

BURTON-CUM-WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2026

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Old Hall Stables, West Burton, on Tuesday, 7 July 2026.

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

In attendance: Ms Clare Duggan

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 Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 June 2026, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed as a true record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

3A. Submissions by a Member of the Public

Ms Clare Duggan attended the meeting as a member of the public, to make submissions to the Council relating to land by the Waterfall, some of which is owned by the Council. In particular, she stated concerns about the planters that had been moved from the School to the Waterfall area, and recent anti-social behaviour by visitors in the Waterfall area. The Council listened to, and considered, Ms Duggan's submissions.

RESOLVED: that the square planter be removed from the area by the Waterfall; that the log planter remain there and be planted with wildflowers, and that the Clerk should write to North Yorkshire Police to seek advice about what might be done to mitigate anti-social behaviour in the area of the Waterfall.

4. Clerk's Report

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

- Mower
- Skip permissions
- Cavey Garth
- Parking on the Green
- Clerk's salary
- Parish records
- Council Finances

RESOLVED: that the Clerk's Report be received and noted.

5. Constitution of Upper Dales Health Watch

The Council considered a draft revised constitution for the Upper Dales Health Watch, the revisions being consequential on the expansion of the area served by the Central Dales Practice to include parishes in Swaledale.

RESOLVED: To approve the draft revised constitution.

6. YLCA Meeting on 11 June 2026

The Council received an oral report from Councillor Dent and the Clerk of the proceedings of the YLCA Meeting on 11 June 2026 which they attended. Councillor Dent noted that there was no guest speaker at the meeting, and the business was mostly of a routine nature, but that it was important to attend YCLA meetings and show support for YLCA.

RESOLVED: to receive and note the report.

7. West Burton School

The Council received an oral report from Councillor Sahin on developments relating to the School. Councillor Sahin reported that: (i) she has been checking the building weekly since hand-over from North Yorkshire Council; (ii) Friends of Robinson House now have insurance for the school building; and (iii) she has made enquires of Upper Dales Community Land Trust as the precise nature of arrangements they would seek if they were to redevelop the school. As regards (iii), she had received a holding reply, but not a substantive response. Councillor Sahin also gave a report on the current finances of Friends of Robinson House.

8. Parish Caretaker

The Council considered the hourly rate for the Parish Caretaker Service.

RESOLVED: not to change the hourly rate for the Parish Caretaker Service.

9. Tour of Britain – Saturday 5 September 2026

The Council considered a letter from the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire in connection with the Tour of Britain (passing through the Parish on Saturday 5 September 2026).

RESOLVED: to investigate the possibility of seeking funding from the Mayor towards a community hog roast that day, and subject to that, to investigate the possibility of funding for a band on the Green that day.

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

Councillors raised the following 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.

- Mileage rates had changed to 55p / mile.
- There was useful material on the care of vulnerable people in the Parish.
- There were items of grant funding available but none seemed currently relevant to the Parish

11. Invoices

There were no invoices for payment.

12. Notice of meetings and reports of meeting attended

There were no meetings to note or report, other than those mentioned above.

13. Items for the next agenda

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

- items for inclusion in the next Parish Newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date of the next meeting: **Tuesday, 1 September 2026 at 8.00 pm** in the Village Hall (or in Old Hall Stables if the Village Hall is then still out of commission).

Chairman Sally A. Sahin

Date: 1 September 2026