

**Minutes of the Meeting of Weavethorpe Parish Council held on 23rd March 2026 at 7pm in
Weaverthorpe Village Hall**

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

Apologies: M Rowland, A Milner

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Apologies and the reasons for absence were received as above.
2. **Matters to be raised by members of the public:** With the re-opening of the Blue Bell public house it was asked to what extent the new owners could utilise the space outside the building. It was noted that this was not a subject for the Parish Council to comment upon but something that good neighbour behaviour would manage.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Weaverthorpe Parish Council held on 19th January 2026:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the above Minutes:** The Clerk responded to the Resident who had complained about the path to the old school being closed, no further correspondence was entered into.
5. **Finance and Governance:** An invoice was received from Aubergine for the cost of setting up the new website and gov.uk email addresses at a cost of £670.80

After this payment was made, the balances at the bank are:

Current Account: £931.70

Reserve Account: £6,492.08

The Clerk's wages are due to be paid on 31st March which will be £345.72 and £86.40 will be paid to HMRC at the same time. This will leave £499.58 in the Current Account. £500 was transferred from the Reserve account in February to allow for expenditure to year end on 31st March 2026. The precept of £5,500 will be received in two payments of £2,750 on 1st April and 1st September 2026.

Wordpress have invoiced us for the annual fee for the website, this is due by 19th May and will be paid (Sum £19). In future the Wordpress fee will be part of the management of the website by Aubergine.

It was noted that there will be some costs for the maintenance of the defibrillator in the summer.

The Council agreed to the Clerk asking G Ashby to audit the accounts for 2025 to 2026.

6. **Correspondence:** email from NYC asking us to complete survey on Local Transport Plan. The survey was discussed, views expressed and will be completed and sent to NYC.

Reply to our request for an update on the sale of the land behind the school. This letter confirms that the playing field is part of the land in question. The Council will send a reply to state that we do not want to purchase the land but would appreciate a confirmation of the monies from the sale being distributed between Luttons and Hertford Vale School. Reply will be sent to comply with 31 March 2026, deadline.

Email from Martin Pearce of Luttons PC re dog fouling. It was agreed that we would put an article in the Warbler to reinforce the Warbler's recent efforts to stop the bout of dog fouling in the village.

Since the last meeting the Clerk has forwarded correspondence on NYC Local Planning Enforcement, Rail Investment, two Parish Newsletters, Natural England's response to AONB's, North Yorkshire LCAs, YLCA monthly Law and Governance statements, Health care, New Mobile Library details, drop in surgeries on RHEs, NYLRF Fylingdales Fire Recovery, Allerton Park Recovery Centre Open Day, Thirsk and Malton Parish Liaison meeting and Combined Authority investment in roads.

7. Planning Applications and Responses: None

8. Police Matters: None

9. VAS data: The VAS was finally repaired, during week beginning 2nd March. There is limited data from 9th March until last Friday. The total count of vehicles during this period was 5,112, 49% of these vehicles were above the speed limit of 30mph. The average speed of that 49% was 35mph. The overall average speed was 30.2. The top speeder was 60mph at 07:30 on 9th March which was a Monday.

We are carrying out a CSW on Saturdays, every so often.

10. Visually Important Undeveloped Areas / Village Green: The application was further returned to us from NYC, after the last meeting, asking for more detailed maps, more proof of the land being used for lawful pastimes including photographic evidence, and more details on the use of the land. The Clerk provided this including new maps from UK Planning Maps and the Land registry, more statements from residents and an explanation that there were no photographs or press cuttings available. These were resubmitted on 16th February and the Commons Registration Officer has informed us that the application has gone to the next stage of the process which checks whether there are any Planning Applications relating to the land. There were some costs in getting the maps (less than £100).

11. Assertion 10 compliance: It was established that our web site was not compliant to the necessary standard so we have liaised with Aubergine who are developing a compliant website and providing us with gov.uk email addresses. Three providers were asked to let us have indications of costs and Aubergine were the best price. The website is expected to be operational by early April 2026, which will mean WPC will be compliant with Assertion 10.

12. Update on Quickline: Since the last meeting Quickline have carried out extensive works throughout the village in preparation for the roll out of fibre broadband which is still scheduled for the end of September.

13. Planter in layby: The planter in the lay by is in a bad state of repair. The VH committee have agreed that the bay trees in four large containers outside the village hall are no longer required, and it is suggested that we get rid of the planter and replace with the four containers. This was agreed to, by the Council.

Meeting finished at 8pm

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on 18th May 2026