

## Minutes of the meeting of Burythorpe Parish Council held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in the Church Hall

Present: J Raine (chair), I Collingwood, C Scholefield, J Simpson, G Massey, D Hill, A Kilvington and J Hall. Also present: S Syms (clerk), J Caunt (planning applicant) and five members of the public.

1. Apologies

I Hutchinson.

2. Open planning discussion on the application to build a new dwelling on land behind the Orchard Cottage.

James Caunt presented his application and answered questions from the Council and the wider general public. He was thanked for attending.

3. 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.

4. Matters arising

**Litter picking** – JS has purchased two litter pickers, two hi-vis vests and some heavy duty sacks. All will be available for anyone that wishes to borrow them. JS will store them and mention on village Whatsapp.

**Action: JS**

**Standing water on roads** –the Halls attempted to rod the drain under the road to Hanging Hill but it was too silted up. Clerk to mention to Highways.

**Action: Clerk**

**Buildings near Kennythorpe Woodyard** – the Clerk has heard nothing directly from NYC about this, but has heard from the concerned neighbour that the issue is being looked into. Other planning issues also reported: cabin and lake at Park Farm -no feedback yet; extensions at The Stray – being looked into.

**Church Lane flooding** – members of the PC and landowners met with Highways to discuss the ongoing problems. An order has been raised to jet the pipes and then put CCTV down the pipes.

**Victoria Bungalow potholes** – work has been done on the road but this was for the installation of pipes/wires; the potholes were not touched and continue to worsen. The risk is probably greatest for pedestrians at night. Clerk to report again.

**Action: Clerk**

5. Certificate of Exemption (for audit)

This was approved by all.

**Action: Clerk**

6. Best way to pass on information/communication sent to the Clerk

The Clerk is sent a great deal of information which is expected to be disseminated across the parish. Currently it is posted on the village Whatsapp group and Facebook page, with posters displayed on the village noticeboard, but this doesn't reach everyone. It was suggested to put a message on the village website informing residents where information can be found.

**Action: Clerk**

7. Cheques authorised:

I Collingwood – for road signs £12.99 (600)

A Syms – salary Dec 25 – Apr 26 (incl £26.18 shortfall May -Nov 25) £321.88 (601)

J Simpson – plants (£24) and litter picking equipment (£34.37) £58.37 (602)

Zurich Municipal Insurance – parish council insurance policy £196 (603)

8. Planning applications:

**Old Manor Farm** – *timber garage, log store, landscaping, conversion of existing garage to living accommodation* - the PC had no issues with these applications, provided that any outside lighting was done sensitively.

**Land behind Orchard Cottage** – *one detached dwelling, and formation of shared access and parking* -the PC listened to and considered the discussion from the beginning of the meeting. Three members of the Council were directly affected by the application so could not vote on the final discussion, although their comments were borne in mind; JH chaired this part of the meeting. The Council was broadly in favour of the application, and was pleased that the applicant had been very open with all neighbouring residents. However, the residents of 1 and 2 Bankside Cottages were concerned about the change to their amenity of uninterrupted views and light. The application straddles the current building line, but as it would sit in line with other existing properties, the Council was willing to support this, on this occasion. It would also support the application being moved a little further across the line, to improve privacy and amenity for all concerned.

9. AOB

- The process of adding/changing signatories on the account continues. CS and JR should have received emails asking for their signatures.

**Action: JR and CS**

- Grass cutting grant of £95.88 received from NYC.
- The cost of a grit bin for the dip on Lang Hill Road would be £50 plus £75 for two top-ups annually. The PC agreed to go ahead with this.

**Action: Clerk**

- The state of the play area had been noted on a local Facebook page. It had been passed on to David Quick.
- A gravestone has been erected by a local trust, for Susan and Jennifer, so the money raised by generous donations will go towards a bench and the Air Ambulance. Location and style to be agreed.

**Action: all**

- The pub is registered as an asset of community value, and expires January 2028.
- A concern was raised about the siting of the new solar panels at Park Farm. Clerk to check.

**Action: Clerk**

- A query was raised about the car which parks regularly near the donkeys, due to the state of the verge. DH said it belonged to the owner of two of the donkeys. As she knows the owner of the land, she was asked if she could mention to them about possible alternative parking, as it gets very muddy, which is unpleasant for the driver and damaging to the verge.

**Action: DH**

10. Date of next meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.