

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2026

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Anne Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Dee Frith, Leah Goodwin, Sue Hallam, Nicola Humphreys and Richard Roper
In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 5 members of the public

3688 To elect a Chair

Councillor Graham Elliott was elected and signed the declaration of acceptance

3689 To elect a Vice-Chair

Councillor Andrew McCloy was elected and will sign the declaration of acceptance at the next meeting.

3690 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllr Andrew McCloy

3691 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required. Planning application included under 28 day return rule.

3692 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3693 Public Speaking

- a) Public – New Road residents Association representative and members of the cricket club attended to present the case for and against the Cricket Boundary netting.

A request to investigate disabled access for the YHA café/restaurant will be researched.

- b) District Councillor Laura Mellstrom and PCSO Boswell sent apologies. County Councillor Nick Adams attended noting his Interest as PDNPA member for DCC. He shared his frustrations with the road repairs noting that several changes to procedure are in motion with changes to top management and more leeway for repairers to fix all potholes when attending an area rather than the specific ones sent to carry out. Working practices and contracts are hurdles to gradually overcome for change but progress is being made. The lack of return communication for the online Reporting system now has a cabinet member overseeing improvements in that area. Blocked gullies and culverts that assist in road deterioration are also a major problem to address.

3694 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28th April. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3695 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3696 Dates of meetings, deeds and documents and Standing Orders amendments. The Accessibility Statement on the website needs checking to meet 2.2 standards.

Dates for year: 23rd June, 21st July, 15th September, 20th October, (Finance: 3rd November), 24th November, 26th January (RR), 23rd February, 16th March, (Finance: 20th April) 27th April (APM), 18th May (AM)

3697 Committee terms and reference.

It was reaffirmed that the committees are advisory and only make decisions where a specific delegation has been granted by a full council meeting. The Carnival and Well Dressing committee council representatives have a duty to report to council any concerns over insurance matters and can veto unsafe activities on those committees. All representatives are on committees to promote a good liaison, report on activities and bring to council any requests for assistance by those bodies.

Nomination of Representatives - Finance & Personnel Committee – Councillors Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott, Sue Hallam, Andrew McCloy, Richard Roper, and Michael Ashforth
Carnival Committee – dormant
Well Dressing Committee – Cllr Ken Clayton

Nomination of Representatives to VOs

Village Hall – Cllr Sue Hallam, Reading Room – Cllr Leah Goodwin, CLT – Cllr Andrew McCloy, Waterworks – Cllr Richard Roper, Bowls – Cllr Ken Clayton, Community Speed Watch – needs members, Horticultural Show – Cllr Andrew McCloy
Charity trustees – Alport Lane Playing Fields is registered under Charity regn 530537. The Parish Council is the registered trustee. The management lease expires in 2030 however Fields in Trust has now transferred title DY357157 to the Parish Council under same use conditions. Council representative on the Webster Educational Foundation in Youlgrave 527046-0 – Cllr Andrew McCloy
Cllr Nicola Humphreys remains the parish trustee for the Scout and Community Youth Hall

3698 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Planning Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/0426/0426 Bowman Cottage – Radon sump & fan
Council supported as an assessed safety measure noting the equipment resembles an additional gutter downpipe so will have a minor impact visually.

Other: The application for the Temporary portacabin for ladies/youth cricket and the widening of the entrance was signed for submission in the Parish Council's name.

3699 Footpaths and Highways

Some potholes on Conksbury filled but other requests and the surface dressing are still unresolved. The sinkhole expansion has been reported and our County Councillor is visiting the site after this meeting.

3700 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – general maintenance and H&S up to date. The new treasurer is in post. The Pantomime will be Treasure Island. 2 further national Theatre Events are planned.

Waterworks – 2 more leaks have been repaired – please continue to be vigilant. The new pump has been installed in the mineshaft. Councillors raised loud water sounds at the entrance to Hollow Farm track.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – quotes for heating are being sourced.

Reading Room – ok; CLT – no news; Horticultural Show – no news; Community Speed Watch – no re-start as yet; Webster Educational Trust – no news

Bowls Club – have made a successful bid to the local projects fund.

Well Dressing – Road closure notice in place. Sign and cone audit needs carrying out.

3701 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – the ladies internal door was found unlocked on 8th May but fortunately no disturbance and Youlgrave Junior football now have an inner key for winter occasional game duration opening closing the valve after each use. The gents tap has been replaced. The tennis volunteers are concreting in the fence posts

HLTB – Gents lock mechanism has failed and needs replacing.

(b) ALPF Boundary Through stile 5 year licence renewals

Council agreed to allow renewal with a potential clause to cover provision for netting cable crossing at own risk subject to the decision below (noted that renewal is 1st June so needs inserting in order to send out before the next Council meeting).

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

Allotments – the vacant plot is being placed. The skip was authorised by Council for 5th June. CE Toilet Block – ok. Defibrillators – all ok apart from the Farmyard. The Church Corner railing post needs replacing and an honesty box fitting to the car park barrier.

(d) Information Kiosk installation

The sound board is in place and information stickers to explain it fitted. Further work and replacement signs to cover “telephone” are needed to complete the project. DCC Highways are to be asked for a way to keep vehicles at a distance from the kiosk.

(e) Church and Field Footpath Claim 111164

Council continues to support the claim to make route from the churchyard to footpath 14 via the end of New Road a public footpath in line with the evidence submitted.

Support by individuals needs submitting with the above reference number to

dmmo.register@derbyshire.gov.uk

(e) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee

A wish list has been supplied to Pinelog for a pavilion and separate garage/store/toilet.

Once the drawings are received a village meeting will be held to explain the project and seek assistance and a Pre-App sent to the PDNPA.

3702 Cricket boundary ball netting

Council listened to the arguments put forward in public speaking and already circulated and resolved to reject the plan specifically proposed and ask the Cricket Club to present a revised option to the next meeting due to concerns for safety caused by the height of the lower tension wire. It accepted the offer by County Councillor Nick Adams to get Opinion from DCC Legal Department on the liabilities to Council from both outright rejection and from placing the order to allow an informed decision to be made.

3703 Items for Information

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

3704 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
ub	HM Lovell	£808.62	
ddr	NEST	£65.78	
Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£20.60	1.03
ddr	BGaslite monthly Pav	£15.09	0.76
ub	BG CE electric	£30.42	1.52
ub	HM Lovell expenses	£15.20	
ub	CCFairies	£600.00	
ub	DB Services mowing ALPF/CE	£950.00e	
ub	Phil Smith – printing for kiosk	£81.96	11.28

Income Sumup £136.79 HLTB 60.15 CE £707.98 Wedding £300.00

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Internal audit – completed with no issues found

Balance @ 12 th May	CoOp current	£2703.62
	CoOp Deposit	£5260.40
	Unity current account	£81867.90
	Unity savings account	£10952.09

3705 Date of next meeting – 23rd June 2026 Youlgrave VH Community Room 7:15pm

Exempt Items – none

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm