



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8 JUL 2026

COUNCILLORS: Wilkinson, Jackson, Platten, Hannan, Thelwell & Watson

Clerk: Martin Clark

Others: Teesdale Mercury

1. Acceptance, or otherwise of apologies

Cllr Jerome submitted his apologies.

Resolved – That the submitted apologies be accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Resolved – No personal or pecuniary declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 17 June 2026

Resolved – That the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 17 June 2026 are approved.

4. Finance

4.1 July meeting reconciliation and payments.

Additional payments:

DS Signs £390.00 (Signs for greens)

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

5. Village issues/Maintenance

5.1 Council store – requiring repairs

A quote to be obtained from a recommended building firm – Avant Roofing in Darlington

5.2 Anthony to clear the alley of dead weeds

5.3 Anthony to be asked to weed spray the footpath behind the doctor's surgery

5.4 Public footpath numbers 5 & 7 are blocked so DCC Rights of Way team requested to clear them.

5.5 Gutters from 'island' to doctors' surgery require digging out of weed spraying – this will be a request to DCC as our handyman would not be covered by insurance to work on the roadside.

5.6 Beech trees planted besides the rec field will need trimming in the autumn. The Raby side also requires hedge strimming and Raby will be requested to carry that work out.

5.7 Cllr Hannan referred to issues of a Public Space Protection Orders – Residents could be informed of what this is, what restrictions and how it is enforced. A piece in Focus or the council writes to everyone in the village.

6. Communication Strategy Refresh

Item deferred until September meeting.

7. Allotments

7.1 Members to consider a policy change to allow non parishioners to apply for a vacant plot provided no parish resident has also applied.

Resolved – That on an individual basis non parishioners are given the opportunity to have an allotment if no resident is on the waiting list.

7.2 Update on keyed alike progress for barrier.

Cllr Watson & the Clerk will carry out a site inspection. The Clerk will refer to Kebble on what was previously said about a gate leading into the allotments.

8. Gas Governor Lease

The Clerk updated members on issues requiring the council resigning the lease without a 'seal' and Land Registry requirements.

Resolved – That the information is received and noted.