

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th September 2026

Present: Councillors: Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Leah Goodwin, Sue Hallam, Nicola Humphreys and Richard Roper

In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 1 member of the public

3734 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Mick Ashforth, Anne Blenkinsopp, Dee Frith and Andrew McCloy

3735 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required.

3736 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3737 Public Speaking

a) Public – none

b) County Councillor Nick Adams, and PCSO Boswell sent apologies.
District Councillor Laura Mellstrom informed the meeting that the pause in the Unitary system creates more uncertainty with large costs potentially wasted if it doesn't proceed of the order of £300k (£25000 direct to external assessors) so elections in May will just be normal ones. PDNPA Local Plan – DDDC would like to see more open housing and a widening of eligibility for those working in the Peak Park in its comments. Her local Projects Fund has been increased so still has capacity for applications.

3738 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3739 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3740 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0226/0226 – Cricket Pavilion - Siting of temporary portacabin and widening of existing entrance to car park – granted conditionally

Application returned to meet time limits: None

Planning Applications for discussion: NP/DDD/0826/0838 Sidenooks Farm , Moor Lane, Youlgrave, Erection of agricultural building for livestock housing.

Council supports this application for a working farm's needs.

Other: none

3741 Footpaths and Highways

DCC no news on Sinkhole or Road surfacing. Holywell Bus stop sign has been reported. 3 trees in Bradford Dale down across footpaths 29 and MbY 12 will be reported to PROW. The Stile at Old Mouth is very narrow and will be reported to PROW once more details are received.

3742 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – roof repairs completed. Auditions for pantomime are underway and an upgrade of Safeguarding rules to the latest requirements is being sorted. DCC has asked that the Village Hall become a Centre for Evacuation for this area. This is only as a gathering point for onward relocation and costs incurred are reimbursed and requires a key holder to be registered.

Waterworks – has repaired a major leak on the main this morning causing a short cut to supply while it was fixed. Pumps are still working 5 hours a day and levels are decreasing so a hosepipe ban is still in force as the rains so far have not replenished the spring catchment.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – AGM is next Tuesday 22nd September. Community Fireworks Event cover is requested with updated Risk Assessments to be provided.

Reading Room – all ok and the Big Sale this weekend Friday to Sunday; CLT – no news;

Bowls Club – lease needs urgently sorting out as due for payment. The final match on 27th will see a mix of teams and drinks and sandwiches on offer for spectators.

Horticultural Show – feedback requested from Council noted that in general there was a preference for it to return to the Village Hall as the church has too few kitchen and toilet facilities. It noted the availability of the table boards for other events.

3743 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – table tennis table installed. Thanks were expressed to DofE for their cleaning of the tennis court surfaces. Our CCTV installation has been moved to facilitate kitchen refurbishment. Boundary netting is being constructed so no installation date yet. Prices are being sought to widen the gateway. Portacabins – Council is happy to take charge of the purchase on behalf of YLCC. A request to use the pavilion for the Teddy Bear event was welcomed and whilst YUFC don't know their October fixtures beyond 10th yet, Council can open the Umpires room for Referee changing if there is a clash. Youlgrave Harriers are keen to support the replacement noticeboard.

WI were thanked for carrying out a litter pick on 5th September.

HLTB – no issues reported.

(b) Pavilion CCTV upgrade to meet Police requirements

28 day storage condition on the new premises licence necessitates the upgrade with 2 additional cameras requested. 3 options were presented with council authorising option 3 for a comprehensive upgradeable system that can easily be transferred to a new pavilion.

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

Allotments – inspection took place in July, a query regarding when fires are allowed again noted this needs to be after rainfall to prevent spread.

CE Toilet Block – Painters to do the 3 doors before winter are being organised. Defibrillators – Mawstone defib replacement en route. Farmyard – loan unit in action. CE inspection found no issues.

(d) Sports Pavilion presentation 19th September

Vice-Chair and Clerk visited to Pinelog in August to view facilities and collect drawings for Saturday. The storage requirements need design and location before a full planning application can be submitted as the Pre-App is generally favourable to the project. Fundraising needs to start in earnest with grant applications essential.

3744 Christmas Tree Replacement

The tree is too tall for lights to be attached safely with the danger of the railings being too close reinforcing this decision. The recommendation is to fell it and use the top section for this year and investigate planting a larger slow grow tree. Council received the offer of a

7' tree currently growing on the allotments to transfer after Christmas. The PCC will be approached to ask permission to carry out this work.

3745 Items for Information

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

3746 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

ID No	Payee		vat
ub	HM Lovell	£842.23	
ddr	NEST	£70.09	
ub	HMRC	£500.16	
ub	HM Lovell expenses	£66.49	
ub	Defib4life Mawstone	£825.00	165.00
ub	DRB Services	£969.00	
ub	YPO	£182.12	36.42
ub	CCFairies	£600.00	
Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£25.75	1.29
ddr	BGaslite monthly Pav	£69.18	3.46
ub	BG CE electric	£40.49	2.02
ub	Gallager Ins yr2	£2600.56	
ub	PKF external audit~	£315.00	63.00
ub	Unity monthly charge	£7.00	
ub	Pinelog 3D Drawings	£1400.00	280.00

Income since last meeting Sumup £744.79 CE £1319.91 HLTB £97.26

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 14 th September	CoOp current	£2703.62
	CoOp Deposit	£5260.40
	Unity current account	£71223.66
	Unity savings account	£11005.34

3747 Date of next meeting – 20th October Youlgrave VH Community Room 7:15pm

Exempt Items – none

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm