

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th April 2025

Present: Councillors: Ann Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Dee Frith, Leah Goodwin, Nicola Humphreys, Sue Hallam and Andrew McCloy and Richard Roper
In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 6 members of the public

3526 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllrs– Mick Ashforth,

3527 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required.

3528 Declaration of Members Interests

Interests required declaration as follows: Cllr S Hallam a pecuniary interest in Glenhurst as the owner – she left the meeting for the duration of this item. Cllr A Blenkinsopp a non-pecuniary interest in Brookside Cottages as a near neighbour. Cllr G Elliott a non-pecuniary interest in the Affordable Housing Project as his property overlooks the site.

3529 Public Speaking

- a) Public – 5 parishioners debated the problems of the church and field footpath with councillors giving all sides of the argument an airing.
Car parking nose to tail for the length of Alport Lane in the village was raised as needing passing places. It was suggested we ask the Civil traffic wardens to attend over the Bank Holiday due to the great area our Neighbourhood Police have to cover.
- b) PCSO Boswell sent apologies.
District Councillor Laura Mellstrom reminded council of the £250 per parish grant for VE/VJ day – this is being applied for, and was thanked for her Local Projects Fund donation to the Junior Football Team

3530 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2025

3531 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – commercially sensitive item

3532 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters **Decisions received:** none

Planning Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/0325/0281 20 1 Brookside Cottages, River View Bradford Road - First floor extension to rear of property. Alterations to windows and doors and installation of heat pump

Council has no material objections to this application although it notes that this is a holiday property whose increased capacity will add to the already poor availability of parking in this area.

NP/DDD/0325/0258 Glenhurst Conksbury Lane - Proposed side extension of a dwelling and installation of solar photovoltaic panels to rear roof slope

Council supports this as unobtrusive and providing no obstructions in the position proposed.

NP/DDD/0425/0354 Erection of nine dwellings with associated access, parking and gardens, along with allotments, and soft landscaping including a mixture of grassland and tree planting.,421057, 364480 Existing field, accessible from the top of Hannah Bowman Way. Off Conksbury Lane Youlgrave

Council supports this application in meeting local needs that open market prices force generations to leave their community. This is the only route for locals needing to remain in their community as the waiting lists show and is an infill site on low grade farmland with a good mix of housing for young and old.

Council has reservations that the 17 spaces for vehicles and visitors and especially for growing families is not enough and would prefer to see more to prevent overspill. It also notes that the slope of the site and large areas of hardstanding have concerns for runoff so would welcome porous materials being used. It is somewhat surprised by the need for large green spaces in a countryside village and queries the cost burden for its maintenance.

It also considers that the western boundary hedge proposed is totally inappropriate for a field boundary and asks planners to condition a dry stone wall in keeping with all other boundaries in the area especially as this will be highly visible in the views from Moor Lane towards the church.

Other: none

3533 Footpaths and Highways

No news on resurfacing. National Grid have completed works but regraded the area without the bedrock pathways leaving fears of a mudbath on a National Walking Route. The depth of the HV cables under the river leave some concern as children play in the area of the ford. The pedestrian gate post at the Middleton Youlgrave boundary needs repair and will be reported to the landowner.

3534 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – no meeting since our last Council meeting.

CLT- Village Call for Sites meeting was hosted by our Vice-Chair and attended by 2 other councillors with attendance of about 25. Lots of ideas were suggested for plots and landowners will be asked a simple would you consider question for those deemed the most viable to report back for the PDNPA Local Plan evidence gathering. Council will be shown a draft of proposals for consideration before any submission of a joint CLT/PC statement. At this stage these are purely a wish list and not binding but make PDNPA aware of the needs of our community for inclusion in planning it's next 20 years.

WEF – no news. Reading Room – all ok. Scout and Community Youth Hall – has had a new cooker donated and an old photo of the Scout Hut has been found which will be included in the mosaic. Pre-school has 25 children and the Youth groups are thriving with new red uniform for the Rainbows and a Silver group with an independent Gold participant for DofE.

Waterworks – The 6 week dry spell is affecting spring supply already which is of concern and another leak has been discovered.

Well Dressing – agm last week, preparations ongoing with more marshals being sought.

Bowls Club - season started with taster sessions for anyone interested at 10am on the first two Saturdays after Easter. The Barry Oldfield Memorial Game will see the best of Derbyshire visiting on 27th April with food and drink provided for all who attend.

3535 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

- a) Charity 520537 assets: still awaiting Land Registry funds set aside for FiT solicitor fees.

Playing Fields – ALPF – Play Inspection report notes toddler play tower posts rotting internally although structure solid for now – replacement posts are being explored.

Thanks were expressed to YLCC for the refresh of the current pavilion for this season. Cricket Boundary letter – passed on and awaits copy of response from YLCC.

HLTB – paint coating peeling away but no other issues. DDDC grant for toilet blocks is being

chased by our DDDCllr so we can claim as soon as available.

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

Allotments – chasing. CE Car Park- ok. CE Toilet Block – ok., CCTV operational.
Defibrillators – all ok and the fundraising total to date is £3264

A request to add a plaque to the Alport bench has been received to commemorate Peter Stone of Alport who died last November – this is already dedicated to Mrs Phyllis Young who died in 1997 and Council agreed that the family must be consulted as to their wishes on this.

(c) Church And Field Footpaths – the evidence is clear that public access from the church boundary to New Road and down to footpath 14 has occurred for more than 20 years. Council has attempted to get the owners to reopen the church section of the path to link to their own diverted route which is locally accepted as an alternative route to footpath 14.

Council resolved to write to the owners to state that they see no option other than a claim being made at DCC if the churchyard route is not reopened and as a guarantee for the future would want the owners to offer their whole route incorporating the diversion to PROW as a public footpath to secure the access in perpetuity. This would benefit them in ensuring that the historic cross field access was not claimed by a PROW submission and protect their livestock. Council understands owners offering public footpaths incur no cost to register at DCC whereas footpath diversions from historic routes can be very costly.

(d) New Sports Pavilion Report

The final report has just been circulated to councillors along with a request for instruction as to whether to proceed with a pre-app to PDNPA without the modular alternative pricing. Council resolved to wait for modular prices and alternatives to bring the budget down.

(e) VAS 30mph warning signs

Despite a good conversation with our PCSO advising that basic units are all that is required, the solar ones appear to start from £2500 and we need 2 so Council resolved that a grant needs to be found. A recent police conversation on Conksbury suggested we ask DCC if the temporary speed strips can be installed.

3536 Tennis court fencing

The condition of this now sees 2 sides failing. Council resolved to update quotes in similar panelling to the MUGA as chain link installers cannot be sourced. A discussion on the use of this area ensued and an article will be placed in the Bugle to determine whether the court should continue as a tennis court or be repurposed for other sport use if there is little use.

3537 Items for Information

DALC, PDNPA, DCC elections, circulated but no matters arising

3538 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

Cheque No	Payee		vat
ubd	EDF pavn monthly ddr	£24.97	1.25
ubd	BG CE electric	£51.74	2.59
ub	Yu Energy Hltb	£26.29	1.31
ub	YLCC mowing	£312.50	
ub	Play Inspection Co	£284.85	56.97
ub	Timpson alp key	£8.33	1.67
ubd	HM Lovell (expenses Apr)	£21.40	
ubd	HM Lovell (Apr)	£738.69	
ddr	NEST (Apr)	£63.74	
ub	Epson printer	£213.94	42.79
ubd	Unity charges	£6.00	

Income Allotment rents £42.00 Sumup £99+£125.00 Defib £180 + £1000.00
 HB CE £323.47+433.26 Hltb £33.10+£59.90 Alpf £63.73+48.45
 Interest £67.02

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment
 Balance @ 15 April CoOp £1443.98
 CoOp Dep £5187.14
 Unity current account £13832.67
 Unity savings account £10712.40

3539 Approval of signature of Governance Statement

Council approved the governance statement for signature by the Chairman. Last week's Finance meeting carried out checks and balances on the year's accounts to the satisfaction of the committee.

3540 Approval of accounts for submission to External auditor

Council approved the accounting statement for signature by the Chairman and authorised the accounts to be sent to our External Auditor. The internal audit took place on 10th April with no matters arising.

3541 Date of next meeting – 20th May 2025 Village Hall Community Room at 7:15pm

Exempt Items –

none

The meeting closed at 8:57 pm