Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

held on **Monday 6th July 2026 at 6:30pm in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons

PRESENT: Councillor A Watson (Chairman) in the Chair. Councillors: S Bremner, A Harrison, L Jones, D Tate and M Warner.

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 R Corner 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. **RESOLVED**: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st June were agreed and approved as a true and correct record.

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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 May and June had been distributed to councillors. Cllr Watson reviewed both reports and noted that in May there had been a couple of RTCs and also a possible burglary at St John's Church. There had been nothing of note to report in June 2026.

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6. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC) REPORT.

Cllr Pearson informed the meeting about the multimillion-pound shortfall for NY Highways this year and explained that this shortfall was partly due to the split of the finding between North Yorkshire Council and York which had been allocated by the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (NYC 90%, York 10%). North Yorkshire Council is unhappy with this split. The majority of the road network is within North Yorkshire so it was felt that a greater proportion of the funding should have been awarded to North Yorkshire Council.

He also reported that this year's Tour of Britain will not be going through this area although it will be in East Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
A campaign to highlight and hopefully reduce the risk of wildfires is being run by the NYMNPA, the YDNPA and the North Yorkshire Fire Brigade and has the backing of North Yorkshire Council. The clerk reminded the meeting that there was to be a briefing about this campaign on Thursday 9th July at 2.00 pm and repeated at 7pm to discuss the campaign and that the link had been sent out to all councillors.
The Assistant Director of Housing is retiring and will be replaced by Craig Simpson from Leeds City council.
The erection of signs for road works then the works not happening was brought up again. Cllr Pearson said that he can report this issue.

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7. ITEMS FROM MEETING HELD ON THE 1st June 2026.

7.1. North Yorkshire Local Plan. The most recent call for sites from North Yorkshire has now closed. As stated at a previous meeting the council can't comment until plans are out for consultation. However, it was stated that individuals can make their views known if they hear about sites being considered that they feel are inappropriate.

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. The Clerk mentioned that a new Parish Portal is now live and that Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council have registered for it. It is intended to resubmit all outstanding queries through this portal and ask for progress. The clerk was asked to start a log of queries and issues raised with North Yorkshire Council, noting dates of submission and responses. The issue of the streetlight which had been removed during the construction of Bridgeford Gardens was also raised as this had not been replaced although there had been a commitment to do so.

7.3. Parish Charter – There were a number of areas of concern with the Parish Charter issued by North Yorkshire Council for Town and Parish Councils to agree to.

- The report differentiates between elected and co-opted councillors when it is believed that there is no difference between the two once they take office.
- It is felt that this is not a 'collaborative' document, and that it would appear that the level of consultation with Parish Councils has been inadequate.

The clerk will go back to North Yorkshire Council with these observations, and also those marked on the Parish Charter by Cllr Harrison.

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

8.1. North Yorkshire Council

- **26/002583/FUL** – Land adjacent to 39 Carr Hill Lane. Retrospective application for external works to form hard and soft landscaped area. The council agreed to respond with 'No Objections' to this application.

8.2. North York Moors National Park Authority – nothing received before the agenda published. Cllr Tate mentioned an application that had been received a few days prior to the meeting (HP/2026/00261) Cllr Tate will distribute this to members for comment. Please respond with any comments to Cllr Tate. Comments from the Parish Council must be received by the NYMNPA by 23 July 2026.

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

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. **26/01925/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. Application permitted.

9.1.4. **26/01256/OUT** Outline consent for the erection of a dwelling. Land adjacent to 15 Ridge Lane Planning Application Consultation**.** No decision yet.

9.1.5. **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. Approved with conditions.

9.1.6. **Planning enforcement** case – 10 Lowdale Lane. The Planning Enforcement Office has contacted the council to report that they had visited the site and that they will update the council.

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10. ANGLO AMERICAN (AA) / WOODSMITH MINE.

10.1 To receive a report from a representative of Anglo-American – no one attended this meeting but two representatives had attended in June, giving a full report on the application that has recently been submitted to the NYMNPA. A discussion was held about what the Parish Council should be putting on the website and it was suggested that the information given by the representatives of Anglo- American should be shared on the Parish Council website.

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

10.3. The Woodsmith Parish Council Neighbourhood Fund. The following items will be included on a submission to Anglo-American.

- 2 new noticeboards

- Relettering of the war memorial
- Cutting of Featherbed Lane from the A169 to The Carrs

In addition, it was agreed to discuss how the Parish Council communicates with the residents at the next meeting (7 September 2026)

10.4. To decide who will attend the Woodsmith Project Liaison Group Forum 15th July Littlebeck Village Hall at 1pm. Cllr D Tate intends to go. The clerk will resend the agenda and minutes.

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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 July 2026 and sign the cheques.

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

11.3. To receive information about additional non-energy costs to be added to the electricity bill for the toilets from 3rd August. The clerk will update the council at the meeting on 7th September.

11.4. To discuss, approve and sign the Annual Internal Control checklist. To be reviewed in September.

11.5. To review and agree the asset list and consider asset values. The values of the assets have been left as the original purchase value in the past. However, it was suggested that their value should be shown as the replacement value from now on. It was **RESOLVED** to review the asset list amend the values to show their replacement value and to present this updated asset list to the next meeting on 7th September 2026.

11.6. Draft Service Agreement – Cemetries and Closed Churchyards. Update. This agreement had been updated by North Yorkshire Council. However, after a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the original decision by the council not to sign the agreement and to hand back the responsibility for the maintenance of closed churchyards North Yorkshire Council would not change. The Clerk will inform North Yorkshire Council of this decision.

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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. The lock on the door into the storage area had broken. Cllr Tate had replaced it.

12.1.2. Review and approve the Public Convenience Risk Assessment – cleaning/management & fire. It was requested that this document be amended with a box at the bottom to record who had reviewed the document and the date of that review.

12.1.3. Review and approve the COSSH review by the clerk. This has been reviewed and updated by the clerk to include the new products now been used to clean the toilets. It was RESOLVED to approve the updated COSSH document

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. This will be reviewed at the meeting on 7th September 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 further updates at this time.

12.3.2. Access from the footbridge over the Esk from Briggswath to Sleights Railway Station. No further updates. The clerk is to chase this up through the Parish Portal.

12.3.3. Update on a new bin near bracken Hill due to an increase in dog fouling. The invoice has not yet been received for the new bin.

12.4. **Linden Close.** The clerk had reported the tree overhanging a garden. Cllr Tate informed the meeting that this had been cut back. It was also reported that:

The slurry seal on the footpath from The Carrs into the wildlife area is breaking up. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would report this to North Yorkshire Council Footpaths team.

12.5. **Sleights Station** – update. Northern Powergrid has reduced the height of the fence, removed or moved signs and committed to completing the remainder of the work as soon as possible.

12.6. **Sleights Play Park and dogs** – This has been reported to North Yorkshire who confirmed that the report had been passed to the responsible team but, as at 6th July, no further information had been received. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk will resubmit this issue through the Parish Portal.

12.7. **Seggimire Lane**. The annual Charity Trail Riding Event will be held over the weekend of 25/26th July 2026 in aid of Myeloma and a further event will be held on 11-13th September. The Clerk had asked the group to send some information and asked the meeting if the council could publicise this sp that people are aware of what this event is. It was **RESOLVED** that this should be publicised on the Facebook page

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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** - to discuss the covenants and decide what actions can be taken to encourage residents to adhere to these. This includes the overflow car park and what to do to stop it being used inappropriately. A letter, written and delivered in a personal capacity by Cllr Warner, reminding people of the conditions of the covenants regarding parking has improved the situation on the roads around Linden Close. It is understood that the original conditions allowed the car park to be used by anyone, not just residents or those visiting Linden Close. However, the original planning conditions are understood to state that caravans and commercial vehicles were not allowed to use it.

Cllr Tate also raised the issue of the cutting of visibility splays which have not yet been cut this year. It is understood that they should be cut 3 times of the year by Highways. It was **RESOLVED** that this issue should be reported to North Yorkshire Council by the clerk. The clerk will also ask again about the repair of the bridge.

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14. WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

14.1. To receive updates. Item 14 and 15 were discussed together.
Parish Plan Survey – there had been 61 surveys completed online and a number of hard copies too. It was agreed to extend the survey to the end of July and that a further message will be put on the

Facebook page and new posters be put up. (Cllr Harrison will print some off) Cllr Bremner will analyse the results and send a report to the September meeting.
There was discussion about the need to increase the use of the Facebook page in order to expand it's reach. Posts are shared to the Sleights Village group but more frequent posts are required to ensure that the reach of the Facebook page is extended. Cllr Bremner asked all councillors to think about items for the Facebook page as more regular posts will help the Facebook page to be seen by a greater number of people. Posts should be a short summary with links to more detailed information. Ideas for posts should be sent to Cllr Bremner. The ability to make comments on this page will be switched off as it was felt to be inappropriate on this site.

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15. PARISH PLAN REVIEW

15.1. Update regarding the Parish Plan questionnaire. See item 14.

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16. COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS. To consider reports and decide on actions to be taken. No meetings to report. The NYMNPA had requested a response to their Local Plan Consultation Document. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Harrison would put together a response and email it to the members to comment on so that it could be submitted prior to the deadline of 31 August 2026.

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17. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

North Yorkshire Council has been updated about the resignation of Cllr Perry and they have sent a poster which has been put on noticeboards and the website about the vacancy. If there is no call for an election the council can advertise for interest from residents to be co-opted as a councillor.

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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. North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Wildfire Prevention Campaign Briefing 9th July. An online briefing about the campaign with a discussion about how people can become involved. The clerk reminded the meeting about this meeting and the link for the meeting that had been sent out by email.

18.1.2. Renewal of Local Bus Service Contracts in Scarborough, Selby and miscellaneous area – request for comments. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would complete this survey for the council's response.

18.1.3. Better Bus Services - What Do Communities Need? York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority has commissioned a Rural Bus Franchising study, funded by the Department for Transport, to explore ways to improve rural bus services across North Yorkshire.

18.1.4. Changes to requirements regarding publication of councillors' usual residential address. The clerk explained that councillors' usual residential addresses will no longer be published unless the member requests it and that this is partly due to security concerns for councillors.

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

18.2.1. General updates from YLCA circulated to Councillors.

18.2.2. General updates from NALC circulated to Councillors.

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 Web site.

18.2.4. New Parish portal has launched by North Yorkshire Council to make it easier to navigate North Yorkshire Council services and access resources

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

North York Moors National Park Authority call for sites to be added to each agenda so that anything submitted can be discussed at council meetings.

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20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 7th September 2026 - 6:30pm, Sleights Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.26pm

Signed: ……. Chairman. **Dated: …….**

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