

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Tracy Sinclair (Chairman), Christine Cookman, Graham Taylor, Robert Churton.

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk), North Yorkshire Cllr Malcolm Taylor & 1 member of the public.

25/1 **APOLOGIES**

There were apologies from Cllr Drew and Cllr Smyth. There were no declarations of interests. The Council noted the contribution the late Cllr Tim Milburn had made to the Council over the last two years.

25/2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2024**

Minutes previously circulated and these were signed as a correct record.

25/3 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Items discussed were South Back Lane rat infestation and the drain on Carr Lane.

25/4 **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Taylor reported on the budget, the affordable homes precept and the NYC local plan.

25/5 **CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. The work to the trees at the pond had been undertaken.
- b. The Clerk had collected the £320 compensation for the damage to the bus shelter from Northallerton Police station.
- c. It was not known whether the memorial plaque had been fitted to the old bus shelter.
- d. The price for a new dog bin would be about £500. The proposed location would be on the next agenda.
- e. A VAS sign volunteer had not yet been found. The Clerk would put an appeal in the next newsletter article.
- f. The York Road sewage pump had failed to operate again during the power cut. Cllr Taylor would take this matter up with Environmental Health.
- g. The pond maintenance s106 monies of £593.67 had been received.
- h. The casual vacancy had been reported to NYC Democratic Services.

25/6 **DEFIBRILLATOR**

A volunteer had come forward to look after the defibrillator on the village hall. However, the village hall had already found a volunteer so they would be asked whether they would like to look after the church defibrillator.

25/7 **WILDFLOWER POLICY**

Due to no responses being received to the formation of a wildflower policy working group the creation of a policy would not go ahead.

Approved Chairman

- 25/8** **BIRD MOUTH FENCING**
 Cllrs Sinclair and Cookman would identify all sections of fencing that required maintenance by North Yorkshire Council.
- 25/9** **VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE**
 The York Road drain was still blocked. Cllr Taylor would take this matter up with NYC Highways.
 The York Road sewage pump had failed to operate again during the power cut. Cllr Taylor would take this matter up with Environmental Health.
 There were pot holes opposite the surgery on North Back Lane. The Clerk would report these to NYC Highways.
 There were pot holes on Hill View. The Clerk would report these to NYC Highways.
- 25/10** **POND**
 It was agreed that the Council would pay for the food for the two geese on the pond.
- 25/11** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**
 The planning applications considered are attached.
- 25/12** **PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**
 The planning decisions received are attached.
- 25/13** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- a. The receipts and payment, bank reconciliation, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
 - b. The attached payments were agreed.
- 25/14** **CORRESPONDENCE**
 There was no additional correspondence.
- 25/15** **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**
 Bird mouth fencing.
 Dog waste bin.
 Meeting dates.
- 25/16** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
 The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 7.00pm

 The meeting closed at 8.39pm.

Payments

Moneysoft	Payroll	£51.60
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£224.60
HMRC	PAYE	£130.00
MAH Garden Maintenance	Grasscutting	£1,329.60
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£28.94
Stillington Village Hall	Rent	£45.00
Stillington Village News	Donation	£200.00

Approved Chairman

Applications Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB25/00047/FUL	27/01/2025	Change of use of land for the siting of 21 static caravans	Folly Garth, Green Lane, Blackwoods	Mr Sheldon Lee	Objection
ZB25/00057/FUL	30/01/2025	Demolition of existing church and construction of a 4 bed house	The Chapel, Main Street	Ms Angie Creswick	No objection

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Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
ZB24/02158/CAT	11/12/2024	Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area	Townend Pond, High Street	Mr Tim Drew	Granted
ZB24/02215/CAT	17/12/2024	Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area	Hallam House, North Back Lane	Mr James Cooper	Granted
ZB24/02109/FUL	17/12/2024	Demolition of existing rear conservatory to be replaced	41 Parkfield	Mr Sarah Furlong	Granted