

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Richard Smyth (Chairman), Tracy Sinclair, Christine Cookman, Graham Taylor, Robert Churton, John Pollock, Andrew Crawford

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk)
North Yorkshire Cllr Malcolm Taylor
4 members of the public.

25/64 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies. There were no declarations of interests.

25/65 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2025

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

25/66 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Items discussed were planning, verges, village hall maintenance and pavements.

25/67 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Taylor reported that he had been appointed as the executive member for highways. Spend on winter maintenance was £6 million but is not a statutory service, central government funding for it has been reduced. 75 – 80% of the budget is spent on SEN and adult social care. The locality budget has been cut to £5,000 but was taking applications.

25/68 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The VAS sign bracket would be ordered following measurements been taken.
- b. The Clerk would update the Northern Powergrid wayleave agreement with the new Chairman's details.
- c. Two fingers from the sign on Crayke Road junction had been removed. The Clerk would check that these had been taken to be repaired by NYC.
- d. The North Yorkshire Council bird mouth fencing repairs had still to be done.
- e. The pot holes on Mill Lane near Skeugh Lane had been repaired.
- f. The CardiAid defibrillator contract had been renewed.
- g. Yorkshire Ambulance Service have asked that the church defibrillator be registered.
- h. The grass bank cutting had taken place, but strimming was required.
- i. The Primary School federation consultation was noted. The Chairman had responded.

25/69 CO-OPTION

The Council co-opted Andrew Crawford on to the Council and he signed the acceptance of office.

25/70 VILLAGE POND

- a. The update report from Cllr Churton was noted. Thanks had been sent to Mr Geoff Sykes.
- b. A draft pond management plan would be produced by Cllr Churton and discussed at the next meeting.

Approved Chairman

- c. It was agreed that a life buoy be installed. The Clerk would purchase this.
- d. It was agreed that in the interests of road safety that the geese would be offered back to their owners and if they did not wish to take them back, they would be rehomed together once a suitable pond was found.

25/71 ROSEBERRY BENCH

It was agreed that a replacement bench would not be purchased as the existing one was adequate.

25/72 EMERGENCY PLAN

Storage was being sought for traffic cones, sand bags etc. The provision of a satellite phone would be investigated.

25/73 NATURAL VERGES

Cllr Sinclair had circulated a report on the natural verges. It was agreed that a controlled and non-controlled area be established so that the beneficial increase in species could be monitored.

25/74 VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

None.

25/75 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

The planning applications considered are attached.

25/76 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

The planning decisions received are attached.

25/77 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. It was agreed to remove Cllr Churton from the bank mandate and add Cllrs Pollock & Crawford.

25/78 CORRESPONDENCE

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

25/79 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Pond Policy.
Natural Grass Verges
Grass Cutting.
Local Plan.

25/80 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.39pm.

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Payments

J Atkinson & Son	Pond Maintenance	£4,194.00
Mainland Aggregates	Pond Maintenance	£6,096.00
Fairfax Plant Hire	Pond Maintenance	£422.58
EuroPC	Laptop	£186.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£289.60
HMRC	PAYE	£65.00

Approved Chairman

Planning Applications Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB25/00732/FUL	09/05/2025	Erection of a replacement livestock unit	Clover House, West Lane	Mr Richard Dobson	No objections
ZB25/00894/CAT	13/05/2025	Works to trees in a conservation area	The Barn, The Green	Mr Timothy Richards	No objections
ZB25/00913/CAT	19/05/2025	Application for tree works	Lees House, High Street	Mr Mike Ibbotson	No objections
ZB25/00398/LBC	22/05/2025	Listed building consent for replacement of wooden windows	The Admirals House, High Street	Mr & Mrs Travis & Imogen Bowles	No objections
ZB25/00585/FUL	27/05/2025	Proposed detached dwelling	Gladstone House, High Street	Mr & Mrs G Falcus	Wish to see refused
ZB25/00861/SPN	30/05/2025	Installation of Solar Panels	Stillgton Post Office, Main Street	Keith Shackleton	No objections
ZB25/01022/TPO	09/06/2025	Application for tree works	Trehholme, High Street	Paul Mitchell	No objections
ZB25/01058/FUL	11/06/2025	Application for a single storey house front and rear extension	Lucy House, North Back Lane	Mr & Mrs Sutherland	No objections

Planning Decisions Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
ZB25/00894/CAT	23/05/2025	Works to trees in a conservation area	The Barn, The Green	Mr Timothy Richards	Served
ZB25/00648/FUL	23/05/2025	Application to demolish small single storey extension	Ravensdale House	Richards & Charlotte Clark	Granted
ZB25/00593/MRC	12/06/2025	Removal of variation of condition 2	Gladstone House, High Street	Ms M Falcus	Granted