

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2025 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Richard Smyth (Chairman), Christine Cookman, Graham Taylor, Robert Churton.

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk) 2 members of the public.

25/33 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllr Tracy Sinclair and North Yorkshire Cllr Malcolm Taylor. There were no declarations of interests.

25/34 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2025

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

25/35 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Items discussed were the rat infestation, potholes and parking on the village green.

25/36 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Taylor had reported that the rat infestation was being investigated by NYC Environmental Health.

25/37 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The memorial bus stop plaque had been collected by Cllr Churton and was to be fitted.
- b. Volunteers may have been found to takeover the VAS signs deployment.
- c. Interests had been received in the casual vacancy. Cllr Drew had resigned, and the process would now be started to report the vacancy. The Chairman would write to him to thank him for his service.
- d. The rat infestation has been investigated by NYC Environmental Health. It was agreed the Clerk write to them to ask if there is a damaged drain on the plot.
- e. The Neighbourhood Watch signs had been received and Cllr Cookman would put these up.
- f. The Northern Powergrid wayleave agreement would be signed after the new Chairman was elected at the annual meeting.
- g. Cllr Smyth secured the leaning tree on E end of Village Green. Geoff Sykes added extra tree supports and re-secured the three trees in front of the Village Hall.
- h. Marton Abbey bridge had been repaired.
- i. The Boundary Commission had published their proposal for NYC divisional boundary changes.

25/38 VE CELEBRATIONS

It was agreed that up to £350 be made available to assist in funding VE celebrations. Proposals so far were for a dog show, children's sports and a DIY lunch on Monday 5 May 2025.

Approved Chairman

25/39 **DOG WASTE BIN**

It was agreed that an additional dog bin in Mill Lane was not required.

25/40 **MEETINGS**

It was agreed that meetings would be held every other month from May onwards and this would be open to review at any time. The website would be updated.

25/41 **VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

There were potholes at the junction of South Back Lane and York Road and also opposite the surgery on North Back Lane. These would be reported to NYC Highways.

The junction of York Road and High Street dip was getting worse. This would be reported to NYC Highways.

The annual litter pick had been taking place and many bags of rubbish had been collected by around ten volunteers.

New fencing had been put around the pond by a resident to prevent the geese from going on the road. This had not been authorised by the Council. The main pond maintenance would be undertaken this month now the water level had dropped.

25/42 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

The planning applications considered are attached.

25/43 **PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

The planning decisions received are attached.

25/44 **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 to check the bank reconciliation.
- d. It was agreed that Jane Bentley be appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2025/26.

25/45 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

25/46 **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

None.

25/47 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 May 2025 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.09pm.

Payments

Robert Churton	Goose Food	£21.99
Nigel Knapton	Neighbourhood Watch Signs	£27.85
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£289.60
HMRC	PAYE	£65.00

Approved Chairman

Planning Applications Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB25/00204/CAT	ZB25/00398/LBC	Listed building consent for replacement of wooden single glazed	The Admirals House, High Street	Mr & Mrs Travis & Imogen Bowles	No objections

Planning Decisions Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
ZB25/00204/CAT	11/03/2025	Application for works to remove a tree in Conservation Area	The Barn, The Green	Mr Timothy Richards	Granted