

**KIRKBY OVERBLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Minutes of the 129th Meeting held on Monday 19 May 2025**  
**at All Saints Church, Kirkby Overblow**

**Present:**

Parish Councillors: Mr D Yeadon, Mr J Cross, Mrs P Perry, Mrs A Whiteley, Mr S Jacobs, and Mr S Snowden.

One resident attended.

In attendance: Mr M Richards (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr. Paraskos (NYC) had to attend another meeting, but will join this meeting if possible.

2. **Minutes of the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024 had been agreed as a true record, and duly signed by the Chairman at the July 2024 meeting of the Council.

3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, David Yeadon, presented his report, for the period 2024-25.

This is the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting. There have been no changes in personnel on the Council this year. Again, a reasonably quiet year with fewer than normal, 16 planning applications submitted for consideration.

On highway drainage, NYCC carried out repairs to drains in Main Street blocked with tree roots, which were causing flooding after periods of heavy rain. Drainage issues down Swindon Lane remain unresolved.

After many years the grass cutting contract has been moved from Sam Hesselden to Moorland Garden Services who submitted a lower quotation. One of the three village notice boards has been replaced, we have provided a new bench at Wharfe View and a defibrillator is to be installed in Dunkeswick - the latter two funded by Andrew Paraskos' Locality budget.

The precept has been increased by 5% to £10500. We had another village litter pick in April including a good tidy up around the outside and car park of The Star & Garter. There is no further update on the property with communication having been lost with the owners.

A busy year for village events. An Abba concert was held last summer at Sunrise Farm, KODS had their annual production "A Ghost Train" in late November, another successful Christmas community lunch was held in the church and just recently over 100 residents attended an 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary VE day celebration. Regular coffee mornings on the first Wednesday of each month in church continue to be well attended.

As usual I would like to thank our North Yorkshire Councillor, Andrew Paraskos, for his help and advice over the year. Special thanks to our Parish Clerk, Mike Richards, for again carrying out his duties in a professional and efficient manner.

That Ladies and Gentlemen concludes my report.

Questions and suggestions are always welcome at any time. There were no questions from the floor, but a councillor did question the installation

of the Wharfe View bench and the Chairman confirmed that it was actually being installed on Tuesday morning.

#### **Financial Report 2024-25**

The Parish Council continues to operate within a stable financial position, due to prudent oversight and management by councillors. On reviewing the draft annual accounts, you will see that the main items of expenditure continue to be grass verge cutting and the clerk's salary. Comparison with last year's figures reflects expected percentage increases for inflation and national pay awards. Two items to mention are 1) the amount of £271 for village maintenance, this being the new notice board and 2) the absence of a VAT reclaim. The reclaim was in fact made in February but unfortunately not received until April. It did however total some £2900 and significantly boosts PC funds for the current year. All other items of expenditure are at normal levels, comparing closely with previous years. For councillors' information, I have produced a budget monitoring spreadsheet which will improve ongoing monitoring of expenditure and income, compared with the budget, at each PC meeting.

Happy to answer any questions.

#### **4. Questions from residents**

As there were no other questions, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and the meeting terminated at 7.20.

**The 130th Annual Parish Meeting is planned for May 2026, at All Saints Church  
(Date to be confirmed)**