

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st October 2025

Present: Councillors: Mick Ashforth, Graham Elliott (Chair), Dee Frith, Leah Goodwin, Sue Hallam, Nicola Humphreys, Andrew McCloy and Richard Roper
In attendance: Matthew Lovell – Clerk + 2 members of the public

3601 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllr Ken Clayton and Anne Blenkinsopp

3602 Variation of order of business and Clerk's request for time constrained items

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

3603 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests to declare.

3604 Public Speaking

a) Public – no matters

b) PCSO Boswell sent apologies noting 2 crimes – vehicle theft and stolen key safe.

County Councillor Nick Adams apologised on behalf of Derbyshire County Council for the long road closure in August noting the FOI request and lessons that needed to be learnt. He was asked why Officers had not taken into account the effects on the shops and businesses who have all suffered with no compensation and why the immensely complicated and onerous conditions placed on residents who needed to use a taxi to replace the lost bus service, especially with the large fees to find up front when on bus pass or non-card users. He promised that the District Councillor's letter would be responded to and current practices looked at and noted that this was County Council's fault as the Highways facilitator rather than the landowner who requested it. It was noted that no specialist heavy duty equipment was brought to site as implied prior to the start.

District Councillor Laura Mellstrom noted 2 items – the detailed FOI letter (circulated) she has sent to ask DCC to account fully for the 6 week road closure on Alport Lane; the survey proposing a wild beaver feasibility study – including this Ward's rivers.

3605 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3606 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – as per agenda item

3607 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: DDD/0625/0571 - 3 Rose Cottage - Listed Building consent - Replacement of 3 windows and 1 door – granted conditionally

DDD/0625/0627 - 2 Mawstone Lane - Side extension and second storey rear extension – granted conditionally

Planning Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/0925/0956 Wild Wind, Brassington Close - S.73 application for the variation of condition 2 and 4 on NP/DDD/0525/0495

Council supports this amendment as whilst it will look worse than stone close up, most views are from some distance away and there is a precedence set in other parts of the village outside the conservation area for this finish.

Other: no matters

3608 Footpaths and Highways

King Street footpath is closed for a major wall repair. PROW clarification for Claim owners to be sent to DCC.

3609 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – in good use and progressing well.

Waterworks – the spring levels still await return and the cost of pumping from our secondary source does not allow for lifting the hosepipe ban. Noted that the river levels haven't recovered either. New Road leaks have been repaired prior to a switch off next week during school closure so install a valve that will allow any future New Road problems to leave the school and surgery connected.

Scout and Community Youth Hall –Risk Assessments have been provided for the Village Fireworks on 7th November. The AGM on 14th October noted that the hall has been nominated for the 2026 King's Award for Voluntary Service. DDCVS grant received for insulating 2 bare breezeblock rooms. A new cooker has been donated and installed.

Reading Room – puddling along nicely; CLT – awaits the planning application going before PDNPA Planning Committee

Bowls Club – Successful season finished last Sunday. YBC AGM at Knoll Club 7.30pm Thursday 13th November 2025

3610 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets: annual return now due and will be submitted shortly.

Playing Fields – ALPF – car park provision of stone in hand for low area behind the tarmac.

CCTV expansion looking into grants.

HLTB – The loo seat is being sorted shortly. Meters 31st October changeover still planned.

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

Allotments – Plot 1 is being subdivided.

CE Toilet Block –YPO saga continues. Defibrillators – all ok and fund raising has met its target. Clerk has spent 3 hours going through cctv under instruction from the police following the recent car thefts. Blue Van to be asked to be moved as hedge cutting takes place next month.

(c) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee –TG Escapes – a site meeting is being held on 4th November (time to be confirmed) with an expected report and price for the November meeting.

3611 K6 Listed Kiosk use and painting quote.

Council agreed to DBS Services carrying out the clean down and painting using our paint to both Alport and Holywell Kiosks for £100 per kiosk.

Ideas for use include an audio booth with short items about the village and a wall map to show locations and services which council agreed cut the problems of damp paper and wastage for traditional brochures. An honesty box will be added. As this is a Listed Kiosk the clerk was authorised to enquire with PDNPA Historic Buildings Officers for requirements for any change of use before any ideas are implemented.

3612 Items for Information

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

3613 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
ub	HM Lovell	£738.49	
ddr	NEST	£63.74	
ub	Church light wayleave	£4.00	

Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£24.48	1.22
ub	YLCC mowing alpf	£525.00	
ub	RBLegion wreath	£30.00	
cheque	BT Phones – Kiosk purchase	£1.00	
ddr	BGaslite monthly Pav	£63.63	3.18
ub	BG CE electric	£36.24	1.82
ub	HM Lovell (expenses Oct)	£15.80	
ub	Premier Play Solutions	£1890.00	378.00
ub	CCFairies	£550.00	
ub	Bank charges	£6.00	+13.20

Income Sumup £155.79 YLCC utilities £552.54 Wayleave Pole £4.60

HLTB £10.08+£49.21 CE £148.58+£480.83 ALPF £9.50+£39.47

Interest £61.11 Defibrillator donation £500.00 Bank refund £13.20 + £25.00 apology

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 13 th October	CoOp	£2703.62
	CoOp Dep	£5226.01
	Unity current account	£28398.02
	Unity savings account	£10836.17

3614 Date of next meeting – 25th November 2025 Youlgrave VH Community Room 7:15pm

Exempt Items –

3615 Single allotment plot request for dog inclusion

Council unanimously agreed that under the Equalities Act only registered Assistance Dogs will be considered for exemption from the Dog Exclusion zones.

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm