

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2026 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Richard Smyth (Chairman), Graham Taylor, Robert Churton,
Andrew Crawford, Christine Cookman, John Pollock

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk)
No members of the public.

26/52 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllr Judith Fearn and from NYC Cllr Taylor. There were no declarations of interests.

26/53 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY 2026

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

26/54 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No matters were discussed.

26/55 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Taylor was not present.

26/56 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. One Councillor remained to be switched over to a Council email. Once this was done all correspondence would be made to the new accounts. The Clerk would reissue these details.
- b. NYC Highways had undertaken regarding the sinking carriageway on Mill Lane.
- c. The Speed Camera Van request would be dealt with further down the agenda.
- d. No reply had been received regarding the damage to Brandsby Road and Cllr Fearn was not present to report whether the work had been done.
- e. The white lining at the southern junction of North Back Lane had still not been renewed.
- f. The dog bin on North Back Lane on the right of Hallam House needed repair. The Clerk would report to North Yorkshire Council.
- g. A meeting would be requested with the grass contractor onsite to discuss Lucy Balk Lane. The Chairman and Cllr Churton would attend.
- h. Concerns from residents regarding the rumble strips on Easingwold Road had been addressed by the resurfacing and North NYC Highways had confirmed they would not be reinstated.

26/57 BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN

This was deferred until the next meeting.

26/58 SPEED CAMERA VAN ATTENDANCE REQUEST

A volunteer would be sought to assist with the data collection from the VASS and the data assessed on a monthly basis to ascertain whether a speed van request be made. This would be a standing agenda item.

Approved Chairman

26/59 GRANT APPLICATION

It was agreed to put £290 in the November budget for the playground and consider the matter at that time.

26/60 NATURAL WILDFLOWER AREA

The report from the wildflower group was noted.

26/61 VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

- a. Cllr Cookman would arrange a volunteer session on a Friday to rake the embankment.
- b. There was a dead tree on the green that had been donated by ex-Cllr Malcolm Rowe. This would be checked and replaced.
- c. The bird mouth fencing was in need of painting. The Clerk would ask NYC Highways whether Community Payback could be used to do the painting.

26/62 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

The planning applications considered are attached.

26/63 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

The planning decisions received are attached.

26/64 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 for inspection together with the bank reconciliation.
- d. The report and recommendations of the Internal Auditor were noted.

26/65 CORRESPONDENCE

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

26/66 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Standing Orders
Financial Regulations
Risk Assessment
System of Internal Control

26/67 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 September 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.

Payments

Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£298.00
HMRC	PAYE	£67.00
Zurich	Insurance	£315.98
North Yorkshire Council	Election Expenses	£2,928.61
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£298.00
HMRC	PAYE	£67.00
Jane Bentley	Internal Audit	£200.00
MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd	Grass cutting	£2,179.20

Approved Chairman

Planning Applications Received

Reference	Date	Description	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB216/00640/FUL	17/06/2026	Proposed erection of general purpose agricultural building	Penny Flatts Farm, Wandell Bank	Mr James Ritchie	No objection
ZB26/00950/FUL	05/06/2026	Single storey ground floor rear orangery extension	West House, High Street	Dr & Mrs Lightwing	No objection
ZB26/00943/FUL	08/06/2026	Application for the construction of a single storey rear extension	5 Carr View, High Street	Mr G Thornton	No objection
ZB26/00860/FUL	16/06/2026	Change of use of an agricultural field to caravan storage	Ravensdale Farm	Mr Richard Clark	No objection

Planning Decisions Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
ZB26/00397/TPO	28/05/2026	Application for works to a tree - Yew	Trenholme, High Street	Mr Paul Mitchell	Granted
ZB26/00589/FUL	27/05/2026	Retrospective approval of single storey extension	99 Parkfield	Mr O Lewis	Granted
ZB/00558/TPO	22/05/2026	Works to trees subject to tree preservation order	The Barn, The Green	Mr Timothy Richards	Refused
ZB26/00476/FUL	22/05/2026	Applcation for single storey and two storey rear extension	Church View, Main Street	Mr J Dunnett	Granted