

KIRKBY OVERBLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 20 July 2026 at All Saints Church, Kirkby Overblow

Present: Councillors D Yeadon, P Perry, J Cross, A Whiteley and S Jacobs

In attendance: Mr M Richards (Clerk) and eight residents.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr S Snowden. Cllr A Paraskos (NYC) also apologised for his absence.

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 Annual meetings of the Council held on 26 May 2026

Resolved: That the minutes of both Meetings be approved as correct records.
Proposed by Cllr Jacobs, seconded by Cllr Whiteley.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of that Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting

To be 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) 26/03264/DVCON PROPOSAL: Section 73 application for Variation of Condition 12 (landscaping scheme) of HGTZC23/02378/FUL - Erection of a net zero/ carbon Negative replacement farmhouse with solar panels, ground source heat pump, mechanical ventilation with heat recovery and battery storage; Demolition of 2 no. barns; Conversion of 1 no. Barn to domestic accommodation; Installation of new orchard; Landscaping and habitat creation. Swindon Bank Farm, Swindon Lane.

The Chairman confirmed this application was for relatively minor amendments to the already approved application. Councillors reviewed the amended details and had no concerns so it was agreed a NO OBJECTIONS submission should be made

(b) 26/02862/FUL - Full planning application for seven new dwellings with associated infrastructure at Old Road, Dunkeswick. (Land Comprising Field At 430990 446880 Old Road, Dunkeswick)

The Chairman set out the history of this small hamlet which was created on the site of the former racing stables in 1995. An application for 6 new dwellings was submitted in 2014 but was refused by the Local Planning Authority and the consequential appeal dismissed by the National Planning Inspector.

The Chairman has visited the site and then went through the site plan and proposed layout of the 3 affordable and 4 market value homes, for councillors' benefit. He then invited comments from the 8 residents attending. In summary, residents were concerned about:

- loss of privacy (the new buildings proposed are 2 storey and would overlook the existing single storey dwellings)
- impact on openness of the Green Belt
- increase in traffic on narrow private road and dangerous exit onto A61
- impact on wildlife, loss of habitat

- sewage disposal (capacity of existing septic tank)

Councillors discussed further and were in agreement with all the concerns expressed by residents. The Chairman undertook to draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council, OBJECTING to the proposed development. He would circulate to councillors for approval, and the clerk will submit to NYC Planning.

(c) 26/01742/COU - Change the use of The Byre from small workshop to retail. The Byre, Buttersyke Farm, Walton Head Lane. Councillors had no concerns or issues with the proposal and a NO OBJECTIONS response was agreed.

(d) 25/02219/FULMAJ PROPOSAL: Erection of ground mounted solar farm, battery Energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure including access improvements, internal access tracks, 3no. power stations, 1no. switching station, 1no. meteorological station, 2no. storage containers, CCTV surveillance, fencing and ancillary development including landscaping and ecological enhancements. Juniper Farm, Weeton. FURTHER SUBMISSION BY THE APPLICANT.

Councillors noted the revised submission but agreed it had no impact on the Council's previous "OBJECT" submission, so no further response was required.

(e) 26/03218/PDAS – Hillside Farm, Follifoot Lane - NO FORMAL RESPONSE DOCUMENT RECEIVED. The Chairman affirmed that this application actually relates to Spofforth Parish Council, so no response is required.

Decisions

(f) None received. Confirmed that NYC no longer routinely provide information on decisions made, so the clerk will set up an "Alert " system whereby all decisions can be recorded.

7. Finance

(a) Approval of Receipts & Payments since the 26 May meeting and bank reconciliation. Councillors noted the bank reconciliation and approved the 13 payments below, totalling £3446.43.

Payments			
Since	<u>26/05/2026</u>		
HMRC - PAYE		£	120.47
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M Richards May Salary		£	206.70
M Richards June Salary		£	206.70
S Bush - grasscutting		£	670.00
S Bush - grasscutting		£	670.00
S Bush - grasscutting		£	335.00
Zurich Insurance		£	352.09
YLCA annual subs		£	241.00
NYC -tennis courts		£	49.00
Village News - donation		£	400.00
KOPCC - room hire		£	25.00
R Chambers - audit fee		£	50.00
			£3,446.43

(b) Donations. Councillors agreed a donation of £200 to the Village News. The clerk confirmed however that the donation for 2025/26 had not been made and so a donation of £400 was made to cover both years. Councillors approved this and the annual donation of £200 for the Christmas Community Lunch, which would be made in December.

8. Parish Matters

(a) Tennis courts. As noted previously, a further quotation of some 16,700 had been received but this is still unaffordable. The salient point is still whether there is sufficient demand from within the Parish for the use of the courts, to warrant the considerable expense? The Chairman will prepare a submission for a future edition of the Village News to make all residents aware of the situation and hopefully get an indication of interest. Councillor Paraskos had agreed previously to make enquiries of NYC Parks and Gardens Department, as to whether any assistance or funding is Possible and this will be followed up.

(b) Better Bus Services – consultation received regarding bus services in North Yorkshire, asking for Parish Council views on existing services and proposals for improvements/rationalisation etc. Whilst councillors had no issues with the specific areas in the consultation, Cllr Perry did raise the use of the local bus service on Thursdays, travelling from the village to Wetherby via Sicklinghall and return. She felt this was a very valuable service for older residents and it should not be under any threat of closure. She undertook to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council, expressing these sentiments.

9. Dunkeswick Matters

(a) Cllr Snowden was unable to attend the meeting and, in any event, had no new Dunkeswick issues to raise, although he did inform the Chairman that he had reported to NYC Enforcement the existence of an apparently unauthorised new entrance/exit on to the A61.

(b) Weeton Solar Farm – see above at 6(b) The next planning meeting was due on 21 July, but this has been deferred to a date in August.

10. School Activities

Cllr. Whiteley confirmed again that numbers are up and there is a waiting list for next year. As reported previously, the School is planning a “Healthy Eating” initiative by involving the children in cultivating fruit and vegetables. Funding of some £500 is still being sought and Cllr Paraskos will check again whether there could be any availability from his Locality Budget.

11. Village Events

Nothing planned as yet.

12. Items for next meeting

No items notified

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Date of the next meeting - Monday 21 September 2026, 8.00pm at All Saints Church.

