

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2026

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

In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 0 members of the public

3720 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllr Richard Roper

3721 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

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

3722 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3723 Public Speaking

a) Public – none

b) County Councillor Nick Adams, District Councillor Laura Mellstrom and PCSO Boswell sent apologies. PCSO Boswell has noted that legally Haddon Estates needs to advise people with BBQs of the law and the Fire Service should be called. If they meet any aggression then they need to contact the police. Parking problems need images sending of the incidents to show evidence to raise police awareness and get more frequent attendance.

3724 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3725 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3726 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0246/0366 Meadow Place Farm - Listed Building consent -

Proposed re-roofing and associated works to the listed building – conditionally granted

Application returned to meet time limits: None

Planning Applications for discussion: None

Other: Officer queries on ECB and Sport England statutory comments on the Portacabin application have been returned.

3727 Footpaths and Highways

DCC has been chased by our County Councillor and promised to investigate the widening sinkhole near footpath 28. Council agreed to raise our concerns to Haddon Estates about the regular use of BBQs and the long dry grass near the footpath by the swimming hole.

3728 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – funds are healthy and maintenance continues. The AGM saw all officers re-elected with a request for a Bookings Secretary to be found. Pantomime planning is well underway. A Project to put up the numerous paintings and photos with explanatory plaques is being investigated and the unknown ones need checking as to their relevance for retention.

Waterworks – held its AGM last night and reported a £5200 loss due to multiple leak repairs last winter. At this moment the mine levels are sufficient so as not to impose a hose pipe ban but please continue to use water sparingly and water at night when other usage is at a minimum. The Board has agreed to go ahead with the land purchase for the overnight

header system and then purchase the agricultural building once this is completed if funds remain.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – the building is reaching 29 degrees in the heatwave during pre-school use so alternative solutions are being investigated to reduce this. Utility Aid has been commissioned to seek cheaper energy and as a grant source for applicants. All User Groups continue to thrive.

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 – 2nd August 10:30 Bowls Memorial match will welcome support – cake and drinks available.

Well Dressing – made over £1200 to help fund next year and is investigating improvements in 2027 to the QR code accessibility – it was noted that the suggested donation is slowing the process and is frustrating to use when it needs altering. Visitors to our manned car park were finding the leaflet box emptied and extra could be left with us to top up. Cones will be put out to the top of Alport Hill next year and not removed until Sunday afternoon to encourage car park use,

3729 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – Pommie Panter outdoor table tennis table target reached for a Park Outdoor Table subject to approval. The Playing Field inspection will look at suitable sites as part of the visit on 28th July. Locks and No Dog signs to be ordered. The collapsed manhole is to be urgently replaced with a larger one and set below mower blade level.

WI were thanked for carrying out a litter pick on 28th June and will do another on 5th September.

HLTB – no issues reported.

(c) Kiosk and Premises Licence update

Notional Grid will be digging on 22nd July to reconnect power to the Kiosk. Premises Licence awaits the fee information for submission - expected tomorrow.

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

Allotments – Mid term changes matching new arrivals on the list. CE Toilet Bloc - all ok. Defibrillators – Mawstone is the penultimate order as its battery is failing. Farmyard – clerk still having no joy with manufacturer contact. CE (inc allotments) inspection to take place on 28th July.

(e) Sports Pavilion next steps

Council has received revised 3D drawings and Pinelog advise that we should have enough information to send a Pre-App to PDNPA which with a few tweaks would take little time to turn into a full application. Council agreed to proceed and to set a date for a village meeting to market the project and get fund raisers on board in September.

3730 Cricket boundary ball netting order

The meeting between residents, cricketers and Hucktek attended by the Chair resulted in a compromise that appears to satisfy all parties and Hucktek have agreed to involve residents when placing post – within their 8 and 10m width section parameters. Our insurers have agreed wording for the agreement with YLCC to be responsible for the net during their season already forwarded and once accepted an order will be placed for Hucktek

to proceed as soon as possible to take advantage of hard ground conditions.

3731 Items for Information

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

3732 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
ub	HM Lovell	£808.62	
ddr	NEST	£65.78	
ub	J Aston website 6m	£240.00	
ub	Youlgrave Silver Band	£130.00	
ub	Defib4life Alport Kiosk	£825.00	165.00
ub	DRB Services June	£1052.00	
ub	YPO	£128.75	25.75
ub	CCFairies June	£660.00	
Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£25.75	1.29
ddr	BGaslite monthly Pav	£69.18	3.46
ub	BG CE electric	£30.42	1.52
ub	HM Lovell expenses	£16.30	
ub	CCFairies July	£750.00	
ub	HM Lovell Aug	£808.62	
ub	DRB Services July	£751.00	
ub	NEST	£65.78	
ub	DDDC Premises Licence renewal	£70.00	
ub	Combilocks, Dog signs etc	£48.27	9.66
ub	DDDC Premises Licence application	£100.00	

Income Interest £53.25 Sumup £520.87 Wayleave £0.75
 Honesty Box CE £1039.47 HLTB £102.45

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Pensions re-enrolment has been carried out for the next 3 years

DDDC Toilet block maintenance grant has been applied for

Balance @ 14th July CoOp current £2703.62

CoOp Deposit £5260.40

Unity current account £76448.34

Unity savings account £11005.34

3733 Date of next meeting – 15th September 2026 Youlgrave VH Community Room 7:15pm

Exempt Items – none

The meeting closed at 8:28 pm