

YOULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th January 2026

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

3630 Apologies for Absence

Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Mick Ashforth and Leah Goodwin

3631 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.

3632 Declaration of Members Interests

No interests to declare.

3633 Public Speaking

- a) Public – no matters
- b) PCSO Boswell noted 3 crimes – our honesty box and a caravan stolen and a keyed car and sent apologies, County Councillor Nick Adams had intended to be with us but sent apologies last minute.
District Councillor Laura Mellstrom has had an inadequate response to the FOI on the 6 week closure with only internal memos after the decision forwarded. She has therefore appealed as the excuse of sensitive names and commercial concerns can easily have names redacted and awaits a response. DDDC has suffered from this Government's decision that money should go to Urban areas forgetting rural deprivation exists and has the lowest budget of all Derbyshire's District Councils consequently so will have to set the maximum increase allowed on Council Tax. Peak Cluster consultation on a carbon capture pipeline from Hope to natural rock storage under the Irish Sea collecting other quarry/works emissions en route is now open for comment. The reintroduction of Beavers consultation to the Derwent catchment area by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is also underway.

3634 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous council

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25th November. The minutes were agreed for signature by the Chair.

3635 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – as per agenda item

3636 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting. Planning related matters

Decisions received: 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 at Land Accessible from Hannah Bowman Way off Conksbury Lane Youlgrave
APPROVED with S106 Agreement (In accordance with officer Recommendation)

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. – Granted conditionally

Planning Applications for discussion:

NP/DDD/1225/1273 Ex-telephone Kiosk Holywell Lane - Change of use from two way communication kiosk to Information kiosk

Council fully supports this application which brings new life to a listed structure that would have been welded shut and left to decay had it not purchased it.

NP/DDD/1225/1262 Lealands Conksbury Lane – Extension and alterations to side of house and roof to rear
Council supports this application as a major improvement to the existing when viewed from the road.

Other: no matters

3637 Footpaths and Highways

King Street footpath step repair and the clearance of a tree down on Spring Lane were gratefully welcomed by Council as actions from our regular volunteer Alec Johnston. A further two trees down have been reported to PROW. The blocked drain at the bottom of Moor Lane is again washing water across the road and down Brookleton and Holywell and has been reported. Councillors were asked to check our 20 parish grit bins for top ups following recent icy conditions.

3638 Report from Village organisation representatives:

Village Hall – pantomime is upon us and building maintenance is up to date. A new treasurer is being sought.

Waterworks – consumption is very high having increased since Christmas which means there are leaks so please be vigilant especially for outbuildings and empty properties.

Scout and Community Youth Hall – quotations are being sought for heating for the main hall similar to the new efficient ones recently put in the toilets.

Reading Room – all ok; CLT – article in next Bugle on new housing plans

3639 Report of the Clerk / update on: -

a) Charity 520537 assets: Land Registry has completed the transfer and we await receipt and a bill from FiT solicitor.

Playing Fields – ALPF – gateway widening needs a drawing but our new Area Highways Officer recognised the value of an extra 2 metre width at the site visit so should be a formality once a formal request is made.

HLTB – no matters

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

Allotments – renewal payments underway. CE Toilet Block – another police cctv viewing request fulfilled. Defibrillators – all ok please listen out for low battery cold weather bleeps. Grit bins – 40 bag pallet purchased – once empty another pallet will be ordered.

(c) Sports Pavilion Sub-committee

TG Escapes has come back with further questions which have been forwarded to the users for comment. It was agreed to seek other quotes for similar design and build packages to meet the requirements for multiple quotes for large projects.

3640 Request to allow a connected portacabin changing room for cricket

Council notes that YLCC will submit this to the PDNPA planners to ensure all legal permissions are in place and gives its support as the expansion into ladies and youth teams is fully to be encouraged and this interim measure shows the essential need for a new pavilion to meet modern standards and requirements for all sports users.

3641 Items for Information

DALC – news and training, PDNPA per e-news circulated. DCC Unitary Authority briefing noted their one Authority including the City is based on: everyone wanting to remain in Derbyshire; Districts are split on how to divide the county into two; costing as one gives the greatest savings. Government makes the decision and their remit didn't include compulsory pre-consultation. Government also plans that shadow Unitary councils should

be voted in in 2027 to run for a year alongside the District, City and County Councils before they are abolished in 2028.

3642 Finance

a) Resolved to approve the following:

	Payee	Net	VAT
Ddr	ICO registration	£47.00	
Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£28.77	1.44
ddr	BGaslite monthly Pav	£38.69	1.94
ub	BG CE electric	£40.81	2.04
ub	J Aston 6m website	£254.00	
ub	B Tabbenor alpf surface	£760.00	152.00
ub	Planning Portal	£379.00	
ub	Planning App plans	£25.80	
ub	HM Lovell	£836.17	
ddr	NEST	£68.62	
Ub	YU Energy HLTB	£15.54	0.78
ddr	BGaslite monthly Pav	£47.42	2.37
ub	BG CE electric	£28.02	1.40
ub	HM Lovell expenses	£28.60	
ub	YVillage Hall room hire	£88.00	
ub	Allotment renewal postage	£27.84	
ub	Long Rake Spar	£144.36	£28.87
ub	CCFairies	£250.00	

Income interest £59.72 Sumup £92.48+92.49 Allotment renewals £271.00

HL £59.39+20.62 CE £535.94+115.35

SipPC grit £91.80

(b) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balance @ 27th January CoOp £2703.62

CoOp Dep £5226.01

Unity current account £16822.69

Unity savings account £10895.89

Reimbursables have been applied for and 2026 Precept and reimbursables submitted

3643 Date of next meeting – 24th February 2026 Village Hall Community Room 7:15pm

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm