

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th February 2025

Present: Councillors: Anne Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Leah Goodwin, Dee Frith, Sue Hallam and Andrew McCloy

In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 2 members of the public

3498 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs: Mick Ashforth, Nicola Humphreys and Richard Roper

3499 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required. Planning applications always included under 28 day return rule.

3500 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3501 Public Speaking

- a) Public – the Carolean Way idea for a path around the Playing Fields, first brought to the previous Council in November 2022 was raised again. Council agreed to place this on the March agenda for consideration noting that the plans for the new pavilion have not reached a formal layout stage and that this is a Playing Field not a Park with elevated sport usage since that time but that a path needs proper consideration.
- b) County Councillor Simon Spencer and PCSO Boswell sent apologies. District Councillor Laura Mellstrom reported that concerns about the Unitary authority continue to dominate with a poll on the County Council website. Concerns run high as to how many councillors will be on the new authority with regard to how many parishes each will represent. The District element of the Council tax rise is expected to be a 2.99% increase at next week's budget meeting.

3502 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January subject to noting the oversubscribed pantomime referred to those signing up to take part and not ticket sales. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3503 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3504 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0125/0027 – Alport Lane Playing Fields - Youlgrave Lodge roll on/roll off cricket nets – Decided – Permission not Required

Planning Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/0225/0100 Dove Cottage, Moor Lane, Youlgrave,

Listed Building consent - Remove cinder blocks which have been used to close up the fire aperture and install a vernacular gritstone fire surround and flagstone hearth Fire surround to be flush with inner wall if possible. Install 4-5kw multifuel stove.

Council supports these proposals subject to Listed Buildings officer agreement

NP/DDD/0125/0056 Wild Winds, Bradford, Youlgrave,

Two single storey extensions to left and right hand sides of original dwelling. One single storey detached home office to rear area. Porch extension to front elevation.

Council objects to this application on the grounds of massing, appearance and landscape impact. The proposed structures will be highly visible from the public footpaths immediately below, in the bottom of the dale and from the hillside opposite, create a modern urban and even industrial look to the area because of its shape, size and dark cladding. The garden office in its elevated slope position will add to the visible mass. The structure is out of keeping with other properties on this hillside and will change the landscape in too bold a fashion. The extensions far exceed the footprint of the original building.

Other: VAS signs -still chasing PDNPA for advice on permissions required

3505 Footpaths and Highways

The footpath at the bottom of Holywell Lane needs more chippings to stabilise. The National Grid cut out. Potholes on Conksbury need reporting continually. The Highways Officer is to be asked again for a Bugle report. Resurfacing of the village is to be chased again.

3506 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – the Pantomime was a great success and made a good contribution to hall funds. Lighting continues to be upgraded and bookings are positive.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – no report

Waterworks – is still investigating leaks and has received a favourable indication in the Pre-Application to PDNPA to allow the Header project to be formally applied for.

Reading Room – no report; CLT – no news; WEFTrust – no report;

3507 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – the exercise equipment still awaits the ground hardening for the mobile welder. Wedding Hire – the hire agreement hasn't been used since 2012 and will be revised for the next meeting and a fee agreed. It was noted that the public toilets autolock at dusk so would be unsuitable for an evening event – there are no lights inside. Council gave approval for request for a PTFA/School colour run on 17th May

HLTB – ok. The Village Hall has paid for the replacement pads in the HLTB defibrillator.

(b) CE Car park/field, Allotments and other assets

Allotments – renewals mostly paid. One person on waiting list currently. CE Toilet Block –ok. Defibrillators – One of our 5 defibs was only replaced 2.5 years ago so we have a unit that shouldn't cause any concern through this changeover period – all the others have at least 18 months pad life and technically the first will expire in May 2026 and last in December 2026 if they all survive to the end of their 3rd battery's life. All units are now registered live on "The Circuit" as EMAS is no longer directly linked to CHT. Council agreed to create a specific SumUp QR code and advertise the fund raiser in the next edition of the Bugle. The memorial bench for Moor Lane has been installed. The Fountain Bench corners will be cut back to lessen the damage caused by vehicles to it.

(c) Litter picking update

DDDC has issued a leaflet to users that clarifies that they only collect waste that has been collected on public land or highway and that their collections points need to be within our 30mph zone. It notes they do not cover insurance. Council reaffirmed its position that volunteers collecting within our parish using litter pickers and HiViz when on the Highway are covered by our insurance and that groups just need to let the clerk know the proposed dates of their sessions with a parish map being issued to note our boundaries.

(d) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee –

James Boon is still researching the alternative costings for modular constructs. This information will be circulated to councillors as soon as received to finalise the report.

(e) Junior football training

Council welcomed the news that a Youlgrave Junior FC U10s team wishes to use Alport Lane Playing Field from September. It is understood that their Tuesday evening practice and Sunday morning matches have no conflict with YUFC who welcome the return of Junior football to the village. Our current charge basis of annual £75 field use and £105 per team at the pavilion will see the team fee waived for the first year to help minimise their costs.

3508 Council formal approval for transfer of Bankside Wildlife Garden from four named individuals to Youlgrave Community Land Trust

We, the Parish Council for the Parish of Youlgrave for Youlgrave Parish Clerk, Christmas Cottage, Church Street, Youlgrave, Derbyshire, DE45 1WL, resolve to transfer the land under Title DY385163 known as Land at Bankside, Youlgrave to Youlgrave Community Land Trust as authorized by the Standing Orders of the Parish Council for the Parish of Youlgrave

This resolution to be signed on behalf of the Parish Council by the Proper Officer and the Chairman of this meeting.

3509 Items for Information

DALC – clerk attending online briefing by NALC on Devolution tomorrow

DCC Town and Parish Liaison 6th March 5pm – clerk attending as Unitary Authority plans will be presented although Derbyshire is not in the first tier of changes so the timetable is more vague.

PDNPA e-news circulated

3510 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee		vat
Ubd	JDB Plumbing hltb blockage	£60.00	
ubd	EDF block monthly ddr	£24.97	1.25
ubd	BG CE electric	£64.33	3.22
ub	Yu Energy Hltb	£29.05	1.45
ubd	HM Lovell (expenses feb)	£20.04	
ubd	YPO toilet rolls	£110.45	22.09
ubd	HM Lovell (Feb)	£778.23	
ddr	NEST (Feb)	£67.40	
ubd	Unity charges	£6.00	
ubd	CC Fairies (Feb)	£200.00	

Income reimbursables £5284.00 Allotment rents £441.35 Sumup £97.00

Defib £44.00 YVH pads HB CE £440.84 alPF £35.26 Hltb £39.57

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 25 February	CoOp	£1443.98
	CoOp Dep	£5187.14
	Unity current account	£13282.31
	Unity savings account	£10645.38

3511 Date of next meeting – 18th March 2025 Youlgrave Village Hall Community Room 7:15pm

Exempt Items - none

The meeting closed at 8:27 pm