

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM

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

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

25/101 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from NYC Cllr Taylor. There were no declarations of interests.

25/102 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER & 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

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

25/103 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Items discussed were parking on cobbles, 20mph speed limit, Carr Lane blocked drain, defibrillator and geese rehoming.

25/104 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Taylor had circulated a written report.

25/105 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. North Yorkshire Council had confirmed that the finger sign on Crayke Road junction was being refurbished.
- b. The pet geese on the pond had been rehomed.
- c. YLCA had been contacted about terms of reference to help create the Pond Management Working Party.
- d. Cllr Pollock had met with North Yorkshire Council regarding the plan creation. A storage container located at the Sports Club was also being considered.
- e. The bus shelter light timer had been installed. The insurance company had agreed to pay out on the damage claim. The police had decided not to pursue the case further due to a lack of evidence.
- f. The Clerk had attended an online seminar on moving to a .gov.uk domain.
- g. The nettles along the vicarage wall had been strimmed by the contractor.
- h. Cllr Tracy Sinclair had resigned, and North Yorkshire Council would administer an election.
- i. An enquiry about land ownership on Main Street had been received from a solicitor and this had been referred to NYC Highways.
- j. The overgrown foliage on South Back Lane had been removed by the owner.

25/106 FLOWER BED

It was agreed not to fund the planting of a flower bed near the vicarage bench as this would set a precedence.

Approved Chairman

25/107 TRAINING

It was agreed that Councillors would express areas of interest and take the training accordingly if possible.

25/108 BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN

It was agreed that the Clerk produce a draft business continuity plan.

25/109 VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

There were potholes on North Back Lane near the surgery. These would be reported to NYC Highways.

The road markings at the junction of North Back Lane and Main Street required renewing. This would be reported to NYC Highways.

An update would be requested on the resurfacing of North Back Lane from NYC Cllr Malcolm Taylor.

25/110 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

The planning applications considered are attached.

25/111 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

The planning decisions received are attached.

25/112 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 for inspection together with the bank reconciliation.

25/113 CORRESPONDENCE

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

25/114 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr John Pollock was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

25/115 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Pond Management Working Party.

Business Continuity Plan.

Emergency Planning.

VASS Signs – report on statistics.

Communications Policy.

25/116 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.

Approved Chairman

Payments

Geoff Sykes	Tree Posts	£55.55
Jane Bentley	Internal Audit	£180.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£289.60
HMRC	PAYE	£65.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£356.20
HMRC	PAYE	£81.60
Tim Whitworth Electrician	Bus Shelter ligh timer	£129.00
MAH Garden Maintenance	Grass cutting	£969.60
Northallerton Glass	Bus Shelter windows	£1,051.82
Stillington Village Hall	Room Rent	£63.00
Microsoft	OneDrive	£66.24

Approved Chairman

Planning Applications Received

Reference	Date	Description	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB25/01847/CAT	10/10/2025	Application for works to trees	Woodside, Main Street	Mrs Jane Aldrich	No objections
ZB25/01867/FUL	16/10/2025	Works to extension to a dwelling	West House, High Street	Dr & Mrs Lightwing	No objections
ZB25/01846/CAT	21/10/2025	Application for works to trees	Holly Garth, North Back Lane	Mrs Brenda Milburn	No objections

Planning Decisions Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
ZB25/01314/TPO	09/09/2025	Application for tree works	99 Parkfield	Mr Oliver Lewis	Split Decision TPO
ZB25/00732/FUL	15/09/2025	Erection of a replacement livestock unit	Clover House, West Lane	Mr Richard Dobson	Granted
ZB25/01297/CLE	29/09/2025	Certificate of lawfulness for the occupancy of a dwelling	Stonecote Farm, West Lane	Cedric Taylor	Refused
ZB25/00622/FUL	16/09/2025	Application fore new dormer window	57 Parkfield	Mr Mark Richmond	Granted