

Minutes of the meeting of Burythorpe Parish Council held on Thursday 4th September 2025 in the Church Hall, following an enlightening talk on Dark Skies given by Richard Darn (and attended by local residents)

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from A Kilvington (attended the talk).

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 – IC reported that the residents from No 2 and No 6 have moved out, and that the properties are currently empty.

Kennythorpe Beck – work is ongoing to replace the drainage pipework from the sand quarry to Kennythorpe triangle. In order to economise (falsely?), the new pipes are narrower than the existing ones.... No visible change in the triangle water but it's still too dry to tell if there is any difference.

Dog poo in church bin – the Simpsons have handed the job of removing the graveyard bin bag to the churchwardens. People continue to drop full poo bags into the wire basket, even without a bin liner. The mentality of some dog owners was questioned. The general issue of rubbish was also discussed, and it was agreed that an effort should be made to keep verges clear of litter to prevent associated dumping. Clerk to look at getting litter pickers.

Action: Clerk

4. Church Hall planters

The Hutchinson family were thanked for their donation of a beautiful new planted trough outside the Church Hall (another good side effect of a wedding) and the disposal of the decomposing barrel it has replaced. It was mentioned that walkers often sit on the bench there, and the planters enhance the area. JS would like to replace some of the plants in the existing planter; the costs will come from the village amenity fund.

Action: JS

5. Overhanging and dead trees on roadside

Mick Wall no longer does tree work but will ask someone else if they would be willing to give a price. He suggested that some, if not all, might have canker and would not thrive with a harsh chop. Meanwhile, DH is also going to ask Nigel F if he would be able to increase the road space for larger vehicles by cutting back the affecting branches.

Action: DH

6. Public rights of way with livestock – access and safety concerns

There is always a difficult balance to be found between rights of access for walkers and the right of farmers to graze their animals on their own land. The field in question is between the Stray and the Roman road; the water trough is situated near to the gate causing the cattle gather there, making it very muddy in winter but also potentially threatening for passers by. The PC wondered if a solution could be found, such as erecting a protective electric fence near the hedge, or rerouting the path through the neighbouring arable field, with a gate or stile onto the Roman road. JH to chat with the Websters about it.

Action: JH

7. Cheques authorised:

Payroll – Autela payroll £87.00 (575)

8. Planning applications:

None

9. AOB

- Update on Susan Moore's gravestone. The funds have been returned after CS applied through the Small Claims Court (cost taken out). Gravestones will now be looked at, with both Susan's and Jennifer's names to go on.

Action: CS

- A question was raised about the inheritance from Martin Monkman – is it for the church or the parish? Differing opinions.
- Following the talk on Dark Skies, it was suggested that the outside light and sensor on the Church Hall might be replaced to a heat sensitive sensor and a down light.
- A resident had asked if something could be done by the PC about the parking of a vehicle on the opposite side of the road to his drive, making exiting more challenging, but the PC felt that it couldn't help in this instance and that the neighbours should try to resolve this themselves.

10. Date of next meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm (a record?). Next meeting on **Thursday 11th November 2025**.