Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council held on **Monday 5th January 2026 at 6.30pm in Sleights Village Hall** pursuant to Summons

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bremner, R Corner, A Harrison (in the Chair in the absence of Cllr A Watson), J Parkin, D Tate and M Warner.

Members of the public: 1

C Raistrick – Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES.**

1.1. Cllrs L Jones and P Perry
1.2. **RESOLVED**: To approve the reasons for absence.
In the absence of Cllr A Watson, Cllr Harrison volunteered to chair the meeting, and this was approved by the councillors present.

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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. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st December 2025 were discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a true and correct record.

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4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Mr D Attridge spoke to the meeting about the issue of water damage due to seepage from Sandy Lane to Pasture Lane, Dean Hall Brow and into Dean Hall flowing on into Seggimire Lane.
Mr Attridge reminded the meeting that he had addressed them last year regarding the issue but despite contacting North Yorkshire Highways, Yorkshire Water and Mr Winn-Darley the issue was still ongoing. He had copied the letter that he had sent at the end of December to Karl Battersby from North Yorkshire Council to the Parish Council.
He explained that the drainage issue had started when Yorkshire Water had installed new water mains to Sleights. He also explained that two years ago a new cable was put in from the Scarborough road (B1416) to Dean Hall Brow but the drainage has not been repaired at the same time. Previously water used to flow to Buskey Beck from Hempsyke Moor rather than Dean Hall Brow etc but that no longer happened.
He stated that North Yorkshire Highways had said that they would look at the issue in Summer 2025 but nothing had been done.
He was considering contacting the MP, Alison Hume, who had helped with a previous flooding issue in Sneaton. He intends to wait until 20th January to see if a response is forthcoming from North Yorkshire Council before taking further action.

Mr Attridge was given details of the actions that the Parish Council had requested be taken by North Yorkshire Highways to rectify this situation and it was also explained that at a meeting in 2025 the previous head of Area 3 Highways, Richard Marr, had said that he would ask the local Highways Inspector to look at the situation when it was raining in order to understand the problem and work out a solution. However, following a restructure, Mr Marr was no longer the head of Area 3 and it was explained that a meeting would be requested with the new head and that this issue will be raised at that meeting.
The meeting also decided that an email be sent from the Parish Council asking what was been done about the drainage.

In addition, the Parishioner expressed concern about the additional shaft that Anglo American are hoping to drill at the top of Dean Hall Bank and the effect that this may have on the water supply for Dean Hall. He was advised to contact Anglo American (specifically Heather King) to share these concerns.

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5. **POLICE MATTERS.**

The report for December and January had been received and sent on to the councillors. However, it was noted that both reports included the same information. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact North Yorkshire Police and ask for the updated report.

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6. **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC) REPORT.**

Councillor Pearson did not attend the meeting.

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7. **ITEMS FROM THE MEETING of 1st December 2025.**

7.1. Consultation on the North Yorkshire Local Plan. No further update and Cllr Pearson was not in attendance at the meeting.
7.2. S106 agreement regarding land adjacent to 69 Carr Hill Lane (Decision Notice ZF24/00437/FLA). The Clerk had contacted North Yorkshire Planning about this issue. It is hoped that a response will be received before the February meeting.

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8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**.

8.1. **North Yorkshire Council**.
None received
8.2 **North Yorks moors National Park Authority**

- NYM/2025/0214, land between 3 and 9 Eskdaleside, Sleights. Amended application. Site visit arranged for 23rd January 2026. To appoint one representative to attend. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Tate will attend the site visit on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk will notify the NYMNPA Planning department.

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

No Planning decisions to report.

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10. **ANGLO AMERICAN (AA) / WOODSMITH MINE.**

10.1. No representatives of Anglo American were in attendance at the meeting.

10.2. Issues regarding mining activities that impact the Parish**.** None raised.

10.3. Skills4Work Team. The Clerk had passed a request to Heather King for the Skills4Work team to undertake clearance work on Featherbed Lane 200 yards from the top plus work behind the Sleights sign on the A169. Ms King had said that she would discuss this with the Skills4Work Team Leader but did not foresee any problems completing this work.

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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 the cheques. The Clerk explained that the invoice from Sleights Village Hall had not been received at the time of the meeting but it was a regular payment so it was approved. The clerk also explained that a new kettle had been purchased for the toilets as the old one had broken so that was included in her expenses. **RESOLVED**: To approve the January 2026 payment schedule and to sign the cheques.

11.2. To receive and approve the Bank reconciliation and Budget vs Actual for December 2025. The clerk advised that donations from the toilets totalling £108.94 had been banked at the beginning of January. The meeting felt that this was a pleasing amount for the period that the box had been in place (just under 3 months). **RESOLVED:** To approve the Bank Reconciliation and Budget vs Actual for December 2025. In addition, the Clerk provided the following:

- a breakdown of the expenditure under each of the different headings of the Model Agreement funding;
- details of the cost of a recycled plastic bench similar to the one on Birch Grove;

An email had been sent to Area 3 Highways to request information about applying for a licence for the bench on the Highway on the road to Littlebeck to replace the one that had was there previously should a decision to purchase a new bench be made..
After reviewing the actual and committed expenditure for the Model Agreement items, discussion took place about using the remaining money in the best way for the community. It was **RESOLVED** that a picnic bench in the Linden Close Wildlife area would be a useful addition for the community. The Clerk will contact Ian Smith from NYC and ask if this would be possible, and, if so, seek guidance on what type of picnic bench would be acceptable. The meeting was shown a picture of a triangular recycled plastic picnic bench from Glasdon which it was felt would be suitable. This picnic bench will be suggested to NYC if they are happy for the Parish Council to install a picnic bench.

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

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

- The cleaner has reported a loose tile in the women's toilets – Cllr Tate will see if he can repair this.

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

- Bench Maintenance. Town & Country Landscapes had not sent in their invoice yet and it was felt likely that the work had not been completed with the Christmas break and the inclement weather.
- Noticeboard. Cllr Tate noted that the posts supporting the noticeboard at the station were starting to rot and that it was too small to fit all that was needed to be displayed. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk search to find what types of ready-made noticeboards are available and bring details to the next meeting.

12.3 **Footpaths**. To receive a report from Cllr Tate or the Clerk on any issues within the Parish boundary and decide on actions to be taken.

- Whin Green to Iburndale footpath repairs. The NYMNPA Ranger is setting up a site meeting with a contractor this month. Cllr Tate had also given the ranger details of another contractor who has worked for the National Park in the East Cleveland area.
- Seggimire Lane. The Clerk had responded to the Freedom of Information Request relating to Seggimire Lane and read out the response received to the information sent. The issue of maintenance was raised in the email with the assertion being made that no maintenance had been undertaken by any organisation other than the Trail Rider's Fellowship. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond thanking the person for the email, and pointing out that the responsibility for the maintenance of Seggimire Lane rests with North Yorkshire Council and not Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council.
- The Carrs Active Travel Proposal update. A Landowners' Engagement Networking meeting has been arranged for the 22nd January. In attendance will be a group from Malton - Footpaths for All - who have experience of working with landowners.
- Access from the footbridge to the railway station. Cllr Tate had been told by Network Rail that the steps to the footbridge across the Esk from the railway station are not owned by them. The issue of disabled access to the footbridge was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to contact NYC and ask if it would be possible to change the steps to a ramp. The request will be copied to Nathan Harding (NYC Transport Planning Officer (Projects)) and Cllr Pearson. Cllr Tate will ring Nathan initially to find out who should be contacted.
- PROW Prioritisation update. The Community Access route had been submitted to the NYMNPA as the route that the council wished to be prioritised. This route is made up of a number of separate footpaths. The two paths that had been accepted were the following:
    - 30.7/9 – Whin Green to Ugglebarnby through Battlebanks Wood
    - 30.7/027/1 – Seggimire Lane

    Concern was expressed about the stability of path from Whin Green through Battlebanks Lane, in particular the stretch from the footbridge to Lowdale Hall as a tree had come down and was beginning to erode the gabion baskets installed by the NYMNPA to give stability to the banks of the beck. It was **RESOLVED** that the NYMNPA Ranger be contacted and that a meeting on site be requested to look at this issue.

12.4 **Linden Close.** The picnic bench had been repaired and the branch in the beck removed. There has been no update from the Tree and Woodlands Team about the request for a Tree Survey.

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

13.1 Cllr Tate had updated the Highways list and distributed it to all councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that an email be sent to the new Area 3 manager explaining that a good relationship had been established with Richard Marr and asking if she would meet with the Parish Council in Sleights to discuss issues and the way forward.

13.2 Smiddyfields signage. **NOTED**: Clerk to chase this up.

13.3 Footpath outside No 15 The Carrs (possible relocation of streetlight) – no update about the action to be taken yet.

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14 WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

14.1 Introduction document for the website. Cllr Harrison had prepared and updated the statement to be added to the website following input from other councillors. Other than some minor grammatical corrections, it was **RESOLVED** that it be added to the website by Cllr Bremner**.**

Cllr Bremner asked that everything sent out now give details of the new website.

It was also noted that no response had been received to the email sent to the owner of the old website. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that Cllr Bremner will begin to decommission the old website. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Facebook page will be reviewed once there is only one website operating and that comments on posts will not be allowed on the fb page.

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15 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Wide ranging discussion took place about the Parish Plan for the period from April 2027. Discussion included the following:

- What form the new Parish Plan would take.
- What did the council want from the plan? If it is to be used to back up decisions, then is it important to ask residents of the Parish for their views?
- If gathering the views of the residents, how could this be done? It was suggested that there could be a post on the fb page about the new Parish Plan which would ask residents to submit their views via the website. This was felt to be easier for residents than asking for a response to a written document delivered to each resident.
- The need to undertake a review of where the council is against its current plan before preparing a new one.

Cllr Harrison asked the members to look at the current plan and think about what a new plan should include. He requested that ideas be sent to him to collate. It was felt that a more structured discussion about the Parish Plan should be planned at a future meeting and that care needs to be taken about what will be included in this new plan. It was suggested that this be an item for discussion at the meeting in May 2026.

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16 **COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS.** To consider reports and decide on actions to be taken.
There were no reports form any external meetings.

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

17.1 **For Decision**

- Update on complaint to Royal Mail regarding the removal of the Post Box at Iburndale. A letter from Royal Mail had been received following the letter sent explaining the difficulty for many residents of accessing the other post boxes in the area and requesting that the box be replaced. The letter stated that the previous box had been removed due to damage and again repeated that due to the number of post boxes in the area it will not be replaced.
- Query about land between 18 Selstone Crescent and 23 Hall Pasture and who owns it. The owner of part of the land has been identified but does not want any correspondence. The land south of the garage belongs to NYC.
- Grants and Funding available through NYMNPA – **NOTED**
- PROW webinar 13 January 2026 through the YLCA. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk book on to this training.

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

- Christmas cards received from Sleights Village Hall and David Skaith, Mayor of York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.
- General correspondence circulated to Councillors.

- General updates from YLCA circulated to Councillors.
- General updates from NALC circulated to Councillors.
- 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.
- North Yorks Ultra Charity Challenge 2026 - Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June 2026

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

- Nothing identified

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19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

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

Meeting closed at 7.57 pm

Signed: …….. Chairman. **Dated: …….**

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