

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd July 2025

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Anne Blenkinsopp, Ken Clayton, Graham Elliott (Chair), Dee Frith, Leah Goodwin, Sue Hallam, Nicola Humphreys, Andrew McCloy and Richard Roper
In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 7 members of the public

3574 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllrs: Cllr Blenkinsopp for late arrival at item 3577

3575 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

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

3576 Declaration of Members Interests

Councillors Blenkinsopp, Clayton and Roper declared a non-pecuniary interest as allotment holders regarding the PSPO Dog Exclusion zone.
No interests to declare.

3577 Public Speaking

- a) Public – New Road residents asked for an update on the footpath situation and were informed that the council had instructed the clerk to proceed with the claim at the last meeting but delayed that for a response which showed no movement in their position. Council has done all it can and will place the evidence with PROW to take forward.
- b) PCSO Boswell sent apologies. Our new County Councillor Nick Adams introduced himself to the meeting noting that as an organic farmer based near Ashbourne and former County NFU representative now Chairman of the County Council and PDNPA Board member for DCC he is on a steep learning curve. He responded to the community's fears of being cut off for 6 weeks due to the Temporary Road Closure order issued by Derbyshire County Council for Alport Lane and asked to be driven over the route at the end of the meeting so he could take first hand knowledge to the Cabinet Officer for Highways Cllr Charlotte Hill. He promised to also investigate the provision of a bus service by DCC as this is a subsidised route but Andrews still need to operate the 172 to the other villages so needs a separate bus to serve Middleton and Youlgrave.

District Councillor Laura Mellstrom noted the PSPO review which is on this agenda and our efforts to get more dog and waste bins emptied – full ones can be reported directly to their team on their online service page per this link:

<https://selfserve.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/renderform?t=22&k=8A54EBD9DD70596F1636B63F401E03370B0674E9> She is attending a DDDC Platform Housing meeting on 22nd August to raise the outstanding issues and quality of repair work on their properties.

3578 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3579 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

3580 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: none.

Post meeting: DDD/0425/0410 – Rycroft – granted conditionally

DDD/0525/0495 – Wild Wind – granted conditionally

DDD/0525/0510 – Field off Moor Lane – granted conditionally

Planning Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/0625/0652 – Old School Hall, Main Street – creation of new vehicular access

Council objects to this application which will remove valuable roadside parking needed by residents with no drives. This property has existing off-road parking which is adequate for this

dwelling. The removal of the iron railings that are a feature of this dwelling and make a significant positive contribution to the appearance of the Conservation Area - the house is noted in 5.27 and highlighted in Fig.8 in the report, to create the access is also objected to.

NP/DDD/0625/0627 2 Mawstone Lane - Side extension and second storey rear extension

Council supports this application which brings the property into line with many others on Mawstone Lane in having proportionate extensions added.

Other: Hannah Bowman Way development is going to committee in the autumn for a decision. The Waterworks decision is expected this week (notice issued 24th as above)

3581 Footpaths and Highways

The severity of the closure of Alport Lane and its affect on farmers, business and traffic chaos on the minor road alternatives especially for deliveries and caravans was discussed in depth. The needs of those, mainly elderly, without cars also makes an alternative bus a necessity. We await an urgent response from DCC on this.

3582 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – the Chair was re-elected at the AGM and the Hall reported as in and improving place with lots of work done. The Film Club is providing a new screen and projector. There are no plans and no discussion has been had on knocking down the hall for a car park.

Waterworks – the hosepipe ban remains in force as the backup pumps are still working 4 hours a day but fortunately have relieved the necessity to turn on Severn Trent for the moment. Work on the second tank is to start shortly.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – all running smoothly with the mosaic on course for completion by 6th September.

Reading Room – no report; CLT – awaits planning decision and funding

Bowls Club – taster sessions with employees from their sponsor are expected to increase membership shortly.

Well Dressing – awaiting minutes of AGM for a report.

Horticultural Show – all in hand

Community Speed Watch – no re-start as yet. Webster Educational Trust – no news

3583 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets:

Playing Fields – ALPF – the cricket ball survey is a single sport issue and not one council is able to fund. YLCC have put locks on their kitchen facilities to enable council key issued users to access the kitchen for their needs. The 1973 sign was raised as needing an update to make clearer the no camping and trailers on this sports and recreation dedicated car park.

A request to park a food-sales converted horse box on the playing fields could not be granted as this is a sports, school and recreation use field with temporary parking by residents and visitors only allowed when events are not taking place - under the rules set out by Fields in Trust. The County Council is the body that can grant specific parking spaces on their land under legal requirements and whilst the Parish Council can consider applications, this field is not a public car park in general terms and in existence as such prior to 2010 so cannot be used for such requests. The CCTV proposed is not acceptable as Domestic CCTV can only cover the curtilage of an individual's own property and should not be filming public space. DALC legal, CCTV DDDC and the Police were thanked for their advice.

The playing fields inspection is taking place on 24th July

HLTB – A summons due to the meter reader not gaining access at whim was quashed and the utility company booked to replace the smart meter with one that works in September. Broken soap dispenser to be replaced.

(b) ALPF Car Park Surface – the other half of the road in is to be tarmacked as promised to provide a smooth path for those accessing the path down the field at the far end and to avoid further pothole repairs. Council resolved to accept the quote from Neville Fox for £5500 for a 4 metre wide surface and that half of the car park temporarily closed for the duration of the works.

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

Allotments – 1 forthcoming vacancy already placed. CE Toilet Block – soap reordered. Defibrillators – all ok. Inspection at 7pm 24th July.

(d) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee – Cricket inform us that only match funding to £10000 is available to them and the FA grants appear to be the only route forward.

(e) PSPO renewal consultation

DDDC proposes to retain all existing Dog Exclusion zones. Council concurred and fully supports the PSPOs for fire restrictions on Moorland areas proposed by DDDC
www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/PSPO

(f) ALPF Premises Licence Application

The Events Licence for ALPF needs reapplying for as it only covers the area of the football pitch traditionally used and not the pavilion. Council resolved to apply for a licence to include the pavilion and area between it and the toilet block.

(g) Church and Field Footpath PROW – Council has not been made aware of the owners submitting a Public Footpath proposal by the date set and instructed the clerk to submit a PROW for the route marked on OS from the Churchyard to New Road and across the field to FP14. The concessionary route to the playing fields is not part of Council's summary although some evidence does indicate long term access as it is noted in PDPNA delegated report 0616/0583 as a concessionary path.

(h) Village and Dale overcrowding and parking

Council agreed to investigate possible fields for car parks and approach landowners direct to see if there is any interest. The overcrowding has seen the boards removed creating a limited swim and paddling area. It was agreed that wording should be created to supply to social media pages to note the limited space. Haddon River Keeper will be approached for an update on their management.

3584 Conksbury allotment holder request for PC management investigation

Council agreed to re-establish communication with Diocese to see if they were willing in principal to explore the hand over of the management of the Conksbury Allotments to the Parish.

3585 Items for Information

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

3586 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
ub	HM Lovell (Jly)	£738.49	
ddr	NEST (Jly)	£63.74	
Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£23.83	1.19
ub	YLCC mowing alpf	£687.50	
ub	DBS hltb slab	£55.00	
ub	DBS mowing CE	£195.00	
ddr	EDF monthly Pav	£24.97	1.25
ub	BG CE electric	£32.76	1.64
ub	HM Lovell (expenses July)	£16.18	

ub	DDDC Events Licence	£70.00	
ub	YPO	£174.76	34.95
ub	Soap dispensers	£9.16	1.83
ub	Street Solutions 50cones	£277.91	55.58
ub	CCFairies (Aug)	£550.00	
ub	HM Lovell (Aug))	£738.49	
ub	NEST (Aug)	£63.74	
300122	BT Payphones	£1.00	
Ub	Postage for BT contract	£3.15	
Ub	YPO – soap	£36.87	7.37

Income interest £62.66 Sumup £113.63 Defib £20.00
HB CE £1060.26 ALPF £178.91 HLTB £75.07

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment
Balance @ 15th July CoOp £1928.98
CoOp Dep £5226.01
Unity current account £42456.45
Unity savings account £10775.06

3587 Date of next meeting – 16th September 2025 Youlgrave VH Community Room 7:15pm
Exempt Items – none The meeting closed at 8: 40 pm