

**Minutes of the Meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held at 7pm on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in  
Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

**Present:** N Carter, M Rowland, K Hetherington, O Burdett, A Milner, J Mason, S Taylor, T Thomson,  
R Downes, F Shellard (Chairman), J House (Clerk).

**Apologies:** None

There was one member of the public present.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** There were no apologies for absence.
2. **Matters to be raised by members of the public:** There were no matters raised.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025:** The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters Arising:** The Council asked the Clerk to look into a project called White Rose Forest to provide some additional trees along the northern edge of the Village Green. It would appear that the initiative finished in 2024.  
The Council also asked the Clerk to contact Clear Utility Solutions to obtain prices for electricity. As our supplier in NYC, it was not possible for CUS to provide process as WPC would have to come out of the NYC supply, which would be complicated.
5. **Finance:** Following the revisions to the AGAR, the external auditor contacted the Clerk on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 with a further query about Total of Fixed Assets in box 9 of section 2 of the AGAR. There was a difference in the previous years spending of £10000, which was sum we spent on the village green fencing, therefore the external auditor was querying why we had not entered that sum under fixed assets. You may recall that a number of years ago the internal auditor advised us not to add anything to box 9, but the Clerk had recently advised that we should be adding capital projects like the fencing and the play equipment. As a result of this we added the sum of £10,000 into the fixed asset box and will subsequently add £16,000 for the play equipment to next year's AGAR.  
The AGAR has been signed off by the external auditor and a notice of Conclusion of Audit placed on the notice board and on the website. The invoice from PKF LittleJohn (external audit) has been paid in the sum of £252.  
No other invoices have been presented for payment since our last meeting.  
We have been informed by Nat West that the interest on the 95 day notice account will reduce from 3.2% to 2.72% from 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.  
The balances at the bank are:  
Current Account:           £4219.99  
Reserve Accounts         £6906.84
6. **Correspondence:** Email from YLCA regarding ordering paper copies of two publications, Local Councils Explained and the Good Councillors Guide. As both of these publications appear on the YLCA website the Clerk has taken the view that we do not need hard copies.  
Email from RoSPA to tell us that the inspection of the play equipment will take place in September at a cost of £80 for five items of equipment, which cover what we have.  
Further guidance on the new assertion in next year's audit relating to gov.uk domains and emails, it is apparent that not only does the Clerk hold the official email address for the

Parish Council, but all Councillors have to have their own PC email address. It was agreed that we would monitor the situation on this subject.

Letter from NYC regarding the precept arrangements for 2025/6 and 2026/7. We already comply with their request to supply our precept request by the end of the calendar year.

Letter from NYC Education regarding their disposal of the school playing field. The land had been sold by the adjacent land owner, in 2004, at below market price as a benefit to the school. NYC offered the land back to the land owner for £15,000, when the school was sold, which was rejected. It was agreed that we should reply to NYC to say that we believe some community benefit should be realised when the land is sold.

Annual letter from Citizens Advice asking for a donation. The usual reply would be sent saying we do not donate taxpayers money to charities.

Notice of YLCA Joint Annual meeting on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, send apologies?

North Yorkshire Council have informed us that Ofgem have commenced a phased shutdown of all electricity meters which use the Radio Teleswitch Service. Ofgem are encouraging any consumers that have not upgraded to a smart meter to do so as soon as possible. There is no charge for the upgrade to a smart meter.

**7. Planning: NY/2025/0113/FUL Consultation on planning application for the purposes of the Construction of a temporary wellsite for the exploration of gas, including drilling operation, well testing, the retention of the equipment and site restoration on land at land north of Butt Lane, Foxholes, Driffield, YO25 3HY**

We were contacted by Foxholes' Chair regarding a telephone discussion between the Chairs of all the PCs that have been asked for comment. The Chairman replied but as of now we have not received a reply.

Each Councillor was allocated a part of the application to review. Each Councillor delivered their reviews on the sections that they had been allocated and the Council discussed the content. A detailed reply will be formulated by the Clerk and circulated to the Council for comment before it is submitted to NYC. The decision of the Council was that they object to the proposal on the grounds that will be sent to NYC. The closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**ZE25/00881/HOUSE Conversion of existing garage into a habitable space, rear extension to create an outdoor store and a balcony to the roof level accessed from the primary bedroom.**

**Location: The Meadows**

No objections were raised to this application.

**Police Matters:** A Milner reported that he had chased some people from his land that were probably poachers in broad daylight. They were driving a Black Nissan car.

R Downes and J Mason reported on several incidents involving children from the village attempting to set fire parts of fields and a corner of the churchyard. One such occasion there was a fire which had to be attended by the Fire Service. They had also rolled a hay bale down the hill and burst the netting. On one occasion the parents had been contacted. A member of the PCC had contacted the police but no action was taken. The Clerk will contact NYP and ask for some visibility of the Police in the village.

**VAS data:** During the period from 22<sup>nd</sup> July to lunchtime today, 32,832 vehicles travelled in a easterly direction through the village. The average speed was 26.3 mph and the top speeder was 65 mph at 23:00 on 20<sup>th</sup> August. A suggestion that we publish the CSW and VAS data on the website was agreed by the Council..

**Visually Important Undeveloped Areas:** The Village Green is now marked on NYC's maps as a Village Green. There are two other pieces of land that were previously marked on the draft Ryedale Plan as VIUAs, the war memorial site and what is known locally as the Methodist Car Park. The maps that were on the RDC website are no longer available on the web, and as far as NYC are now involved, the maps have not been produced for the upcoming Local Plan which is not scheduled to be in being before 2029. The Clerk is in the process of completing an application to register the land known as the Methodist car park as a village green. NYC have told us that we can have more than one village green. If we go ahead with this it will involve getting a solicitor to witness the signature on the form. The legal costs will be £30 to witness the signature. We previously had correspondence from Scoradale on their behalf and that of the residents of Wesley Cottage about our intention in 2018 to register the land as common land. The correspondence was not in favour of the land being registered as common land. We will need to get input from some of older residents of the village as to what uses the land has had in the past. The Council agreed that we would continue with this initiative.

**Service 190:** Following a request from a Councillor to find out if there were plans to axe the bus service to Malton, the Clerk contacted North Yorkshire Passenger Transport and the reply received was "There are no forthcoming planned changes to Service 190."

**Clerk's pay rate:** We have been advised by YLCA that the pay rates for salaried Clerks have been agreed. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 the rate for our Clerk rose from £16.10 to £16.62 per hour. There will be back pay to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. The council approved the increase to the Clerk's pay rate.

The meeting closed at 8:50.

Next meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025.