

Minutes of the meeting of Burythorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th July 2025 in the Church Hall

Present: C Scholefield (chair), J Simpson, I Hutchinson, I Collingwood, G Massey, D Hill, J Hall and C Scholefield. Also present: S Syms (clerk).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from J Raine and A Kilvington.

2. Minutes of the last meeting to be approved

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and it was agreed that they were a true record.

3. Matters arising

Victoria Bungalows - the resident at No 6 is reported to have moved out and the outbuildings have been emptied. The rat problem is reported to have been largely resolved at this property. The rat status at No 2 is unknown. The Clerk reported that YHA has a case officer for each property, who should be contacted directly with any further problems.

Dark Skies – the Clerk has completed the Planning Enforcement letter regarding the pub's outside lights, as suggested by NYC, and the content was agreed by the PC. JS to provide a photo to accompany the letter. Richard Darn, from Dark Skies, is going to speak at the next PC meeting, and anyone interested will be invited to come and listen. Clerk to check if he has a fee, and confirm if reasonable.

Action: Clerk and JS

Insurance – the Clerk has found a better priced PC insurance with Zurich with equally good cover, saving £150.

4. Kennythorpe Beck

Although the clearing of the beck is usually the responsibility of DH, NYC agreed to do it this year as part of addressing the standing water issues both by the woodyard and by the sand quarry. Work is going to be done on the drain which goes from the sand quarry to the beck, so it needs to be clear at the Kennythorpe end to enable drainage. DH had the vegetation trimmed to allow easier access to the beck. The workmen have cleared out the triangle, and to the side of the Wall's car park area, and part of the roadside beck, but they stopped as they suggested that any further work could cause the road to subside.

The standing water has gone and the water level has reduced significantly, so progress has been made, but the water appears to be fairly static in the triangle, suggesting that the levels in the adjoining property, Beckfield, may be too high to allow a decent flow away. A surveyor has visited and spoken with the residents and will monitor the flow when the work has been completed.

5. Overhanging and dead trees on roadside

GM reported that the chestnut trees at the north end of the village are growing inwards and causing issues for larger and farm vehicles (JH mentioned that one of their implements had been damaged by them). Suggestions included asking Nigel F to use his hedgecutter to cut back (but it was thought the cut might be quite harsh for the trees), asking Mick Wall for a price to raise the crown, or to get a village working party to see how much could be done by residents.

Action: all to come up with some ideas and Clerk to ask Mick Wall

6. Cheques to be authorised:

Insurance – Zurich £196.00 (574)

7. Planning applications:

5 bedroom dwelling, Menethorpe (ZE25/00582/FUL) – supported by the PC

8. AOB

- Update on Susan Moore's gravestone. CS is having to take Anne King to the small claims court to retrieve the money (about £520) given to Ronnie King shortly before he died, as she won't return it.
- The churchyard dog poo sign has been removed twice and dog poo has been put in the bin, despite requests not to. Who???

9. Date of next meeting

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting on **Thursday 4th September 2025** (please note this is NOT the second Tuesday!) with Richard Darn to speak about Dark Skies.

