

Washburn Parish Council

Meeting: Annual Parish Meeting

Date: 11th May 2026

Venue: Norwood Social Hall

Commenced: 7.00 pm
Concluded: 7.10 pm

Members Present Cllr G Hebblethwaite (Chair)

In Attendance: Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk) and 3 residents

Apologies: None

1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 19th May 2025. The minutes were received and placed before the meeting for approval as to accuracy.

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 19th May 2025 be approved as to accuracy.

Proposed: Cllr H Barker
Seconded: Cllr G Hebblethwaite

Votes for: All present

3. The Annual Report for the year to 31st March 2026 was presented by Cllr G Hebblethwaite

Good evening.

The A59 Kexgill bypass is nearing completion after a large amount of meetings which were useful leading up to the start of works and promises of meetings both on site and online which both Cllr Davison and myself often confirmed attendance unfortunately were cancelled due to lack of attendance and other deciding factors information ground to a halt the only communication came by the occasional regional North Yorkshire Council updates.

Recently I had a chance meeting with a North Yorkshire Council highway officer who made the point that Washburn Parish Council have a lot of reports. I informed him we respect our area once reported to the council it's checked and if the Parish Council cannot rectify then a report is sent to highways. Recently highways have been more proactive in the area attending to our reports and trimming trees and bushes encroaching onto the highway.

There is still a lack of communication primarily from enforcement following a meeting 18 months ago and quite a few emails requesting updates regarding ongoing reports found to be in breach of planning with no response and very little action has taken place which has also been highlighted by other parish councils at certain meetings I attend.

There has been a lack of attendance from the police attending meetings over the last year and also recently our North Yorkshire ward councillor has missed quite a few meetings without apologies and not responding to emails from the clerk and councillors.

We had our annual litter picking day recently which is well attended by some councillors and thankfully locals who give a helping hand. We may not collect as much litter as in the early years but still a large amount is collected and very much appreciated by the local communities thanks to Cllr Campbell and Cllr Walkinshaw for organizing and use of premises.

Our caretaker has got to know the area, he also understands what we hope to achieve. His response is often within the week which we appreciate and is doing an excellent job.

Signed

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Thank you to Cllr Davison as vice chair who over the past years has been very dedicated to the role giving time and dealing with admin of various descriptions which keeps the parish council running smoothly. Finally, our Clerk Jason has shown exceptional dedication to his work and a pleasure to work with we really appreciate the knowledge and guidance over the past year.

The Parish council has managed to keep a high standard around the area and hope to achieve the same over the coming year. Thank you to all councillors who give their valuable time supporting the council looking after the area which means so much to us all.

4. Any other public business relative to the Parish raised by any attending elector of the Parish of Washburn

Chair invites questions from public and asks any questioner to state their **name and address** for the formal record.

Cllr A Johnson endorsed the annual report and thanked the Chair for their continued dedication to the parish.

Signed

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