

Washburn Parish Council

Meeting: Full Council

Date: 5th January 2026

Venue: Norwood Social Hall, Norwood

Commenced: 7.30 pm
Concluded: 8.46 pm

Members Present Cllr G Hebblethwaite (Chair)
Cllrs H Barker, J Davison, P Green, G Knox, S Ryder,
F Walkinshaw

In Attendance: Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk)

69. Apologies

Received from: Cllr A Campbell, A Johnson, K Wilson

70. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest, of any nature, were received.

71. Minutes for approval

Resolved: the minutes of Full Council held on 3rd November 2025 were approved for accuracy by Cllr J Davison and seconded by Cllr H Barker, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair

72. Ongoing issues

72.1 Kex Gill – No update received from North Yorkshire Council.

73. County Matters

No update on County Matters.

74. Police Matters

The September crime data records 6 incidents: one Other Theft at Kex Gill Road and one Criminal Damage and Arson at Busky Dike Lane under investigation; one Other Crime at Hall Lane with action being undertaken by another organisation; and one Criminal Damage and Arson at Rues Lane, one Violence and Sexual Offence at Sowerby Lane and one Violence and Sexual Offence at Norwood Bottom Road where it has been unable to prosecute the suspect.

In October there were 7 reported crimes: four of Anti-Social Behaviour at Cobby Syke Road, North Lane and Rues Lane (2 incidents); one Criminal Damage and Arson incident under investigation; one Violence and Sexual Offence at Busky Dike Lane under investigation and one Criminal Damage and Arson at Swinsty Moor Car Park where it has been unable to prosecute the suspect.

75. Plans considered since last meeting

The list of plans considered since the last meeting is attached.

Resolved: that the comments be noted

76. Planning Application Decisions

25/02509/FUL Erection of a holiday lodge (retrospective)
Caravan, Meagill Lane Farm, Blubberhouses

Approved with Conditions

25/03520/AMENDS Nonmaterial amendment to planning permission HGTZC24/03304/FUL to decrease rooflights in south elevation from 2no. to 1no.

Chapel House, Hardisty Hill, Blubberhouses

Approved

25/03446/FUL Garden Sun Room

Swinsty Lodge, Fewston

Approved with Conditions

77. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (28.10.25 – 22.12.25)

1. North Yorkshire Council – Election Charges
2. Email – Parking Congestion and Bridleway Blockage
Resolved: The Clerk is instructed to contact the individual to inform them that the issues raised are the responsibility of other organisations
3. Nidderdale National Landscape – Opportunities for grassland management and restoration
4. Email – The Robinson Library grant for disabled toilet upgrade
5. North Yorkshire Council Area 6 – Parish Council Workshops
6. North Yorkshire Council – Parish Updates and News Bulletins
7. YLCA – White Rose Update

78. Highways Issues

Issues to report:

1. Near Meagill Cemetery – on the south side there is flooding being caused by a blocked roadside ditch
2. Catch Em Corner – on the north side there is flooding due to a blocked ditch
3. Meagill Lane – on the north side a road sign has been demolished
4. Pennypot Lane to Norwood – flooding being caused by a blocked drain

The Clerk instructed to contact Cllr Nathan Hull for an update on the White Crag Accident.

79. Maintenance

The following issues have been dealt with:

1. Meagill Chapel – roof repairs, guttering and roof slates replaced

The following issues were reported:

1. Further roof works are required that need a scaffold tower. **Resolved: The Clerk was instructed to contact Wilson Roofing to undertake the works.**
2. Timble tree – as reported in the tree condition report, two lower limbs need removal.
3. Blubberhouses tree – removal of fractured upper trunk. **Resolved: To appoint Callum Bellerby to remove the upper trunk and leave on site for nature habitat**
4. Millennium Tree metal guards – To remove the guards around the trees. This work has already been completed in Timble.

80. Tree Condition and Management Survey

Resolved: to confirm the appointment of Treescapes Consultancy Ltd and accept the findings of the report

81. Internal Controls

Resolved: to note the Internal Controls review

82. Internal Audit appointment

Resolved: K C Stephenson Local Council Auditor be appointed internal auditor for 2026/2027

83. Human Resources

Resolved: to increase the Spinal Column Point scale (part-time) of the Parish Clerk to SCP28 – effective from 1st April 2026

Cllr S Ryder left the meeting at 8.25pm

84. Budget 2026/27

Resolved: the Council approves the budget of £12,565 for 2026-2027, proposed by Cllr G Hebblethwaite and seconded by Cllr J Davison, agreed unanimously

The Council instructs the Clerk to notify North Yorkshire Council that the precept requirements for 2026/27 will be £8,660. The precept increase reflects the current rate of inflation

85. Finance

85.1 Accounts for Payment

To: All Members of the Parish Council	From: Parish Clerk		
Accounts Paid			
General Accounts	Jan-26		
<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>NETT</u>
MEAGILL CHAPEL ROOF	756.00	126.00	630.00
CLERKS SALARY	998.40	0.00	998.40
CLERKS EXPENSES	72.00	0.00	72.00
HMRC TAX	249.60	0.00	249.60
UNITY BANK CHARGES (NOV)	6.00	0.00	6.00
TOTAL	2082.00	126.00	1956.00

Resolved: that the accounts paid be approved to 5th January 2026

85.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to approve the bank reconciliation statement and budget comparison to 31st December 2025

The balance on 31st December 2025 stands at £14,522.96 (Instant Access - £12,720.68, Current Account - £1,802.28)

86. Next Meeting

86.1 Any items for inclusion on the next agenda to be informed to the Clerk by 16th February 2026

86.2 Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd March @ 7.30pm at the Norwood Social Hall

Signed

Date