

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2026

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Anne Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Leah Goodwin, Nicola Humphreys, Andrew McCloy

In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 5 members of the public

3658 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Sue Hallam, Dee Frith and Richard Roper and from Anne Blenkinsopp for late arrival at item 3661a

3659 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required. Planning applications can be included under 28 day return rule.

3660 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests to declare.

3661 Public Speaking

- a) Public – residents affected by the cricket ball damage attended to express their concerns that the club plans to leave the nets closed for the whole season and asked for alternatives to be considered. Their Ecologist also noted 2 bat roosts and were asked for further details on this. Council noted their concerns – see minute 3668

Compliments from several people on the excellent daffodil display at CE Car Park were welcomed and our councillor gardening party thanked.

- b) PCSO Boswell sent apologies

District Councillor Laura Mellstrom is still chasing the FOI with DCC as not all questions have been answered for the 6 week road closure last summer. She noted that the double taxation has seen a 10% reduction in 2nd homes to date with most returned to residency. The Ex-DDDC toilet block maintenance grant should be paid shortly and we can reapply after 1st April.

3662 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3663 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3664 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Planning Applications for discussion: none

Other: no matters

3665 Footpaths and Highways

No update on the sinkhole has been received. Road repairs to tarmac and other routes to be queried with our County Councillor again.

3666 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – new treasurer taking over 1st April. Subject to mutual agreement a new Panto Director and Asst Director will be appointed shortly. National Film Theatre event was a success and will be continued. Attic Sale in on 25th April - £6 a table.

Waterworks –Leaks still trouble us but two more have been sorted and consumption is lower – ones in the Highway incur a DCC £970 charge for every dig distorting costs.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – no news; Reading Room – all ok; CLT – no news on financing the development.

Bowls Club – working party preparing for the new season starting on 28th March.

3667 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – gateway drawing submitted and awaiting approval by Highways – who have asked for PDNPA consent so forwarded to them for comment.

HLTB – no matters

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

Allotments – one half plot available for advertisement in next Bugle. CE Toilet Block – no issues. Defibrillators – farmyard is bleeping ahead of its scheduled expiry but currently having difficulty contacting CHT so a local supplier has been asked for a price. WI – littering pick in the village on 11th April and 28th June. Grit bins – bins ok for now.

(c) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee

TG Escapes has still not come back but 2 other design companies expressed interest and a local company is proposing a shell only fast build version which we could kit out ourselves so may prove the most cost effective and more information will be asked for. A subcommittee will be convened with the football and Cricketers and the local company – date to be agreed and circulated. Once this has taken place a Village meeting to ask for assistance with the project management and fund raising will be set up to involve the community.

3668 Cricket boundary ball netting

Council deferred this item to allow further discussion between the residents and cricket club especially as bat roosts are protected so further information is needed on this aspect. It is understood that the same netting is installed at Tideswell and is drawn back on a curtain mechanism.

3669 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, PDNPA per e-news circulated.

3670 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee		vat
ub	HM Lovell	£840.88	
ddr	NEST	£68.62	
Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£22.07	1.10
ddr	BGaslite monthly Pav	£credit cf	
ub	BG CE electric	£28.02	1.40
ub	HM Lovell expenses	£15.20	
ub	Waterplus hltb	£225.00	20.59
ub	CCFairies	£200.00	
ub	HMRC	£514.86	
ub	Dalc (1/4)	£432.76	

Income Sumup £102.38 Allotment renewals £152.00 Int £34.39 ECB grant £28112.00
Hb CE 251.82 HLTB £44.45

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 18 th March	CoOp	£2703.62
	CoOp Dep	£5260.40
	Unity current account	£43482.82
	Unity savings account	£10895.89

3671 Date of next meeting – 28th April – in the Village Hall preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm

Dates for 2026: 21st April – Finance meeting 7:30pm

19th May, 23rd June, 21st July, 15th September, 20th October

3rd November finance meeting 7:30pm , 24th November

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm