

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

3615 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Sue Hallam and Richard Roper

Commented [PC1]:

3616 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.

3617 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests to declare.

3618 Public Speaking

a) Public – no matters

b) PCSO Boswell, County Councillor Nick Adams and District Councillor Laura Mellstrom sent apologies

3619 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3620 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – as per agenda item

3621 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: none

Planning Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/1025/1042 Snowberry House Moor Lane - Erection of a rear single-storey pitched roof extension to the main dwelling with a new raised patio in the rear garden. New stepped access to the front door and alterations to the front wall. New gates in the undercroft. Erection of a new garden studio/study building with a sedum roof.

Council supports this application with this location being out of general view provided the massing for the many parts meets PDNPA limits and considers views of neighbouring properties.

Other: no matters

3622 Footpaths and Highways

King Street footpath is closed for a major wall repair until 21st May 2026. The property changes by the school layby have led to reopening our request to Highways for a bus bay at the school gates to make the area safer and assist traffic flow. Councillors were asked to check parish grit bins for top ups. DCC to be asked when the sink hole at Holywell FP28 is to be made safe.

3623 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – has well attended events and is running smoothly. The gable end needs maintenance and preparations for Pantomime are well underway.

Waterworks – the hosepipe ban is being lifted as the spring has returned to normal although the prolonged use has lost one of the backup pumps which is an expensive essential replacement.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – Village Fireworks on 7th November was a great success raising £2000 for the hall re-treated floor cleaning, further improvements and a robotic vacuum. Trustees thanked the Parish Council for covering this village event.

Reading Room – all ok; CLT – awaits the planning application going before PDNPA Planning Committee hopefully next month.

3624 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets: agm follows this meeting.

Playing Fields – ALPF – car park levels sorted. CCTV expansion awaiting new grant season. The proposal to widen the gateway to 6.5m has been acknowledged by our new Area Highways Officer who will visit site to assess. Honesty box was stolen over the weekend of 15th/16th November including the concrete plug and notified with crime reference 25000682585.

HTLB – Smart meter changed on 31st October and appears to be working.

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

Allotments – agreed to set the full plot rate from 1st February 2026 at £30.00 (£2.00 inc.) Kiosks have been painted and PDNPA reply is that we need to pay a half price fee of £294 for change of use. Signage has limited sizes under listing but covering over "Telephone" is acceptable. Council agreed to pay for the application and accept donations for the equipment to be installed.

CE Toilet Block – YPO topped up supplies. Defibrillators – all ok please

Grit bins – councillors requested to check for top ups.

(c) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee – TG Escapes met with Councillors, Cricketers and Football to set requirements for sport needs noting the mixed teams may necessitate 4 changing rooms plus official's changing. FA requirements make the main ones larger than Cricket Board but the additional 2 could be scaled down. A maximum of 25 in the clubhouse was suggested by YLCC and the design will be scaled accordingly with a slightly bigger kitchen. Designs and budgeted prices are awaited. Topographical, service and other surveys will be a price commitment before final designs and fixed price are given. Noted that we will need to obtain 3 tenders when we go to final stage in line with Financial Regulations.

(d) PDNPA Local Plan Review

This is an early phase and apart from submitting a perceived error in the name of a proposed green space in Youlgrave (not submitted by the PC but tying a toilet block to it) for now all appears in line with parking and affordable housing limits classing us as a larger village. We are not included in the Business units spaces provision as there are no named sites.

3625 Precept for 2026

Council is to increase the precept, to cover increased costs for overheads and maintenance contracts and includes £4000 to assist towards the new pavilion, by £2745.00 Under the current CT Base this will be a £ 5.65 / 9.40% increase per house or £0.11 per week. The expected loss of the playing fields grant from DDDC when they are abolished will reduce our ability to fund projects from 2028 so a gradual increase was agreed.

3626 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, PDNPA per e-news circulated. Clerk to attend DCC Unitary Authority briefing on 8th December

3627 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
ub	HM Lovell	£738.69	
ddr	NEST	£68.62	
ub	PDNPA pre app Kiosk	£50.00	
Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£30.10	1.50
ub	YLCC mowing alpf final	£120.00	
ub	DRB Services CE hedges	£165.00	
ub	CCFairies	£550.00	
ub	YPCC mowing grant	£1500.00	
ddr	BGaslite monthly Pav	£47.42	2.37
ub	BG CE electric	£35.10	1.75
ub	YPO	£159.30	31.92
ub	YWaterworks	£1178.40	
ub	Postage LReg	£3.85	
ub	The Bugle	£30.00	
ub	DB Services Kiosk painting	£200.00	
ub	HM Lovell (expenses Nov)	£15.80	
ub	Initial – washroom	£84.90	16.98
ub	HM Lovell	£836.97	
ddr	NEST	£68.62	
ub	HMRC	£632.00	
ub	CCFairies	£220.00	

Income Sumup £149.02 HLTB £36.34+19.61 CE £384.97+232.02+52.89 ALPF £37.89 + £19.61
Defibrillator £40.00

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 26 th November	CoOp	£2703.62
	CoOp Dep	£5226.01
	Unity current account	£23941.24
	Unity savings account	£10836.17

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations have been updated to reflect major contract procurement changes and were agreed by Council for adoption

3628 Date of next meeting – 27th January 2026 Youlgrave Reading Room 7:15pm

3629 Exempt Items – Contracts to 31st March 2027

Cleaning awarded to Chesterfield Fairies
ALPF Mowing/strimming awarded to DB Services
CE etc Mowing/strimming awarded to DB Services

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm