Washburn Parish Council

Meeting: Full Council

Date: 2nd November 2026

Venue: The Robinson Library, Timble

Commenced: 7.30 pm
Concluded: 8.17 pm

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

In Attendance: Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk)

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61. Apologies

Apologies received from: Cllr A Campbell with the reasons for absence accepted.

62. Declarations of Interest

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

63. Minutes for approval:

Resolved: **the minutes of Full Council held on 7 September were approved for accuracy by Cllr A Johnson and seconded by Cllr H Barker, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair**

64. Ongoing Issues

64.1 Kex Gill – much of the new A59 alignment is now open with the remaining connections estimated to be complete during November, subject to weather. There will be some overnight closures (7PM to 6AM) needed to complete the

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works. Church Hill is due to reopen on 6th November. Outstanding works will include landscaping, work to the old carriageway and aftercare.

Council instructed the Clerk to send a request to North Yorkshire Council to ask whether any penalties had been incurred by the contractor for any delays in the completion of the scheme.

64.2 BOAT Applications – there has been no update since the previous meeting.

65. County Matters

Cllr N Hull was not present and no update given.

66. Police Matters

There were no Police in attendance.

There were 2 crimes reported in the Parish – two during July and four in August.

Council were informed that there is a new police officer for the area (PC Michael Spittlehouse) and that they will be invited to meetings.

67. Planning Applications

The list of plans considered.

67.1 26/05596/PND – Demolition of redundant portal framed agricultural building, Brown Bank Farm, Norwood

No Objection

67.2 26/04741/FUL – Demolition of existing garage, stable and greenhouse. Erection of replacement garage and stable/store. Change of use of land to domestic, Croft Farm, Timble

No Objection

67.3 26/06486/DVCON – Section 73 application to vary condition No.2 (approved plan) of Planning Permission 26/02460/FUL (Demolition of existing rear extension, Erection of rear extension. Alterations to existing car parking) to allow alterations to the roof material, Bland Hill Cottages, Norwood

No Objection

68. Planning Application Decisions

Planning Decision Notices covering applications at Brown Bank Farm (Approved), Low House Farm Timble Cedar Tree crown reduction (Approved) and Sycamore Tree at Spinksburn House (Approved) were noted.

69. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (01.09.26 – 22.10.26)

1. North Yorkshire Council – Road Closure Notification, Norwood Hall to Norwood Bottom
2. North Yorkshire Council – Local Plan: Scoping Consultation and Engagement Strategy
3. North Yorkshire Council – Request for Declaration of Third-Party Attachments and Electrical Connections to NYC Streetlighting Assets
4. North Yorkshire Council – S106 Commuted Sums
5. RAF Menwith Hill – Thanksgiving Dinner
6. Ilkley & District Motor Club – Ilkley Jubilee Historic Rally Event
7. Nidderdale Community Partnership – Wider Meeting
8. North Yorkshire Council – Latest News from North Yorkshire
9. NY Parish Liaison – Updates
10. YLCA – White Rose Updates

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70. Reservoir Car Parks

Yorkshire Water have written to confirm that following a review of the trial introduced in 2024, with regards to parking charges at Swinsty, Fewston and Thruscross reservoirs, the parking charges will now remain in place. Future revenue generated from parking charges will be reinvested in maintaining safe and accessible reservoir sites, improving habitats, and supporting the work of a dedicated Ranger team.

The Council expressed concern over the displacement of vehicles on to verges and narrow roads.

71. Highways Issues

No Highway issues to report.

72. Maintenance

The following issues have been dealt with:

1. Back Lane – Cutting back brambles and saplings

New issues requiring action:

1. Meagill Cemetery Wall – collapse has been reported to North Yorkshire Council
2. Defibrillator Batteries needed at Norwood and Timble

Resolved: To appoint Eggleston's to undertake hedge and verge works in the Parish

73. Asset Inspections

Following the asset inspection, the actions identified to be carried out:

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1. Timble – Millennium stone needs cleaned up and the general area tidied
2. Norwood Millennium Tree – two branches need removing

74. Council IT Upgrade

The Clerk was instructed to work with Cllr P Green to identify a suitable laptop replacement with the required software and cloud storage.

75. Finance

75.1 Accounts for Payment

To: All Members of the Parish Council	**From: Parish Clerk**		
Accounts Paid			
General Accounts	**Oct-26**		
DETAIL	**GROSS**	**VAT**	**NETT**
CLERKS SALARY	1055.05	0.00	1055.05
HMRC TAX	273.98	0.00	273.98
UNITY BANK CHARGES (SEPT)	7.00	0.00	7.00
TOTAL	1336.03	0.00	1336.03

To: All Members of the Parish Council	**From: Parish Clerk**		
Accounts Paid			
General Accounts	**Nov-26**		
DETAIL	**GROSS**	**VAT**	**NETT**
VISION ICT - WEBSITE	268.44	44.74	223.70
CLERK EXPENSES	80.40	0.00	80.40
HCE - DEFIBRILLATOR PADS	138.36	23.06	115.30
UNITY BANK CHARGES (OCTOBER)	7.00	0.00	7.00
CARETAKER - MAINTENANCE	475.00	0.00	475.00
ROBINSON LIBRARY - CORONATION BENCH	250.00	0.00	250.00
TOTAL	1219.20	67.80	1151.40

Resolved: that the accounts paid be approved to 2nd November 2026

75.2 Bank Reconciliation

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

The balance on 31st October 2026 stands at £14,265.15 (Instant Access - £13,616.94, Current Account - £648.21)

76. Next Meeting

76.1 Items for inclusion on the next agenda to inform the Clerk by 16th December

76.2 Monday 4th January @ 7.30pm at Norwood Social Hall

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