



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2025

COUNCILLORS: Wilkinson, Watson, Hannan, Thelwell & Platten (from item 5)

Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors: None

1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Apologies were submitted by Cllr's Jerome & Jackson.

Resolved – That the submitted apologies be approved.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to consider whether they might have a personal or a pecuniary interest

in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting. If so, it is requested that any such interest be declared now. If subsequently during the consideration of any matter, it

becomes apparent to any member that he/she does, indeed, have an interest, it should then be declared immediately.

Resolved – No personal or pecuniary declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 2025

Resolved – That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 11 June 2025 are approved.

4. Clerks Report

The Clerk referred to submitting Register of Interest forms, contacting and corresponding with other parish councils with regards speeding group, and looking at obtaining a recycling bin for the scouts.

Resolved – that the information be received and noted.

5. Finance/Accounts

5.1 July reconciliation and payments – Received

Additional payments:

Minutes 2 July 2025

CE Walker - £722.20

Resolved – That the July meeting payments and reconciliation be approved.

5.2 Warm & Welcome Funding request

The council supports the group and how it brings people together.

Resolved – That the application for funding remains under consideration for a decision in September.

5.3 Quote received for rec field fencing repair/improvement

Members discussed the options put forward by Nigel Pickering Fencing.

Resolved – That Option 1 be approved with 1 metre high vertical boards rather than 1.5 suggested.

Option 1 – Strim and tidy fence line; supply and fit 10 new posts; attach 150mm wide x 1.5 metre high vertical boards (tanalised treated) with 50mm gaps to existing post and rail frame with ring shank nails to avoid pull out.

6. Local Maintenance/Village Issues

6.1 A report was received on a fallen tree in School Lane. – The lane is not parish land, or its responsibility but it did move the tree, and report this to DCC. Members noted that the tree had fallen from the property adjacent to School Lane and as such was the owner's responsibility to dispose of it.

6.2 Dog fouling – reports received from Tees View of dogs being allowed to wee up residents front doors. Members agreed to refer to this in the next article placed in Focus magazine.

6.3 A dead branch reported on the Oak tree on the island.

7. Correspondence

None	
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8. Planning

None.

9. Village Speeding

Members were pleased with the positive responses received from neighbouring parish councils to forming a lobby group.

Cllr Hannan will look to setting up a meeting in Scarth Hall, Staindrop to look at next steps.

Date & time of next ordinary meeting

Wednesday 3 September 2025 6.30pm

Agenda items – Allotment pest control; Rural Affordable Housing & River Swimming safety