

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th April 2026

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

3672 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Mick Ashforth and Richard Roper

3673 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.

3674 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests to declare.

3675 Public Speaking

a) Public – none

b) PCSO Boswell and DCClr Adams sent apologies

District Councillor Laura Mellstrom had nothing further to add to the Annual Parish meeting report.

3676 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3677 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3678 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters
Decisions received: none

Planning Applications for discussion: none

Other: no matters

3679 Footpaths and Highways

No update on the sinkhole has been received. Road repairs to tarmac and other routes need multiple emails to the County Councillor for Highways and Potholes Charlotte Hill as no response received by Council. The broken footpath gate has been repaired.

3680 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – new treasurer taking over 1st April. Subject to mutual agreement a new Panto Director has been appointed, a script has been shortlisted and promises a schedule to minimise unnecessary rehearsal attendance. National Film Theatre event is to be repeated with ideas for improvements to the evening being discussed. The Attic Sale on 25th April was a well-attended success.

Waterworks –Leaks still trouble us and have been a drain on resources in this financial year just ended. The mine pump is being replaced this week and water meters agreed for all community buildings – some already fitted.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – 26 pre-school children on the roll and infrared heaters in progress for fitting – noted that School House has been given to the school by Diocese for conversion to provide more space probably including pre-school which will allow the hall to become the PE venue again;

Reading Room – met with their representative and all ok; CLT – AGM last week but no further news on the Development.

Bowls Club – Barry Oldfield Competition was a great success with 32 Non-Village players attending. Fortunately the ladies softball cricket match allowed for their orderly parking of cars on the grass as no room on Alport Lane.

3681 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – gateway may await other applications/pre-app due to £50 written reply wastage and brought forward timescale see below. The toilet block doors are split and need a sturdier replacement. The tennis volunteers are to concrete in the posts and resurrect the netting again having been informed we have a budget for repairs.

HLTB – no matters

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

Allotments – all placed. CE Toilet Block – no issues. Defibrillators – first purchased ready for swap over when the pads expire on the Garage Defibrillator. CHT still unresponsive on the Manufacturer recall needed for the out of commission Farmyard defibrillator. Defib signs need refreshing.

(c) Information Kiosk Update

The electronic components and board are being donated and prepared. The remaining official paint has been passed over to touch up the inside of the kiosk. Councillors have been circulated the proposed 10 40 second history hits that the buttons will play. Discreet kiosk window size promotion stickers will meet the Listed Structure requirements. Ideas on how to stop vehicles blocking the kiosk from view are welcomed noting it is in the Highway.

(d) Sports Pavilion Next Steps

The site meeting with Pinelog took place last Friday and their proposal for an offsite built pavilion based on 3 standard log cabins fitted to FA requirements for changing and incorporating the clubhouse were welcomed as an achievable solution. A wish list is being supplied to them to prepare drawings for a village display and to submit a pre-app to the PDNPA with firmer budget costs.

3682 Cricket boundary ball netting

Council deferred the decision due to a site meeting with Hucknet taking place tomorrow to view the slope of the site to ensure the nets can be opened as easily as advertised. The club has indicated that their Risk Assessment means that the closer is only essential for League Matches.

3683 Items for Information

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

3684 Finance

Resolved to approve the following:

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee		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	Defib4life	£825.00	165.00
ub	CCFairies	£600.00	
ub	DB Services mowing ALPF/CE	£1485.00	
ub	Play inspection Co	£284.85	56.97

Income coop int £30.09 Sumup £312.52 Honesty boxes CE £903.68 HLTB £104.95 ALPF £20.00
allotments £15.00 precept £31947.00 Vat refund 2208.42

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 21st April	CoOp	£2703.62
	CoOp Dep	£5260.40
	Unity current account	£81867.90
	Unity savings account	£10952.09

3685 Approval of signature of Governance Statement

Council approved the governance statement for signature by the Chairman. Last week's Finance meeting carried out checks and balances on the year's accounts to the satisfaction of the committee.

3686 Approval of accounts for submission to External auditor

Council approved the accounting statement for signature by the Chairman and authorised the accounts to be sent to our External Auditor. The internal audit took place on 10th April with no matters arising.

3687 Date of next meeting – 19th May in the Village Hall Community Room at 7:15pm

Dates for 2026: 23rd June, 21st July, 15th September, 20th October
3rd November finance meeting 7:30pm, 24th November

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm