

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00PM

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

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

26/68 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies. There were no declarations of interests.

26/69 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2026

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

26/70 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No matters were discussed.

26/71 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Taylor reported on the retirement of the Chief Executive, financial overspend, bus transport moving to the combined authority and Linton on Ouse asylum camp proposal.

26/72 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 and test these details.
- b. The damage to Brandsby Road has been repaired by NYC Highways.
- c. The dog bin reported as broken did not need any repair. The bin outside the village shop was reported as loose and would be reported to NYC Streetscene.
- d. The volunteer session to rake the grass cuttings had taken place.
- e. Nothing had been heard regarding the request to NYC Highways to see if Community Payback could be used to paint the bird mouth fencing. The Clerk would chase this up.
- f. A report regarding a bike track incident in a Stillington forest had been received but the member of the public had not responded when asked the location of the forest.
- g. The highways hazards of the overgrown plot on South Back Lane had been reported to NYC Highways. Waste had also been seen thrown into the plot.
- h. The contractor had been requested to cut the wildflower zone on the green. It was agreed that this could now be expanded by four times.
- i. The work on the York Road development has commenced.
- j. The North Yorkshire updated call for sites map for the Local Plan had been published and a link circulated.

26/73 CHURCHYARD

A resident had reported the condition of a beech tree in the closed churchyard. It was agreed that the Chairman would meet with the arborist to discuss what if any works were needed.

Approved Chairman

26/74 BUSINESS COMMUNITY PLAN

A draft business continuity plan was considered. Several amendments would be made and the policy considered at the next meeting.

26/75 POLICIES

To following policies were reviewed, amendments would be made and the revised policies considered at the next meeting:

- a. Standing Orders
- b. Financial Regulations
- c. Risk Assessment
- d. System of Internal Control

26/76 VASS VOLUNTEER

This item would be deferred until the next meeting.

26/77 HIGH STREET RESURFACING

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the bus company to ask the Council be informed about all future timetable changes and service route changes.

26/78 POND WORKING GROUP

The island has been remade due to access been available due to the drought. Willows now needed to be removed.

26/79 VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

- a. The dead tree on the green would be replaced, and a donated tree had been offered.
- b. The broken Lucy Balk gate had been reported to North Yorkshire Council.
- c. Brambles were overgrowing the closed churchyard from the vacant plot on North Back Lane. The Clerk would write to the owner if they could be identified.
- d. A bike had been abandoned in the bus shelter.
- e. A car was illegally parking on the village green. This would be raised with the owner.

26/80 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

The planning applications considered are attached.

26/81 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

The planning decisions received are attached.

26/82 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.

26/83 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Approved Chairman

26/84 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Churchyard beech tree.
VASS volunteer
Business Continuity Plan
Standing Orders
Financial Regulations
Risk Assessment
System of Internal Control

26/85 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 November 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.34pm.

Payments

MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd	Grass cutting	£2,179.20
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Commission	£7.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£298.00
HMRC	PAYE	£67.00
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Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£298.00
HMRC	PAYE	£67.00
MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd	Grass cutting	£1,209.60
MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd	Grass cutting	£969.20

Approved Chairman

Planning Applications Received

Reference	Date	Description	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB26/00950/FUL	24/07/2026	Single storey ground floor rear orangery extension	West House, High Street	Dr & Mrs Lightwing	No objections
ZB26/00224/FUL	10/08/2026	Conversion of unused barn to managers accommodation	Fox Covert, Sand Lane, Huby	Mr & Mrs John Heaversedge	Objection as previous
26/04806/PIP	18/08/2026	Application for permission in prenciple of 4 dwellings	Jack Lane	The Land Specialists Ltd	Objection
26/04448/FUL	02/09/2026	Construction of an agricultural workers dwellinghouse	West Lane	Messrs J Broadfield	To be considered

Planning Decisions Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
ZB26/00950/FUL	24/07/2026	Single storey ground floor rear orangery extension	West House, High Street	Dr & Mrs Lightwing	Granted
ZB26/00943/FUL	29/07/2026	Application for the construction of a single storey rear extension	5 Carr View, High Street	Mr G Thornton	Granted