Washburn Parish Council

Meeting: Full Council

Date: 7th September 2026

Venue: The Robinson Library, Timble

Commenced: 7.36 pm
Concluded: 8.38 pm

Members Present Cllr G Hebblethwaite (Chair)
Cllrs H Barker, A Campbell, A Johnson, G Knox, S Ryder, K Wilson

In Attendance: Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk)

Cllr G Knox addressed the Council on behalf of Norwood Charities with regards to current plans on charity assets and requested some assistance in making contact with North Yorkshire Council.

47. Apologies

Apologies received from: Cllr J Davison, P Green, F Walkinshaw with the reasons for absence accepted.

48. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr G Knox, G Hebblethwaite and S Ryder on Item 51.

49. Minutes for approval:

Resolved: **the minutes of Full Council held on 6 and 22 July 2026 were approved for accuracy by Cllr A Campbell and seconded by Cllr G Knox, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair**

Signed Date

50. Ongoing Issues

50.1 Kex Gill – the road is partly open with traffic lights. Church Hill remains closed with a diversion in place. Estimated to reopen in October.

50.2 BOAT Applications – it is understood that there have been a number of objections to the BOAT applications. A local organisation continues to undertake research on the history of the routes and will keep the Council informed of their work.

51. County Matters

Cllr N Hull was not present and no update given.

Cllr G Knox, G Hebblethwaite and S Ryder left the room for this item of business.

Cllr A Campbell took the Chair.

A discussion took place on the request from Norwood Charities.

Resolved: To instruct the Clerk to contact North Yorkshire Parish Liaison to ask if they could assist Norwood Charities with their request

52. Police Matters

There were no Police in attendance.

There were 2 crimes reported in the Parish – two during May and none in June.

53. Planning Applications

There were no plans to consider.

Planning Decision Notices covering applications at East End Manor (Refused), Field to the north of Timble Ridge Road (Refused) and 1 Bland Hill Cottage (Approved with Conditions) were noted

54. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (29.06.26 – 31.08.26)

1. Nidderdale Plus – News from Nidderdale and Access to Banking
2. North Yorkshire Council – Parish Precept Arrangements
3. North Yorkshire Council – New Reporting System
4. North Yorkshire Council – Relocation of salt heaps
5. North Yorkshire Council – Tour of Britain
6. RAF Menwith Hill – Civic Leaders briefing **Cllr G Knox to attend on behalf of the Council**
7. York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – Local Transport Plan
8. North Yorkshire Council – Latest News from North Yorkshire
9. NY Parish Liaison – Updates
10. YLCA – White Rose Updates

55. Highways Issues

No Highway issues to report.

56. Maintenance

The following issues have been dealt with:

1. Wydra Lane Junction to Wydra Lane bridge – strimming bracken, saplings and grass
2. Constable Ridge/Pennypot Lane Junction – verge strimming
3. Green Lane – cut back branches/saplings and strimming around footpath

New issues requiring action:

1. Norwood and Timble defibrillator – new pads
2. North Lane – hedge strimming

57. Scheme of Delegation

Resolved: to accept the Council Scheme of Delegation

58. Audit Report

The Clerk presented the External audit report findings

Resolved: that the report be noted

59. Finance

59.1 Accounts for Payment

To: All Members of the Parish Council		From: Parish Clerk		
Accounts Paid				
General Accounts		Sep-26		
DETAIL		GROSS	VAT	NETT
CLERK EXPENSES		74.40	0.00	74.40
WILSON ROOFING LTD		1231.44	205.24	1026.20
PKF LITTLEJOHN - EXTERNAL AUDIT		252.00	42.00	210.00
CARETAKER - MAINTENANCE		320.00	0.00	320.00
UNITY BANK CHARGES (JULY)		7.00	0.00	7.00
UNITY BANK CHARGES (AUGUST)		7.00	0.00	7.00
TOTAL		1891.84	247.24	1644.60

Resolved: that the accounts paid be approved to 7th September 2026

59.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to approve the bank reconciliation statement and budget comparison to 31st August 2026

Signed Date

The balance on 31st August 2026 stands at £13,095.38 (Instant Access - £12,276.30, Current Account - £369.08)

60. Next Meeting

60.1 Items for inclusion on the next agenda to inform the Clerk by 16th October

60.2 Monday 2nd November @ 7.30pm at the Robinson Library

Signed Date