

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2025

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Anne Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Leah Goodwin, Nicola Humphreys and Andrew McCloy

In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 1 member of the public

3542 To elect a Chair

Councillor Graham Elliott was elected and sign the declaration of acceptance

3543 To elect a Vice-Chair

Councillor Andrew McCloy was elected and sign the declaration of acceptance

3544 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllrs: Dee Frith, Sue Hallam and Richard Roper

3545 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

No variations required. Planning application included under 28 day return rule.

3546 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests required declaration.

3547 Public Speaking

a) Public – a member of the public asked if a decision was to be made on the footpath and informed that the council would defer to the next meeting whilst various clarifications were made. A request was made to Council by the Village Hall Chair to exclusively use its Holywell Lane Car Park by the Village Hall for a filming booking.

b) District Councillor Laura Mellstrom and PCSO Boswell sent apologies. The new County Councillor Nick Adams does not yet have an official email for our invitations to attend.

3548 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3549 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3550 Dates of meetings, deeds and documents and Standing Orders amendments
No amendments required.

Dates for year: 24th June, 22nd July, 16th September, 21st October, (Finance: 4th November), 25th November, 27th January (RR), 24th February, 17th March, (Finance: 21st April) 28th April (APM), 19th May (AM)

3551 Committee terms and reference.

It was reaffirmed that the committees are advisory and only make decisions where a specific delegation has been granted by a full council meeting. The Carnival and Well Dressing committee council representatives have a duty to report to council any concerns over insurance matters and can veto unsafe activities on those committees. All representatives are on committees to promote a good liaison, report on activities and bring to council any requests for assistance by those bodies.

Nomination of Representatives - Finance & Personnel Committee – Councillors Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott, Sue Hallam, Andrew McCloy, Richard Roper, and Michael Ashforth

Carnival Committee – dormant

Well Dressing Committee – Cllr Ken Clayton

Nomination of Representatives to VOs

Village Hall – Cllr Sue Hallam, Reading Room – Cllr Leah Goodwin, CLT – Cllr Andrew McCloy, Waterworks – Cllr Richard Roper, Bowls – Cllr Ken Clayton, Community Speed Watch – needs members, Horticultural Show – Cllr Andrew McCloy

Charity trustees – Alport Lane Playing Fields is registered under Charity regn 530537. The Parish Council is the registered trustee. The management lease expires in 2030

Council representative on the Webster Educational Foundation in Youlgrave 527046-0 – Cllr Andrew McCloy

Cllr Nicola Humphreys remains the parish trustee for the Scout and Community Youth Hall

3552 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Planning Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/0425/0370 Long Rake Spar Alport Lane - Retrospective consent for the erection of timber building and fence with creation of pedestrian access to rear of main building.

Council has a policy not to support retrospective applications as it brings the system into disrepute but has no objections to raise otherwise.

NP/DDD/0425/0410 Rycroft Conksbury Avenue - Proposed rear extension with flat roof to existing detached bungalow

Council supports this application as it adds to the accessible housing stock in the village.

Other: none

3553 Footpaths and Highways

Bradford dale gate has been reported but is not yet repaired. Conksbury Lane potholes are in urgent need of repair. A response was received from DCC noting they are aware of the poor road surface and are trying to decide what to do about it.

3554 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – is to welcome an ITV crew at the end of the month. Bookings are increasing.

Waterworks – an immediate hosepipe ban is being implemented as levels are falling with no rain for the last 2 months. The 38% increase in STW prices will hit hard if it has to buy in.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – the mural is to be unveiled on 6th September.

Reading Room – ok

CLT – awaits planning decision and funding

Bowls Club – taster sessions are ongoing and the season has started. Council will inform the club of future multi school events – there are normally 2 per year.

Well Dressing – additional marshalls welcomed and Andrews Bus service has been informed.

Horticultural Show – in preparation

Community Speed Watch – no re-start as yet.

Webster Educational Trust – no news

3555 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – the tennis nets have been repaired by volunteers. YLCC have spoken to residents direct regarding the letter with concerns over cricket balls crossing the boundary. The clerk continues to chase the return of our Licence Document from DDDC. A suggestion for mirrors opposite the entrance will be explored.

HLTB – Gents door frame warped – an advert for a joiner to go in the Bugle. Council gave

permission for the car park area to be coned off for the duration of ITV filming needs.

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

Allotments – Vacant plots are being placed. The skip was authorised by Council for 30th May. CE Toilet Block – lock on gents not engaging. Defibrillators – all ok. The Church Corner railing post needs replacing. Bradford bottom needs a replacement tree trunk.

(c) Church and Field Footpath alterations evidence – the clerk is querying with our advisor to see whether public footpaths ending at playing field boundaries are allowed especially when a dog exclusion order is in force. The late arrival of the response needs time for consideration and some clarification and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

(d) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee – alternative builds are still being investigated.

(e) VE and VJ Day grant assistance. Council agreed the VE Youlgrave British Legion day with the school children should receive £100.00 and awaits VJ day plans to use the surplus.

(f) Potential Wildflower Project – council notes that the Dale is not in our management and any proposals need to go direct to the landowner. It can offer the lower boundary to the Alport Playing Fields as a site but the most visible would be the areas on either side of the Holywell Lane Toilet Block. Other areas are not in its power to allow use.

3556 Tennis Court area reuse proposals

Council are pleased to see the repair to the nets undertaken and the interest in restarting tennis that our article has created and will write to the group who are proposing social matches welcoming them and noting reimbursement available for material receipts. The request for cctv will be explored with an additional pole mounted camera proposed. A proposal for an all weather astro surface with FA funding for Junior football will be explored for the area below the tennis court.

3557 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, PDNPA per e-news circulated.

3558 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
UB	Mcafee renewal	£9.57	1.92
ub	HM Lovell (May)	£738.49	
ddr	NEST (May)	£63.74	
Ub	EMAS internal audit	£128.38	
Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£23.83	1.19
ub	YLCC mowing alpf	£525.00	
ub	DBS mowing CE	£283.00	
ddr	EDF monthly Pav	£24.97	1.25
ub	BG CE electric	£32.76	1.64
ub	HM Lovell (expenses May)	£28.70	
ub	CCFairies (May)	£550.00	

Income

Precept £29202.00 Defib Donations £456.96 + £150.00 Sumup £309.00 printer £70
HB CE £1358.83 HLTB £115.56 ALPF £108.91

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 12 th May	CoOp	£1443.98
	CoOp Dep	£5187.14
	Unity current account	£43942.40
	Unity savings account	£10712.40

3559 Date of next meeting – 24th June 2025 Youlgrave VH Community Room 7:15pm

Exempt Items – none

The meeting closed at 8:27 pm