

GREAT AYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held at The Discovery Centre on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 - 7pm.

Present: Cllr Greenwell, Cllr Hawking, Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton, Cllr Kirk (Chair) and Cllr Mason.

In Attendance: Angela Livingstone (Clerk), PC Giles Noble NY Police, Lee Marley (Cemetery and Services Superintendent), NYC Cllr Moorhouse, 4 residents.

26.59 Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Baylin and Cllr Blackmore. The reasons for absence were accepted. There were no declarations of interest.

26.60 Minutes from the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 12th May 2026.

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 12th May 2026 as a true and accurate record. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

26.61 Police report –To receive monthly report from North Yorkshire Police

26.61.1 1st May – 31st May 2026, received after agenda issued - ASB Personal: 10, ASB Nuisance: 10, Arson/Criminal Damage: 1, Burglary: Commercial: 1, 3 – covering same burglary, 1 – theft of quadbike, Residential: 1, Theft (including from shops): 4, 1 – fuel, Violence Against the Person: 4, Other crimes: 1. Total This Period: 46.

26.61.2 The Chair gave thanks to PC Noble for his attendance at the meeting. PC Noble informed that following recent issues the Police had been prepared and had support brought in for over the school holidays which included a bank holiday and the football match. He felt that other than a large number coming into the village on one day, incidents had not escalated. He informed that there had been the need for a dispersal order in Waterfall Park, but one person was dispersed and all others left. This had been put in place following verbal abuse and disrespect for officers. Action was required to show that the Police were in charge and could manage the situation. Councillors questioned how quickly a dispersal order could be organised and were informed that this order had been pre-authorised, but each situation was treated as an individual entity. With the recent history this can be organised quickly by radio and the paperwork dealt with later. PC Noble assured that the Police were listening to concerns, he reminded that dispersal orders infringe on people's liberty, with many of those involved being children, there was a fine balancing act. It was confirmed that if people removed themselves from the dispersal area and continued to cause problems this would be dealt with. The Chair commented that there had clearly been a greater Police presence in the village, and the Parish Council appreciated that there was a large area to cover with a small team. PC Noble queried residents' thoughts on the appropriateness of the Police work seen in the village and residents agreed this was not too heavy handed and was felt to be at the correct level. Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton stated that the reports showed a further increase in incidents, he acknowledged that there had been the social media posts to encourage reporting, the Police surgery and PC Noble making sure anything he saw whilst on patrol was reported. Thanks were given for the successful Police surgery. Cllr Moorhouse commented that there had previously been problems at the Great Ayton Cricket Club, she asked if these continued. PC Noble advised that there was no concern at present. Cllr Moorhouse informed that there had been around 100 children enjoying themselves at the club on the previous Friday evening and it was a good community area. Cllr Greenwell commented on an email she had sent to the Police on 18th May relating to ASB and residents moving out of the village, with an acknowledgement on 19th but no other update. Other incidents of evidence of drug abuse and items left around the area, particularly John Street and Cleveland Street were commented on and PC Noble advised that the Police had increased patrols in the area. He added that following video evidence sent into the Parish Council and passed on to the Police a child had been identified and spoken with. A further multi agency meeting was scheduled for June.

PC Noble left the meeting.

26.62 Report from NYC Councillor – Cllr Moorhouse commented on correspondence regarding speeding and high volumes of traffic on Little Ayton Lane, NYC could not do anything regarding this issue. She reminded that only around a quarter of the lane was in Great Ayton and it was acknowledged that residents could report direct to NYC. Usage had been looked at previously, and Highways had not supported any change. The Clerk was asked to forward the correspondence to Highways to see if they would support. The representative from Climate Action Stokesley & villages reminded that part of the plan for a 20mph zone covered Little Ayton Lane, a public consultation would be organised when this was looked at by NYC. The Chair advised that the correspondence related to the volume of traffic. There had been no other complaints on the matter, and he felt that the residents should come together and speak with NYC on the matter if others had concerns. A resident queried which area was within Little Ayton and this was explained. It was agreed that speed was self-governed due to the space and vehicles. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Moorhouse informed that a resident from Linden Road had requested yellow lines to stop parking. It was agreed that there were already yellow lines on the corners and people did not want road markings outside of their homes

across the village. Cllr Moorhouse informed that a resident wished to put a seat up in the village and as there was nowhere on PC owned land, she had asked NYC, they had not supported this. She informed that the resident was now in touch with the Allotment group and they were looking at a bench going in the community garden. Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton informed of the need for a new bench in the Memorial Garden, he added that there was the need for the road sweeper to visit the village with many of the kerbsides becoming full of weeds. Cllr Moorhouse stated that NYC has a company who completes this work twice a year. This was challenged by the Clerk who reminded of correspondence in 2025 stating that the road sweeping was completed every 16 weeks. Mr Marley commented that the small sweeper which could not manage to complete sweeping across the full village was last in the village in March. He informed that NYC had been around the streets at the end of May spraying weeds and they should then come back and remove these when they died off. Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton asked Cllr Moorhouse to provide clarity on the frequency of road sweeping and to find if the record keeping was now in place.

The Chair enquired if other residents wished to speak on any specific matters and it was agreed that the following items be brought forward and discussed out of the agenda order.

- 26.65.1 Correspondence from Great Ayton Football Club regarding supporting their use of additional pitches on the Floodplain Meadow. – The representative from the BUGs group informed of the time and effort managing the Floodplain Meadow for biodiversity and her concerns on this being changed back to plain grass when there are concerns nationally on the depleting nature across the country, she added that the meadow was enjoyed by people walking in the area and reminded that the bottom area did flood and was used as part of the flood alleviation scheme when needed. The Chair agreed that the area had been used as a pitch in the past, but this had been before the flood alleviation scheme. He added that he would not want to see a significant native area within the village lost. He stated that the Parish Council keep the greens in good condition as part of the tourist area but need an area for nature. Mr Marley stated his concerns on cutting the area annually, he believed this was not serving its purpose and it would be better for the owls and birds of prey, to have a rougher, overgrown area which would be a better environment also for mice and voles. **RESOLVED:** Councillors were not in favour of the request for football pitches and there needed to be communication on the needs for cutting. A further meeting would be organised to discuss what will work best in the village and an update on the work since the pollinator plans, and forward plans.

Cllr Moorhouse and two residents left the meeting.

26.63 Allotments

- 26.63.1 Update from COF application – The Chair advised Councillors of an online meeting with the COF Advisor on 5th June regarding the grant and would feed back after this date and organise to meet with the allotment committee group.

ACTION: Chair

- 26.63.2 Allotment current matters report provided – Current issues

Concerns - Reports of abusive / aggressive behaviour from a male tenant from two lady tenants, similar complaint received in 2024, there were further reports of another incident the previous weekend. The male tenant had stated he would be attending the meeting but was not present. The GAPC Team and the Allotment working party had been asked to ensure that they were in agreement that the plot did not include a parking space as part of the plot. From the map and all data held, it appeared that this was not a parking place as part of the plot. This had been checked and agreed that this was not a parking place for the plot, it could be parked in by any tenant, this had many years ago been part of the entrance. The tenant involved had been informed of this previously. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to send a final warning letter.

ACTION: Clerk

Mr Marley enquired regarding children being left unattended on the allotments. He queried if there was anything on the tenancy agreement regarding the need to be supervised. It was believed that there had historically been a rule on this, but this was no longer on the agreement. To be reconsidered when the tenancy agreement was looked at this year as there was the potential for accessing equipment not suitable for children. **Gardens given up** - 69A2 - reply from letter regarding lack of gardening. A further 2 plots were being given up and Mr Marley had spoken to the tenant and was removing chicken runs as requested. The need for tenants to complete works on removing structures which they had erected was discussed.

26.64 Planning Matters

26.64.1 Planning applications – Consultation Responses. –Councillors discussed applications and the following was agreed.

Application ref / Address	Description of Works	Parish Council responses
CU/2026/00159 Aireyholme Farm	Use of land for the siting of one shepherd's hut for holiday letting purposes	No observation.
ZB26/00870/FUL 1 Langbaugh Close	Application for proposed single storey extension to rear of house.	No observation.

26.64.2 Planning decisions by LPA – Noted

Planning Ref/Address	Description Of Work
ZB25/01083/FUL Ayton Hall	Proposed self-build dwelling and construction of new entrance and gate. The decision on this proposal was: Refused.
ZB26/00610/FUL 8 Greenacre Close	Application for proposed dormers to front elevation, roof lights to rear and a single storey rear extension. The decision on this proposal was: Granted.
ZB26/00467/FUL Southview Lodge Low Green	Application for proposed single storey extension to the rear of the house. Demolition of Portico and construction of new Canopy/Porch. Proposed new entrance gate and repairs to boundary walling. The decision on this proposal was: Granted. A resident at the meeting informed this was their application and queried regarding having a pillar removed for access during the works. The Chair advised that this query would need to be sent to the Planning Department not the Parish Council.

Two residents left the meeting.

26.64.2 Planning Applications – Withdrawn - Noted

Planning Ref/Address	Description Of Work
ZB25/00209/FUL Yatton House	Application to remove 10ft wooden shed and replace with 20ft Cleveland containers standard container.

26.65 Correspondence and Information from Clerk

To receive and review the correspondence and information details and decide upon necessary actions.

26.65.1 Correspondence for discussion-

From	Details
Great Ayton Football Club	Request for support with additional pitches to train/play matches on Floodplain Meadow – discussed earlier in the meeting.
Resident	Complaint re traffic issues Little Ayton Lane, forwarded to Cllr Moorhouse – discussed earlier in the meeting.
Hedgepigs and Hoglets Rescue	Invite to see treatment facility and request for support. The Clerk informed that following further emails that this should be considered later in the year. Councillors asked that the Clerk enquire with the resident to ensure that any necessary licences for the rescue facility were in place. ACTION: Clerk
Resident	Information ASB forcing resident from home. Discussed
Resident	Low Green parking concerns – suggestion of posts to prevent vehicle access – It was agreed that there were a number of places that access to the Green was possible, but this was not a normal occurrence and to address the issue would be costly and unnecessary at present.

Residents left the meeting.

26.65.2 Correspondence for information

Resident	Report of fallen Willow Tree near Waterfall park, reported to Environment Agency
NYC	Complaint re noise on allotment from cockerels – progressing

Residents	Requests for plaques/crosses in Cemetery
Resident	Complaint re loose chippings on road following works, forwarded to Cllr Moorhouse
North Yorkshire Police	Request for support for local Police Surgeries – progressed via social media and noticeboard
RAF Leeming	Information of additional flying 1 st to 12 th June
Resident	Query regarding memorial bench in village
Great Ayton Twinning Assoc	Information on BBQ event
NYC	Local Plan Call for sites reopened till 22.6.26
NYC	Licensing Manager informed they are unable to notify of application
Northern Gas	Information on EastCoast Hydrogen pipeworks
Climate Action Stokesley & Vill	Birdsong Walk information 24.5.26 11am Floodplain Meadow
Resident	Complaint re dumpy rubbish bag left from workmen in river, forwarded to Cllr Moorhouse
HarBus	Public meeting notice
Resident	Broken Beech Close sign reported to Broadacres Housing

26.66 To receive reports/information from Councillors and decide upon necessary actions.

Item	Information	Action / Comments
26.66.1 Facilities	Waterfall Park	Final pictures being progressed for updating the information panel – Chair to find a contact for the History Group and forward to Clerk to enable her to request support with photographs. ACTION: Chair/Clerk
26.66.2 Village Appearance	Litter Picking Grass cutting	Cllr Mason was organising a further litter picking event and would advise details when in place. ACTION: Cllr Mason GAPC reported to NYC, barrier and rubble left along verge into village B1257, unable to complete grass cutting. Site survey completed and being actioned. – Now resolved. Councillors report from a recent site visit – Cllr Mason reported that it was found that areas were cut to a very high standard. To ensure understanding of where was not cut in the village a meeting would be organised with Cllr Mason and Mr Marley. It was commented that the new storage building should create some efficiencies for the team. ACTION: Cllr Mason
	Captain Cooks Garden	Paving repair complaints. Councillors discussed options to remove the concrete left on the paving stones. RESOLVED: Cllr Mason and Mr Marley to organise a site visit to look at options for the paving. The Clerk had also reported concerns on overgrown shrubs which Mr Marley had informed were cut by the BUGs group and her concerns on a broken bench needing replacing or repairing. ACTION: Cllr Mason
26.66.3 Village Events	Summer Fete 13 th June/14 th June	All leaflets delivered and displayed. Social Media content ongoing. PPL /PRS licence to be purchased for this event and Christmas Carols on the Green event. GAPC team to be working on the day to ensure successful events. Councillors were asked to support where they could. ACTION: Clerk/GAPC Team/Cllrs
26.66.4 Website / social media		Gov.uk domain and emails for Councillors ordered and being progressed.
26.66.5 Any update from Parish Councillors or the GAPC Team		Mr Marley had looked at tree planting mentioned for in the cemetery at the previous meeting and felt that planting in the area suggested would not be possible as this would waste the space for graves and in the Garden of Remembrance. He asked that the wildflower area in the cemetery was looked at as this was work previously completed by the BUGs group but this was now passed onto the Parish Council and the cost for having this cut back annually was taken from the budget. He advised that for the wildflower areas to work they should be cut and raked, this wasn't happening. It was acknowledged that the volunteers on the BUGs group had greatly reduced. RESOLVED: Chair to enquire on the ecology in wildflower areas. Councillors to discuss with BUGs group when they arranged to meet.

26.67 Financial Reports

26.67.1 To receive and approve items on the Accounts Report. Receipts and Payments to 2nd June 2026 were **AGREED** as **RECEIVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the payments list be signed as approved in accordance with Financial Regulations.

Receipts

<u>Paid From</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
Fete stalls	Fete payments for Saturday and Sunday stalls	To 28.5.26	£295.00
Allotment tenants	Key deposits	To 28.5.26	£40.00
Bulmer	Grave reservation	28.5.26	£155.00
Mistry	Interment of Ashes/Plaque	28.5.26	£150.00
King	Interment of Ashes	28.5.26	£100.00
	TOTAL		£740.00

Payments

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
Nat West bank	bank charges 3.4 - 1.5	2.5.26	£12.37
Great Ayton Discovery Centre	Donation	2.5.26	£12,500.00
Lex Autolease	Road Fund licence	5.5.26	£30.00
Radius UK Fuels	lawnmower petrol	17.5.26	£46.72
Lex Autolease	Van rental	18.5.26	£473.67
BNP Paribas	Kubota mower rental	18.4.26	£456.00
Everflow	Water	18.4.26	£78.44
A Livingstone	Flowerhouse Linthorpe - Wreath for memorial	18.4.26	£85.00
Studio Botez Lounge 75	domain name/set up/email prov	26.5.26	£660.00
Various	Staff wages inc NI, tax and pensions	28.5.26	£7,675.41
Great Ayton Playpark account	Transfer of monies held for fundraising group	14.5.26	£5114.67
<i>Additional invoice received</i> Jo Blackmore	Bluetree print	16.5.26	£91.38
	TOTAL		£27223.66

26.67.2 The Clerk informed that the 25/26 accounts were still with Chipchase Manners being audited and an additional meeting for the annual accounts to be signed off would be needed before the end of June. Clerk to request accounts be returned by 16th June. **ACTION: Clerk**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, 7th July 2026

Exclusion of the Press and Public - In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council can RESOLVE that the press and public be excluded from the meeting if required.

Signature

Date

Clerk: Mrs Angela Livingstone – clerk@great-ayton.org.uk