

**KIRKBY OVERBLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held on Monday 16th March 2026 at Cleveland House, Barrowby Lane**

Present: Councillors D Yeadon, S Snowden, A Whiteley, P Perry, and S Jacobs.

In attendance: NYC Cllr. A Paraskos, and Mr M Richards (Clerk) 9 residents were also in attendance for item 6(a)

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr J Cross

2. **Members' Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.

3. **To receive and if thought fit, approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2026**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Whiteley, seconded by Cllr Perry, signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters arising from the previous Minutes**

Dealt with as part of the agenda, as appropriate.

5. **Questions from the Public**

None.

6. **To report on or consider Planning Applications/TPOs received**  
**Applications**

(a) 26/00804FUL. Change of use of agricultural land to tourism/events

venue and erection of associated new building High Snape Farm, Follifoot lane. The Chairman briefly outlined the application which extended the "change of use" from the current 28 day rule under permitted development to April to December. He expressed concern that the wording of the application to "tourism / events venue" was open ended and well more than just the " Blooming Sheep" business started last year. He then invited comments from the 9 residents who offered views as follows.

1) The site is in the Green Belt. Considered inappropriate development in the Green Belt. Questionable whether "very special circumstances" for development in the Green Belt had been met.

2) The area specified in the application is a 5 acre field which lies between two residential properties resulting in loss of privacy and residential amenity.

3) Whilst no problems with farm diversification, concern expressed that application wording could result in such activities as pop concerts etc. Any consent would remain tied to the land.

4) Not a suitable site as a tourist attraction in an exposed setting.

5) Concern over access and highway safety from increased traffic. The single track driveway to the site and farm adjoins Follifoot Lane on a sharp and potentially dangerous corner.

*The 9 members of the public left the meeting at this point*

Councillors then discussed all the issues raised, taking into account the views and comments of both the applicants and residents present. Initially it was felt that a response to the Planning Authority would be based on neither supporting nor objecting to the application, with qualifying comments. Subsequently however, after further consideration, it was agreed that, as the Parish Council is obliged to represent the views of parishioners, and clearly the weight of opinion was significantly opposed to the application, an OBJECT response should be submitted. The Chairman will draft a response setting out the relevant factors for councillors to consider and agree, before submission.

(b) 26/00539/DVCON - Section 73 application for the Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of Planning Permission 25/01721/FUL (demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling) to allow the creation of additional floorspace at basement level. The Fold, Barrowby Lane.

Councillors considered the revised application and, as there was no visual impact from the front of the development, resolved that a NO OBJECTION response should be submitted.

(c) 26/00471/FUL - Demolition of existing conservatories and erection of a two storey front bay window extension, new front chimney and open front canopy; installation of front and rear dormer windows; replacement side balcony; increase in height of existing chimneys; alterations to fenestration including insertion of a glass roof section to the main roof and installation of 5no. rooflights. Delf Lodge, Follifoot Lane (NO OBJECTION response submitted following consultation with councillors via email– to ratify) Councillors confirmed the NO OBJECTION response.

**Decisions** - None received.

## 7. **Finance**

(a) Approval of Receipts & Payments since the 19th January meeting and bank reconciliation. Councillors noted the bank reconciliation and approved the 8 payments below, totalling £874.31.

Payments				
Since	<u>19/01/2026</u>			
HMRC - PAYE			£	120.47
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M Richards Jan Salary			£	206.70
M Richards Feb Salary			£	206.70
KOPCC - room hire			£	25.00
S Snowden - defib cable			£	19.99
M Richards security software			£	89.99
M Richards Microsoft licence			£	84.99
				<b>£874.31</b>

The clerk confirmed that, due to the significant VAT reclaim, the Council's finances continue to be in a healthy state.

**8. Parish matters**

(a) Tennis courts maintenance. As stated previously, the Chairman had received estimates ranging from £20 - £24000. He will obtain a further quote for just replacing all the external fencing and renewing all the iron work and chain link fencing to the ground on both courts, and the clerk will explore potential sources of funding, accepting that some providers do require joint 50/50 funding arrangements. Councillors also considered that a survey of usage should be carried out before committing to what is expected to be significant expenditure, as it has been observed in the last year that use of the courts has been slight.

(b) Car parking outside the school. A resident has complained personally and on behalf of others, about the congestion caused by parents dropping off and collecting children in the morning and afternoon. The Chairman observed that this has been an issue before and the landlady at the Shoulder of Mutton had offered the use of the pub car park but this had barely been used. The normal restrictive measures (eg double yellow lines) are not appropriate according to NYC Highways, so it is really a matter for the school (see item 10 below)

(c) Spring litter pick – arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am. The clerk will arrange the supply of equipment.

**9. Dunkeswick Matters**

Cllr Snowden had no issues to report other than that the Juniper Solar Farm decision would be delayed until June as further documentary evidence is needed by the Planning Committee.

**10. School**

Cllr Whiteley reported that the Headteacher had retired and is being replaced by Sarah Honey who is already attempting to tackle the car parking problem. She has written to parents requesting considerate parking but unfortunately however, there have been some unacceptable comments on FaceBook. She is now only accepting direct email responses and messages and will not interact with Face Book. The Parish Council completely accepts and supports this attitude.

**11. Village events**

None notified.

There being no other business, **the meeting closed at 8.40 pm**

**Date of the next meeting - Monday 18 May 2026, 8.00pm at All Saints Church.**

This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and is preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm