

BURTON-CUM-WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2026

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, West Burton on Tuesday, 2 June 2026.

Present: Mrs Sally Sahin, Chairman; Mr David Dent, Mr Andrew Landau, Miss Jane Ritchie and Mrs Victoria Whitehead, Councillors; Mr Richard Nolan, Clerk

1. Apologies

There were no apologies, all the members being present.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 May 2026, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed as a true record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerk's Report

The Clerk presented the Clerk's Report on the following matters:

- Lettings Policy at Cavey Garth
- Signage at the Waterfall
- Parking on the Green
- Council Finances

RESOLVED: that the Clerk's Report be received and noted, and that the pegs be put back on the west side of the Village Green.

5. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Council considered and reviewed its Standing Orders and its Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED: that the Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations be confirmed and re-adopted without amendment.

6. Fund raising in the Parish

The Council considered fund raising in the Parish, and in particular how funds might be raised for Parish projects. The Council considered items for which funding might be sought, such as planters for areas in West Burton, and indexing of Parish Council minutes (see Item 7 below).

7. Indexing of Parish Council Minutes

The Parish Council considered whether it would be desirable and useful to create an index to minutes of the Parish Council, particularly an index of items relating to land owned by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: (i) that it was in principle desirable and useful to create such an index; (ii) to look for a suitable person to undertake the compiling of the index; (iii) to offer the fee of £15 *per* hour to that person, and (iv) to investigate whether the West Burton Fund Raising Group would be willing to support this project financially.

8. Planters presently outside the buildings of the former Village School

The Council considered the future use of the planters presently outside the buildings of the former Village School.

RESOLVED: that such of the planters as are in good condition should be moved to the area of the Waterfall and re-planted, and that any other planters should be disposed of.

9. Rope downstream of Blue Bridge

The Council considered the safety of an old swing-rope above the pool below Blue Bridge.

RESOLVED: that the rope should be removed.

10. Richmond Rotary Best Kept Village Competition

The Council considered a response to the email dated 22 May 2026 from the judging team of the Richmond Rotary Best Kept Village Competition 2026.

RESOLVED: that only a brief response should be made, noting the effect of the recent works by Quickline Ltd on the Village.

11. West Burton School

The Council received an oral report from Councillor Sahin on developments relating to the School. Councillor Sahin reported that: (i) the School was handed back to the trust that owns it, of which she is trustee, earlier in the day, 2 June 2026; (ii) she now has all the keys to the School from North Yorkshire Council; (iii) she had received and noted details of the state of the school on hand-back (including the electricity meter reading and heating oil reading, and a report of items from outside the School buildings removed by NYC); (iv) she will investigate with Julie Fox of Upper Dales Land Trust insurance in respect of the School Buildings (buildings insurance and third party liability insurance), and (v) there had still been no response from Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to the pre-planning enquiry Councillor Ritchie had lodged with the authority when she was chairman and trustee.

12. Items of Interest or Concern from the NYC Parish Update, the YLCA White Rose Bulletin and the YLCA weekly News and Notifications

Councillors raised no items of interest or concern arising since the last meeting of the Council in any of (i) the NYC Parish Update, (ii) the YLCA White Rose Bulletin and (iii) the YLCA weekly news and notifications

13. Invoices

There were no invoices for payment.

14. Notice of meetings and reports of meeting attended

Councillors noted the dates of future meetings and reports of meetings attended as follows:

- Cemetery Committee meeting on 27 May 2026 which considered the finances of the Cemetery Committee and resulted in a request to the Parish Council to bear one third of the cost of the forthcoming year's insurance (one third of £638 = £212.66)
RESOLVED: (i) that the Council would be make a contribution of £212.66 towards the insurance provided that every other council represented on the Committee also makes an equivalent contribution, and (ii) that the Cemetery Committee should be told this is a one-off payment and the Council expects the Cemetery Committee generally to be self-funding.
- NYC Area 1 (Highways) meeting on 27 May 2026 which confirmed that NYC Highways would shortly look at moving the 30mph speed limit signs on the B6160 round West Burton, as previously requested by the Council.

15. Items for the next agenda

RESOLVED: that in addition to any matters mentioned above, the following additional items should be brought forward:

- a proposal to consider, and if thought fit, approve a revised constitution for the Upper Dales Health Watch.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Date of the next meeting: **Tuesday, 7 July 2026 at 8.00 pm** in the Village Hall.

Chairman Sally A Sahin

Date: 7 July 2026