

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM

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

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

25/81 APOLOGIES

There were received from Cllr John Pollock and the reason accepted. There were also apologies from NYC Cllr Taylor. There were no declarations of interests.

25/82 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2025

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

25/83 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Items discussed were geese on the pond and the formation of a working party to assist the Council in developing a pond management policy. A previous issue regarding footways was also raised.

25/84 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Taylor had reported that he was taking up the matter of the poor road surface repairs on North Back Lane with NYC Highways.

25/85 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The VAS sign bracket had been fitted to the new pole.
- b. The Clerk had signed the Northern Powergrid wayleave agreement.
- c. Nothing had been heard back from NYC Highways regarding the two fingers and roundel from the sign on Crayke Road junction having been removed. The Clerk would chase this up with NYC Highways.
- d. The North Yorkshire Council bird mouth fencing had been repaired.
- e. The grass bank strimming had been requested.
- f. The issue of the geese on the pond was ongoing.
- g. The pond life buoy had been installed.
- h. The emergency plan was still in development and a storage container was being considered.
- i. Several defibrillator volunteers had been recruited by Cllr Pollock.
- j. A resident's concern regarding the village hall lighting and sound system had been passed to the village hall committee.
- k. An enquiry about a deceased resident had been responded to.
- l. NYC Cllr Taylor had taken up the issue of the poor repairs to North Back Lane.
- m. A resident's complaint about footway conditions was being dealt with by NYC Cllr Taylor.
- n. A request had been received by Yorkshire Air Ambulance regarding a potential clothing bank on the car park of the village hall. As a Salvation Army clothing bank already existed at the Sports Club and the car park was small this would not be pursued.

Approved Chairman

- 25/86 POND POLICY**
It was agreed that Councillors would consider a draft pond policy circulated and decide next meeting whether a working group be formed to assist with the production of a final policy.
- 25/87 BUS SHELTER**
a. The Police had caught a suspect for the vandalism to the bus shelter and damage costs had been given to the Police. It was agreed to replace all three glass panels of the bus shelter.
b. Due to antisocial behaviour, it was agreed to turn off the bus shelter light at 9pm each evening, an hour after the last bus service. It was also agreed that the Clerk engage the electrician who had previously installed the light.
- 25/88 EMAIL ACCOUNTS**
It was agreed following the announcement of new data security requirements in the 2026 annual return that a .gov.uk domain be registered and email accounts given to each councillor and the clerk off that domain.
- 25/89 GRASS CUTTING**
a. It was agreed to continue with the current grass cutting policy as it had been another exceptional year weather wise.
b. Cllr Sinclair has forwarded a report on the natural verges trial, and it was agreed to continue with this. She would let the Clerk know what areas may now require cutting by the contractor.
c. Nettles alongside the vicarage wall would be reported to the contractor.
- 25/90 LOCAL PLAN**
The current consultation on the local plan was noted.
- 25/91 VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**
None.
- 25/92 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**
The planning applications considered are attached.
- 25/93 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**
The planning decisions received are attached.
- 25/94 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 Clerk's nationally agreed salary increase of 3.2% for 2025/26 was agreed.
d. It was agreed to add Cllrs Pollock & Crawford to the mandate.
- 25/95 CORRESPONDENCE**
There was no correspondence received that was not on the agenda and required decision.
- 25/96 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**
Pond Policy.

Approved Chairman

Natural Grass Verges

25/97

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 November 2025 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Approved Chairman

Payments

Cardiaid	Defibrillator Maintenance Contract	£406.80
Lifebuoy Direct	Lifebuoy for pond	£323.99
R Churton	Goose Food	£21.99
Chiphosting	Website	£130.00
MAH Garden Maintenance	Grass cutting	£2,246.40
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Commission	£6.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£289.60
HMRC	PAYE	£65.00
Stillington Village Hall	Room Rent	£32.00
Chiphosting	Website	£113.88
Swarco	VASS Bracket	£63.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£289.60
HMRC	PAYE	£65.00
MAH Garden Maintenance	Grass cutting	£883.20
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Commission	£6.00

Approved Chairman

Planning Applications Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB25/01328/FUL	19/08/2025	Construction of a single dwelling	1 Mossey Terrace, South Back Lane	M Green & P Hope	No objections
ZB24/01808/FUL	13/08/2025	Erection of a new dwelling to replace site of existing workshop	122 Main Street	Ms L Austin	More information required
ZB25/00622/FUL	06/08/2025	Application for new dormer window in front elevation	57 Parkfield	Mr Mark Richmond	No objections
ZB25/01297/CLE	29/07/2025	Application for a lawful development	Stonegate Farm, West Lane	Cedric Taylor	No objections
ZB25/00047/FUL	23/07/2025	Change of use of land for siting of 18 static caravans	Caravan Site, Folly Garth, Green Lane	Mr Sheldon Lee	No objections
ZB25/01314/TPO	16/07/2025	Application for tree works	99 Parkfield	Mr Oliver Lewis	No objections
ZB25/01095/FUL	03/07/2025	Erection of replacement dwelling	Cover House, West Lane	Mr & Mrs Hilling	No objections
ZB24/01314/LBC	01/07/2025	Application for listed building consent for repairs	Fair View Cottage, High Street	Mr Kevin Gavlin	No Objections

Planning Decisions Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
ZB25/00057/FUL	31/07/2025	Demolition of existing church and construction of 4 bed house	The Chapel, Main Street	Mrs Angie Chadwick	Granted
ZB25/01058/FUL	28/07/2025	Application for a single storey front and rear extension	Lucy House, North Back Lane	Mr & Mrs Sutherland	Granted
ZB25/01022/CAT	15/07/2025	Application for tree works for 1m crown reduction	Trenholme, High Street	Paul Mitchell	Granted
ZB25/00774/FUL	07/07/2025	Siting of a temporary modular office unit	The Surgery, North Back Lane	Dr Neil Metcalfe	Granted
ZB24/01314/LBC	01/07/2025	Application for listed building consent for repairs	Fair View Cottage, High Street	Mr Kevin Galvin	Granted