

## Minutes of the meeting of Burythorpe Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in the Church Hall

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

1. Apologies

J Raine, I Hutchinson and I Collingwood.

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

**Litter picking** – JS offered to purchase two litter pickers and some heavy duty sacks.

**Action: JS**

**Access to The Stray** – JS reported that someone has cut the barbed wire along the unofficial diversion. This will make it easier for walkers but likely to irritate the Websters, who need it for stockproofing.

**Broken fence on Lang Hill bridge** – this has been replaced very promptly by the HA, and looks good and substantial.

**Rubbish outside Victoria bungalows** – this was removed by IH – wonderful and brave man! Many thanks to him.

**Standing water on roads** – the Websters have been busy digging ditches out, which has improved the situation in many places. Water near the quarry is still there but is now draining slowly when it comes, which is an improvement. There was also standing water reported on the lane to Hanging Hill at Kennythorpe, due to a silted drain. The Halls are going to attempt to rod it.

**Action: JH**

**Pub lighting** – the front lights have been wired to a dimmer switch and are hugely improved. The rear lights are still extremely bright and are joined by a very strong side light, visible from the top of Lang Hill. GM to talk to the landlord about working on these too.

**Action: GM**

**Church bequest** – the churchwardens will be glad to share any decisions made regarding this when they know more themselves.

4. Buildings near Kennythorpe Woodyard

A letter of complaint was received from a resident about a new shed which has been erected near the woodyard. Clerk to draw the attention of NYC planning to it, for them to decide if it breaches any planning rules and in case it sets a precedent. New buildings at the woodyard also to be mentioned; original buildings have full planning permission.

**Action: Clerk**

5. Proposed AONB

The suggestions made by the PC for boundary changes near Menethorpe sadly didn't affect anything. The proposed AONB is now very close to having full legal status.

6. Responses to Landscape Character Assessment questionnaire

Everyone needed more time to respond, so Clerk will email it out again and summarise responses.

**Action: all**

7. Church Lane flooding

JS reported that Church Lane had flooded again. It seems that the problem is not as bad as previously, but it is still very inconvenient to those affected. Clerk to report it to Highways and to ask Mr Boak if there is any more that they can do to prevent the run-off.

**Action: Clerk**

8. Request for salt bin

A resident has requested a salt bin to be positioned where Lang Hill Road crosses the stream. When it's cold, thick ice forms on both slopes of the road going up from the bridge causing issues for all road users.

**Action: Clerk**

9. Cheques authorised:

Autela Payroll - £87.00 (598)

10. Planning applications:

Installation of a ground mounted solar array involving 120 modules – Burythorpe/Kennythorpe.

The Parish Council discussed this application and was unwilling to support it; it was concerned that if approved, more arrays would then be applied for, either on the same site or elsewhere. Also, in light of the forthcoming AONB status, these ground mounted arrays are not encouraged by Natural England. The emphasis will be to conserve and enhance natural beauty, which these arrays would not do. It was agreed that roof-mounted panels would be completely fine.

Additionally, the current building of the newest cabin was discussed as potentially not adhering to the application in its location, and the large pond next to it had been built without submission of a planning application. The PC was unsure whether it was required. NYC planning to be informed.

11. AOB

- The process of adding/changing signatories on the account is, at last, making progress. CS and JR should have received emails asking for their signatures.  
**Action: JR and CS**
- (I forgot to mention, but it was on the whatsapp – let me know if you're actually not willing to approve it....) IC requested a new slow down sign to replace the existing which is broken. Approved. IC to source.  
**Action: IC**
- Potholes outside Victoria Bungalows are getting worse. Clerk to report, but anyone can do this at any time. I don't have a hotline!  
**Action: Clerk and IC**
- Neighbours of The Stray would like NYC to be look into the numerous extensions which have been added to this bungalow without any reference to planning.  
**Action: Clerk**

12. Date of next meeting

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm. As the usual next meeting would be in March, it was agreed to skip this one and go straight to the next meeting, which will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. If an interim meeting is required, it will be arranged