Dunnington Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Dunnington Parish Council

Monday 12th January 2026
at 7pm in the Tower Room, St Nicholas Church, Dunnington, YORK

Meeting commenced at 7pm
Present
Cllrs Ruston, Dykes, Shaw, Major, Kay, Rees-Gay, Jackson Anderson, Bachelor, Ford and Ward
Cllr Warters.
In Attendance
S Durham (Parish Clerk), Two members of the Public
Apologies for Absence
Cllr Thompson

PC/26/01/1 – Formalities

1.1 Apologies for absence were received and accepted.
1.2 Members were reminded of the Council's policy on audio/visual recording of meetings.
1.3 No applications for dispensation were received.
1.4 No additional declarations of interest were declared.

PC/26/01/2 – Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 were AGREED as a true and accurate record.

PC/26/01/3 – Press and Public

3.1 It was RESOLVED that agenda items PC/26/1/11, PC/26/1/12, PC/26/01/19.1 be excluded from press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.
Cllr Dykes proposed and Cllr Ruston seconded to defer Agenda items 4.1 within PC 26/01/19.1 and move PC 26/01/11 PC 26/01/12 and PC 26/01/19 to the end of the meeting once press and members of the public had left. Council unanimously RESOLVED to accept this proposal.
3.2 Two members of the public were present.

PC 26/01/4 Play Park

4.1 CCTV Update
Cllr Dykes gave council an update.
4.2 Ward Funding Update
Clerk confirmed this as received.
Action – Clerk to order the Playpark Benches as previously resolved to use funds on.
4.3 Play Equipment Repairs / ROSPA Inspection
A discussion took place regarding the ROSPA inspection.

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It was agreed not to pay the additional £50 fee and to request that the inspection take place after works are completed (aim 20 February 2026).

Action - The Clerk to check with the Council's insurers that this arrangement is satisfactory.
The Clerk to obtain contractor insurance liabilities in advance of works commencing.
The Clerk to liaise with a former councillor to obtain the remaining matting.

PC 26/01/5 PFA

Cllr Bachelor and Cllr Jackson provided feedback.
A general discussion took place, and the update regarding the planning was noted.

PC 26/01/6 Cemetery Matters

6.1 Cemetery Road
Cllr Bachelor and Cllr Dykes confirmed arrangements to meet the contractor on 16 January 2026 and will report back at **February** meeting.
6.2 Cemetery Gate
Minor amendments are required.
Action - Clerk to contact the contractor.
6.3 Cemetery Rules and Regulations
Cllr Shaw has completed the documents which were agreed previously.
Action - Cllr Shaw to send an updated version to the Clerk and put copies on the Noticeboards.
The Clerk to upload to the website.

PC 26/01/7 Village Music Events / Village Show

7.1 Comedy / Music Event
The event scheduled for 8 May 2026 was confirmed as booked by Cllr Shaw.
There will be no financial outlay from the Parish Council, although the Council will receive a commission.
7.2 Children's Pantomime
Cllr Shaw proposed the Parish council fund a children's pantomime.
Action - Cllr Shaw to return to the February meeting with further information and costs.
7.3 Village Show 2026
A discussion was held and the Clerk confirmed no feedback had been received from the Grapevine readers. Cllr Jackson suggested the school could be involved.
Action - Cllr Shaw and Cllr Ruston to liaise with the Allotment Group regarding the Village Show and report back to a future meeting.
Action - Cllr Major to contact the school and the rainbows, brownies, beavers, cubs and scouts groups.
7.4 Village Fayre
Council confirmed they support a bi-annual event, with the next Village Fayre in 2027.
19:31 – Cllr Kay arrived at the meeting.

PC 26/01/8 Village Cross

The matter remains ongoing.
Further updates from Cllr Dykes will be provided following continued liaison with City of York Council.

PC 26/01/9 InBloom
9.1 Watering Baskets
No feedback received.
A discussion took place regarding reducing the number of baskets.
Action - Cllr Ruston to speak to InBloom to establish which baskets the council would like to retain.
9.2 Planting Choices
Ward Cllr Warters suggested begonias and geraniums as they are more hardened plants requiring less water. Council unanimously agreed.

PC 26/01/10 Scouts Building

RESOLVED to accept the proposal that the scout group use the building as a voluntary collection point for recycling to raise funds.

PC 26/01/11 Staffing Committee

Clerk and members of the public left the room
Cllr Jackson gave an update on staffing to full council
Clerk returned to the room

PC 26/01/12 Finance, Strategy & Audit Committee

Members of the public or press were not present
12.1 Budget 2026-2027
It was agreed to add a line item Training back into the budget which had been removed in error which Cllr Jackson noted, adding an additional £250 to the budget expenditure and therefore also the precept.
Cllr Dykes proposed to accept the final Budget after this amendment and Cllr Ruston seconded.
Council RESOLVED to accept the final Budget.
Action – Clerk to request the Precept of £53,829.00

PC 26/01/13 Community Matters

13.1 Yorkshire Water – Intake Lane
The Clerk gave an update of Yorkshire Water planned repairs to the verge in Spring. Cllr Ruston noted the damaged fence still a safety concern.
Action – Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water again regarding the damaged fence.

13.2 Residents' Concerns

MyHealth Council noted their disappointment with the decision to reduced surgery hours in the Village following a very short consultation and questionnaire.

Action – Clerk to send a letter to **My Health** copies to be sent to Luke Charters MP, Ward Cllr Warters, and Major Rowley.

Road Safety Concerns

Action - The Clerk to contact CYC Highways to attempt to arrange another meeting and to resend previous Highway Aspiration points, adding these concerns.

Cllr Dykes to revise the letter and the Clerk to forward to CYC.

13.3 Police Report

Noted. Members commented that the report was not entirely useful, as incidents were missing every month.

13.4 Millennium Garden

A volunteer provided an update.

A proposal to support the volunteers was proposed by Cllr Ruston and seconded by Cllr Shaw.

Support of up to **£150 maximum** was agreed for boots/clothing.

Volunteers confirmed the offer for the upkeep of the Garden would be ongoing, not just one year.

RESOLVED to accept offer from the Volunteers.

Action - Clerk to email the volunteers confirming the Council's support.

13.5 Village Green Trees

A planning application is in hand.

City of York Council independently inspected the large Horse Chestnut Tree and reported it requires felling.

Council noted its sadness but agreed safety must come first.

The work will be under a standard planning process and is hoped to take place this week.

Action - The Clerk to update this news on the website.

PC 26/01/14 The Cross Keys Public House

The Clerk updated members on the ACV application.

Action – Clerk to update further at a later meeting once a decision has been made by CYC

PC 26/01/15 Blue Plaque Trail

Cllr Shaw provided an update.

Action - Cllr Shaw to return with further information at the February meeting.

PC 26/01/16 Phone Box

A list of suggestions from the public had been distributed to council ahead of the meeting. discussion took place.

Council agreed that installing a defibrillator would be beneficial and may help reduce anti-social behaviour, compared to alternative uses.

Action – Cllr Dykes to attempt to obtain additional information from a NHS Defib contact

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PC 26/01/17 Hassacarr

Concerns were raised regarding bird ringing.
Action - The Clerk to ask Hassacarr for their proposal and to consider inviting the University to the February meeting.
A volunteer spoke about additional requests from Hassacarr.
Action - The Clerk to clarify what is being requested and report back to the February meeting.

PC 26/01/18 Wayleave Agreements / Power Box

No update. **Action -** The Clerk to chase the outstanding matter.

PC/26/01/19

19.1 See Appendix 1
19.2 See Appendix 1
19.3 See Appendix 1
19.4 See Appendix 1

PC/26/12/20 – Planning Matters

See and note Appendix 2

PC/26/01/21 – Dates of Next Meetings
21.1 No update regarding the Scouts Building for meeting use
Action - Cllr Dykes to check Scout and Guide availability.
Action - The Clerk to book February Meetings at the Tower Room.
21.2 Cllr Shaw confirmed the Annual Parish Meeting had been booked at the Reading Rooms for Thursday 19th March 2026
Action – Cllr Shaw and Ruston to liaise regarding content and leaflet ordering.
Cllr Ruston to liaise with InBloom regarding circulate leaflets at the end of February 2026.

Meeting Ended 21.28pm

Signed

Cllr Ruston (Chair)

Date February 2026

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Appendix 1

Payments Parish Council Meeting 12th January 2026

19.1 Financial Approvals
£1192.00 + VAT for CCTV (Note this system is in sync with the Sports Club System as required)
£7380 + VAT Village Cross Repairs from a contractor in-line with CYC specific requirements, Noted - Highways costs would be additional

19.2 Payments for Approval

1. £16.65 Paper and Top Up

2, £10.00 Top up

3. £10.00 Top up

4. £40.00 Tower Room Hire Dec

5. £360.00 York Construction Ltd

6. £4914.00 York Council (Bus Shelter)

7. £27.00 Reading Rooms Hassacarr AGM

8. £1177.57 Clerk Salary

19.3 Direct Debits to Note

£91.00 Nest Pension

£82.15 CYC Garage Payment

£67.86 Yorkshire Water

£18.23 Scottish Water

£8.70 Unity Fees

19.4 Payments In to Note

£8555.98 VAT

£1405.00 Cemetery Invoice Paid

£2681.00 Ward Grant Payment

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Appendix 2

Planning 12th January 2026 Meeting

New Planning Applications

25/02293/TCA 15 York Street Dunnington York YO19 5PN
Fell 1no. Ash and crown reduce 1no. Magnolia (rear garden) - trees in a conservation area.
Applicant Mrs Stevenson Expiry Date 15 December 2025 B NO OBJECTIONS

25/02443/FUL
5 Gorse Hill Dunnington York YO19 5RF Single storey side/front extension, conversion of integral garage to habitable space and pitched roof over existing kitchen. B NO OBJECTIONS

25/02544/FUL Compass House Common Road, Dunnington York
Change of Use from Vacant commercial Unit to indoor Padel Courts with new mezzanine. Simpson (York) Holdings Ltd (ext requested and approved) C NO OBJECTION BUT WISH TO COMMENT

25/02536/TCA
39 Church Street, Dunnington, York YO19 5PP
Fell Hawthorne, Rowan and Holly to retain 1no Silver Birch 1 no Apple Tree and 1 no. cherry tree at rear of garden. By 12 Jan (ext requested and approved) Jonanthan Culley B NO OBJECTIONS

Application to record a public bridleway from Hull Road to Public Bridleway Kexby 14
REQUEST TO EXTEND FOLLOWING FURTHER INFORMATION REQUEST

Planning Approved
25/01946/TCA 9 York Street Dunnington York YO19 5PN Crown lift and 25% crown reduction of 1no. Goat Willow (side gdn) - tree in a conservation area NOTED

Planning Refused
25/01589/TPO Bramble End Derwent Lane Dunnington York YO19 5RR
Fell 1no. Ash tree protected by Tree Preservation NOTED

Planning Ongoing

Dunnington And Grimston Sports Club Common Road Dunnington York YO19 5PA Installation of 2no Padel Courts and associated permeable grass covering. Applicant Chris Martin

- Public Restricted Byway Dunnington 28 Modification Order
- Enforcement: **Unauthorised encampment – A166**
- 25/01238 Windmill House Erection of 3 Commercial Units
- HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119 DIVERSION – DUNNINGTON – OBJECTION
- 25/02175/TCA The Poplars 46 York Street Fell 1no Yew Tree in Conservation area exp date 27 November

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