

# YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Anne Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Leah Goodwin, Dee Frith, Sue Hallam, Nicola Humphreys, Andrew McCloy and Richard Roper  
In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 1 member of the public

3484 Apologies for Absence  
No apologies required

3485 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items  
No variations required. Planning applications always included under 28 day return rule.

3486 Declaration of Members Interests  
No interests required declaration.

3487 Public Speaking

a) Public – none

b) County Councillor Simon Spencer sent apologies. District Councillor Laura Mellstrom reported that the plans for the abolition of District Councils are seeing major retention and recruiting issues already as the uncertainty to the timetable that the County Council are trying to achieve by being in the first wave makes long term planning for not only its employees but setting District plans and budgets. She noted that the Car Park and Toilets review meeting last night agreed some changes to car park fees in outlying areas and that Middleton by Youlgrave toilets will be open 365 days a year with a footfall monitor so please visit to ensure they stay year around – a reopening date hasn't been mentioned so is likely to be when this season's opening takes place.

PCSO Boswell sent a report noting 2 crimes since our last meeting but not ones affecting the community. Burglary has been prioritised due to major incidents of shed break ins in the Hope Valley (mainly for bicycles) with other areas still prioritising Parking and Road Safety.

3488 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council  
RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November subject to noting the oversubscribed pantomime referred to those signing up to take part and not ticket sales. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3489 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3490 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters  
**Decisions received:** NP/DDD/1024/1043 – Hollow Farm- covered manure store and extension to yard area – granted conditionally  
NP/DDD/0824/0821-2 – Old Hall Main St – Alterations to house, demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage and link, alterations and extension to outbuilding – granted conditionally  
**Planning Applications for discussion:** none  
Other: Clerk will chase for direction on whether planning is needed to install VAS signs on our land adjacent to the highway.

3491 Footpaths and Highways

National Grid's new local Engineer phoned from site yesterday and apologised to the village as he'd not been made aware their contractor had dug the actual path up so has instructed his team to create a better alternative. Unfortunately, the torrent in the river is delaying laying the new cable under it but he promised to keep the clerk informed and will complete the works as soon as the river allows as this is a major feed into the village. The Clerk has used the new STW councillor email system today to query the discolouration in the Bradford River reported by a resident. Councillors noted the sough outlet at the Middleton-Youlgrave boundary may be the source of this as it's been seen before.

### 3492 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – faulty emergency lighting has been replaced. The pantomime is lacking in audience for the early performances and all are encouraged to support. The mosaic raised £6467 of which half went to the Primary School and a quarter each to the Village Hall and Old Scout Hut (Youth Hall).

Scout and Community Youth Hall – the Morgan Fund trustees attended a ceremony hosted by the Brownies and Guides to present the hall with £1000 towards its running costs. Waterworks – is concerned that there appears to be an unidentified leak on the system as consumption has jumped higher. One was reported on Friday but there could easily be others in unattended properties. A pre-application meeting with the PDNPA is in the queue to install a permanent tank structure.

Reading Room – has few bookings but is ticking over comfortably and is donating its old noticeboard to replace the Alport Reading Room with permission from Haddon Estate; CLT – still ironing out PDNPA and owner niggles before submitting the planning application; WEFTrust – no report; Horticultural Show is to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September

### 3493 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

#### a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – the exercise equipment awaits the ground hardening for the mobile welder. The home team changing room floor has been repaired and a planning application submitted by YLCC for nets will come to us for comment once allocated to an officer.

HLTB – Locked and drained for the ice week. Gents loo has been unblocked.

#### (b) CE Car park/field, Allotments and other assets

Allotments – renewals gone out. Plot 1 requires serious works as the ground has been unworked for many years and the dead tree needs removing. Council agreed not to let this until made safe. CE Toilet Block – ok. Defibrillators – all ok but 4 are reaching end of life. Conversation with CLT notes that The Circuit needs all owned defibs registering as EMA are moving to their system. There is an interest in the village to fund raise and a note is going in the Bugle to raise awareness. Councillors noted the success of the event 10 years ago and discussed ideas.

The memorial bench for Moor Lane is being installed shortly. Grit bins were refilled in icy weather – thanks expressed to our Chair for doing with this. Stocks also replenished and going down. Litter pickers have been assured that whilst using our equipment and DDDC pink bags for works in our parish they are covered by our insurance if they notify us in advance and wear and use appropriate equipment.

#### (c) Website compliance update

Council approved a £300 upgrade to ensure we meet government WCAG2 standards.

#### (d) Church and Field Footpath alterations

The landowners are still awaiting ownership transfer to give a formal response. Our reply to the PCC was requested and forwarded.

#### (e) Traffic meeting – Highways response

Highways officer wanted to know which parts of his response we wished to publish. It was agreed that a statement for publication is to be asked for from DCC to put in the Bugle.

(e) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee – the meeting with the Architect and report writer noted that the best route is to fund raise to meet the 40-45% that the FA would provide the remainder for, although grant pots are extremely scarce for £1 million projects. It was agreed to hold publication of the final report until modular buildings can be investigated by our architect as an alternative. Once an idea of costings and finishes is established a pre-application can be submitted to PDNPA with both schemes to find

a cost-effective way forward. The Village will then be consulted to begin the fundraising process and local estimates found for a realistically priced replacement.

### 3494 Items for Information

DALC – news and Clerks Briefing - The Unitary Authority first steps have seen DCC apply to be in the first wave splitting City and County however DALC notes that the City isn't big enough to go alone so may take in surrounding areas. If in the first wave this could potentially see changes by 2028 and DCC is currently considering whether to hold County elections. The abolition could be an opportunity for Parishes to do more if funded and may see Parish Meeting Parishes having to join a neighbour If the Unitary Authority doesn't provide all the services the District did. Anomalies in the relationships between Parish and District may also find long standing agreements terminated causing precept rises to cover.

PDNPA e-news circulated – finances are in a dire state due to lack of Government funding. A formal letter is expected regarding transfer of Bankside Wildlife garden to CLT and once received will be on the next agenda thereafter to meet legal requirements.

### 3495 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee		vat
Ubd	J Boon fnl	£985.00	197.00
Chq 118-120	Land registry 3 forms	£125.00	
Ubd	Post office – land reg	£3.60	
ubd	Long Rake Spar grit	£166.40	33.28
ubd	J Aston 6m + domain	£206.00	
ubd	EDF block monthly ddr	£30.47	1.53
ubd	BG CE electric	£35.58	1.78
ub	Yu Energy Hltb	£26.67	1.33
ubd	HM Lovell (expenses Jan allot stmps)	£30.74	
ubd	Post Office allot stamps	£30.60	
ubd	TDP memorial bench	£428.71	85.74
ubd	HM Lovell (Jan)	£778.03	
ddr	NEST (Jan)	£67.40	
ubd	L Godfrey 80% (2invs)	£2100.00	
ubd	YLCC Pav floor	£550.00	
ubd	CHT pad replacement	£195.95	39.19
ubd	Unity charges	£6.00 per month	
ubd	YPCC mowing grant	£1500.00	
ubd	CC Fairies (Jan)	£250.00	

Income Interest £70.82 Bench Donation £482.71  
 HB sumup D£63.00 J£54.50 CE D£301.86 J£404.95 HLTB D£12.80 £46.19 ALPF D£24.10 J£52.49

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 28 January	CoOp	£1443.98
	CoOp Dep	£5187.14
	Unity current account	£10599.49
	Unity savings account	£10645.38

(c) Unity Bank telephone authorisation and additional signature.

Resolved to add Ken Clayton to give a choice of 2 from 4 signatories and add Cllr McCloy's mobile number for easier access.

(d) Precept for 2025 – Confirmation of DDDC amendment submitted

Resolved to confirm that the e-delegated precept £29202 which is an increase of £7.00 or 13p pw was unanimously accepted by council.

3496 Date of next meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Youlgrave Village Hall Community Room 7:15pm

### Exempt Items

3497 Mowing Contract – resolved to place ALPF with YLCC and CE+ with DB Services

The meeting closed at 8:25pm