

8.2. North York Moors National Park Authority

8.2.1. **FL/2026/00112** erection of sauna building on existing decking area & erection of two ancillary timber built sheds to serve the holiday lodge business know as Foss Escapes (retrospective) Newton Haye, Lousy Hill Lane, Littlebeck, Whitby, YO22 5JD.
After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the council had no objections to this application which was felt to be appropriate in scale and design and in the use of the area.

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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/2026/0131** - Application for construction of replacement timber front porch, removal of rear conservatory and construction of replacement oak conservatory, alterations to existing rear extensions including insertion of windows and alterations to roof height at 11 Mill Lane, Iburndale. **NOTED** Application approved

9.1.3. **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

9.1.4. **26/01241/LB** - Replacement of existing timber windows with double glazed units. Apartment 2 Carr View Hall 71 Coach Road Sleights Whitby North Yorkshire YO22 5BT. **NOTED** Application permitted.

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10. ANGLO AMERICAN (AA) / WOODSMITH MINE.

10.1. Issues regarding mining activities that impact the Parish. Noted: None raised. Heather King from Anglo American offered to attend the meeting but as there were two meetings it had been suggested that attendance at the June meeting would be better.

10.2. To consider any issues in respect of mining activities that impact the Parish and decide on actions to be taken. Nothing reported. Currently waiting for the decision on the planning application

10.3. The Woodsmith Parish Council Neighbourhood Fund. To discuss any projects that could be helped by this new fund.
It was felt that the council should consider Parish Council projects first. The following projects were discussed.

- Relettering of the War Memorial

- A new (aluminium) noticeboard at the railway station
- Paving around the War memorial for easier maintenance.

Clerk to obtain quotes for these projects.

- Strimming around the car parks – Cllr Tate to discuss with Ian Smith from North Yorkshire Council when he meets with him at Linden Close.

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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 May 2026

11.2. To receive and approve the **Bank Reconciliation** and **Budget vs Actual** to 30th April 2026. **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation and the budget vs actual

11.3. Draft Service Agreement - Cemetries and closed churchyard. To discuss and decide if the council wishes to enter into this agreement. **RESOLVED** that the clerk will contact North Yorkshire Council to inform them that Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council will not to sign the agreement. The Clerk will also write to St John's Church to tell them of this decision and inform them that North Yorkshire Council will be responsible for the closed churchyard from now on.

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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. The cleaning contractor had requested a more strongly scented floor cleaner and the clerk had discussed this with the supplier of cleaning products whin had suggested the lemon floor cleaner which did not contain bleach. This was felt to be acceptable

12.2. **Parish Council Assets** - Maintenance / Repairs to – Update and decide on actions to be taken. Bench at Red Barn, Littlebeck. A letter had been received form a resident regarding the bench that had disappeared from the side of the road near Red Barn, Littlebeck. The meeting was told that the date of disappearance was uncertain – it had been there when the assets had been checked in 2012 but it was no known when it had actually disappeared. As a result, it had not been possible to make an insurance claim for the bench. At the time, the Parish Council had decided not to replace the bench as it wasn't on a footpath and it was on the roadside. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Parkin will go and see the resident at Red Barn and ask what she remembers about the bench and also discuss footfall in the area. This will an agenda item for the meeting in June 2026.

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. No update at this time.

12.3.2. Access from the footbridge over the Esk from Briggswath to Sleights Railway Station. Clerk to go back to North Yorkshire Council about this.

12.3.3. Report of dog fouling Bracken Hill. Update regarding the possibility of a new bin. The clerk reported that the cost of a bin, including installation, would be £458. There would be no further cost to the council once installed. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a bin.

12.4. **Linden Close** – To receive an update about request for meeting with the Operations Manager, NYC Parks and Grounds (Ian Smith). **NOTED** that a meeting had been organised with Ian Smith at 1.30 on Friday 15th May at Linden Close. Cllrs Tate and Warner had agreed to go.

A further issue regarding the grass cutting behind the bus shelter on Coach Road/Inghams Close was raised. It is believed that Beyond Housing is responsible for this but that there is a new contractor this year and this area has not been. Cllr Tate will send the plans of the area and the clerk will contact Beyond Housing about this.

Cllr Tate will also discuss with Ian Smith who is responsible for cutting the visibility splays in the 'urban area' and around the car park.

12.5. **Sleights Station** – update. No update. Cllr Tate to chase this.

12.6. **Sleights Play Park and dogs** – to discuss the issue raised by a resident. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk will contact North Yorkshire Council, sending the photos provided by the resident, and ask them to make the Play Park a 'no dogs' area. It was recognised that this may require additional fencing of the area.

The clerk will also contact the resident and tell them what has been done.

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

- Damage to road bridge over River Esk (A169) **RESOLVED** that clerk will write to North Yorkshire to find out when this will be repaired.
- Trees blocking beck between Iburndale and Whin Green. Cllr Parkin had contacted the Environment Agency and the NYMNPA Ranger had been informed. When there was rain the water was starting to back up and there were concerns that it would threaten the work undertaken earlier this year to improve the path. Cllr Tate said that he would speak to the NYMNPA Ranger before the clerk writes to ask for an update.

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14. WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

14.1. Update on the poster to promote the facebook Page and the Parish Council website.

Cllr Harrison will print the poster promoting the facebook page and website and the clerk will put them up. It was also noted that the google business page still seems to have the previous clerk's details – Clerk to look at updating this.

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15. PARISH PLAN REVIEW

15.1. Update regarding the Parish Plan questionnaire. Cllr Bremner had sent out information about the survey to the parish councillors. Some of the members thought they hadn't received this so Cllr Bremner will send it out again. The survey is ready to go live (and it had been agreed previously that it would go live in June). Posters publicising this will be produced by Cllr Harrison and the clerk will put them up around the area.

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16. COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS. To consider reports and decide on actions to be taken. **Noted**: None attended

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17. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Discuss and approve advertising the vacancies – to discuss at meeting in June 2026

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

18.1. **For Decision.**

18.1.1. Fairer Housing, Stronger Communities Campaign. To discuss the correspondence from Whitby Community Network and decide on any action to be taken. **RESOLVED** – no action to be taken.

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

18.2.1. North Yorkshire Parish Charter - How local city, town and Parish councils and Parish Meetings work together with North Yorkshire Council for the benefit of local people in North Yorkshire. Cllr Harrison felt that this needed to be discussed as had issues with certain parts of it.

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

18.2.3. General updates from YLCA circulated to Councillors.

18.2.4. General updates from NALC circulated to Councillors.

18.2.5. 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.

- Parish Charter
- Planning query regarding work to the rear of 10 Lowdale Lane.

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20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 2nd June 2025 - 6:30pm, Sleights Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed: …….. Chairman. **Dated: …….**

Catherine Raistrick
Proper Officer (Clerk)

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