

KIRKBY OVERBLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 21 September 2026 at All Saints Church, Kirkby Overblow

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

In attendance: Cllr A Paraskos (NYC) and Mr M Richards (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr S Jacobs. The clerk apologised for his late arrival which was due to personal issues.

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 of the Council held on 20 July 2026

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

Proposed by Cllr Perry, 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) None received in time to be included on the agenda, but application 26/03589/FUL re Bentley Farm had just been received. The Chairman confirmed that an extra meeting would be needed to consider this application before a response could be submitted. He will contact the Case Officer to request an extension of the deadline for a response.

Decisions

(b) 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.

Enforcement

(c) Moorend Farm Cottage – creation of unauthorised vehicular access. Enforcement Officer has investigated and informed the owner that planning permission is required.

7. Finance

(a) Approval of Receipts & Payments since the 26 May meeting and bank reconciliation. Councillors noted the bank reconciliation and approved the 7 payments below, totalling £1240.47.

Payments				
Since	<u>20/07/2026</u>			
HMRC - PAYE			£	120.47
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M Richards July Salary			£	206.70
M Richards Aug Salary			£	206.70
S Bush - grasscutting			£	335.00
Vision ICT - website			£	226.13
KOPCC - church hire			£	25.00
				<u>£1,240.47</u>

(b) Budget. The clerk confirmed that the Council's finances are in a healthy position, particularly with the second half of the precept due on 30th September. Councillors noted.

(c) Donations. Councillors affirmed the annual donation of £200 for the Christmas Community Lunch, to be made in December. See also item (10) below for the School donation.

8. Parish Matters

(a) Tennis courts. No further progress, The Chairman submitted an entry in the recent edition of the Village News making all residents aware of the situation hopefully to get an indication of interest and ideas of potential solutions. Unfortunately, there have been no responses. Councillor Paraskos will again make enquiries of NYC Parks and Gardens Department, as to whether any assistance or funding is possible. He also suggested that significant funding may be available through the National Lottery scheme. Councillors acknowledged but came back to the question – is it worth expending a considerable sum on a facility which apparently is rarely used? Councillors agreed to take no further action for the time being.

(b) Footpaths – two communications had been received:

i) An individual was trying to follow the footpath from Greenacres to Dunkeswick but a lack of signage prevented this. Councillors discussed and it was confirmed that maintenance of footpaths is the statutory responsibility of the Highway Authority ie NYC. The clerk will contact the individual and inform him of this fact along with NYC contact details.

ii) An individual reported a blocked footpath (barbed wire on stile) The Chairman had responded enclosing a map of the revised footpath route – no response received.

(c) Memorial bench. A request had been received from a family wishing to donate a bench in memory of a former village resident. The donation would include all necessary installation and maintenance costs. Councillors were happy to accede to this request although the proposed location (between the Star and Garter and Swindon Lane) is on NYC land. The clerk will contact NYC to seek permission and then contact the individual to advise what needs to be done.

9. Dunkeswick Matters

Cllr Snowden reported there were no new Dunkeswick issues to raise, although he had heard Yorkshire Water were considering the septic tank arrangements for the area but it was unclear whether this would be a completely new tank or an upgrade of the existing facility.

10. School Activities

Cllr. Whiteley reported that a tree had fallen onto the playground, damaging the fence but thankfully with no injuries. The School is full with 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 needed and Cllr Paraskos will check again whether there could be £400 available from his Locality Budget. Creation of a “Haven of Hope”, a garden for quiet contemplation, is also planned and Councillors agreed a donation of £100 towards this worthwhile project.

11. Village Events

Nothing planned, other than the Carol Service on 20th December.

12. Items for next meeting

No items notified

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

**Date of the next meeting - Monday 16 November 2026, 8.00pm at Cleveland House,
Barrowby Lane.**