

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2025 AT 7.00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk)
2 members of the public.

25/48 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Smyth was elected as Chairman and signed the declaration of office.

25/49 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Sinclair was elected as Vice-Chairman.

25/50 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from North Yorkshire Cllr Taylor. There were no declarations of interests.

25/51 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2025

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

25/52 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Items discussed were the pond, boundary commission and pot holes on South Back Lane.

25/53 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Taylor had reported that the boundary review were recommending Stillington be moved out of the current division into Hillside division for the next elections.

25/54 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The memorial bus stop plaque had been fitted by Cllr Churton.
- b. Four volunteers had been found to takeover the VAS signs deployment. The Clerk would chase up the purchase of the new bracket for the new pole.
- c. The Clerk would update the Northern Powergrid wayleave agreement with the new Chairman's details.
- d. The VE Day celebrations on Monday 5 May 2025 had been a great success.
- e. North Yorkshire Council Environmental health had not been on the site on South Back Lane to see if a drain had been damaged as the complainant had closed the case.
- f. The road closure notice on West Lane was noted.
- g. North Yorkshire Highways had put in an order for the finger sign on Crayke Road junction to be repaired.
- h. The North Yorkshire Council bird mouth fencing repairs had been reported.
- i. The pot holes on the Easingwold Road end of North Back Lane had been repaired.
- j. The pot holes on Mill Lane near Skeugh Lane had been reported.
- k. The loose paving on South Back Lane / Main Street had been repaired.

Approved Chairman

- I. The Asda Local Community Spaces Fund application form had been received.

25/55 CO-OPTION

The Council co-opted John Pollock on to the Council and he signed the acceptance of office.

25/56 DEFIBRILLATOR SERVICE CONTRACT

It was agreed to renew the defibrillator service contract for the one in the church porch.

25/57 VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The work to the pond was nearly completed. 170 tonnes of slurry had been removed. The fencing would be made geese proof. Grass seed will be planted on the removed slurry. Foxes had raided the moor hen's nest. Duck eggs had been found and were in an incubator and the ducklings would be returned to the pond. A lifebuoy was required. A letter from a resident had been received regarding the process and this would be replied to.

The grass banks needed cutting. The Clerk would let the contractor know.

A new bench was required at Roseberry as the existing one had rotted. The Clerk would obtain a price.

25/58 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

The planning applications considered are attached.

25/59 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

The planning decisions received are attached.

25/60 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. The receipts and payment, bank reconciliation, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. The bank statements were available to check the bank reconciliation.
- d. The certificate of exemption for the year ended 31 March 2025 was approved.
- e. The annual governance statement for the year ended 31 March 2025 was approved.
- f. The accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 were approved.

25/61 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received that was not on the agenda and required decision.

25/62 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Pond Policy.

Purchase of Pond Lifebuoy.

Emergency Plan.

Natural Grass Verges

New bench at Roseberry.

25/63 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 July 2025 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Approved Chairman

Payments

Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£289.60
HMRC	PAYE	£65.00
Mainland Aggregates	Pond clay	£5,096.00
MAH Garden Maintenance	Grass cutting	£823.20
Zurich Town & Parish	Insurance	£294.14
Stillington Village Hall	Rent	£32.00
YLCA	Subscription	£350.00

Approved Chairman

Planning Applications Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB25/00204/CAT	07/04/2025	Proposed detached dwelling	Gladstone House, High Street	Mr & Mrs G Falcus	No objections
ZB25/00593/MRC	07/04/2025	Removal of variation of condition 2 Application for the conversion and alteration of existing agricultural building	Gladstone House, High Street	Ms M Falcus	No objection
ZB25/00091/FUL	14/04/2025	Demolition of existing church and construction of a 4 bed to storey house	Fox Covert, Sand Lane	Mr & Mrs J & V Heaversedge	Objection
ZB25/00057/FUL	17/04/2025		The Chapel, Main Street	Ms Angie Creswick	No objection
ZB25/00622/FUL	22/04/2025	Application for a new dormer window to the front elevation	57 Parkfield	Mr Mark Richmond	No objection

Planning Decisions Received

Date	Reference	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
22/04/2025	22/02019/FUL	Proposed residential development comprising 35 dwellings	Stillington Social Club, York Road	Mr D Gath	Granted