

GREAT AYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held at The Discovery Centre on Tuesday 7th July 2026 - 7pm.

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

In Attendance: Angela Livingstone (Clerk), Lee Marley (Cemetery and Services Superintendent), NYC Cllr Moorhouse and 9 residents.

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

26.71 Public Participation

The Chair enquired if there were any matters which residents wished to bring forward and was informed that three residents were attending to discuss the allotments. Another resident was interested in any details on the proposed development, and another was involved with the Little Ayton parish meeting. The Chair reminded that the Parish Council could not predetermine any matters involving the proposed development and this would be discussed if there was a planning application received.

26.72 Minutes from the Parish Council Meetings held on 2nd June and 22nd June 2026.

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2026 as a true and accurate record. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd June 2026 as a true and accurate record. Minutes were signed by the Chair.

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

26.73.1 1st – 31st May 2026 - 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.

1st – 30th June 2026 – Anti-Social Behaviour: ASB Personal: 2, ASB Nuisance: 9, Arson/Criminal Damage: 5, Theft (including from shops): 2, Violence Against the Person: 8. Total This Period: 26. Councillors were pleased to see a decrease in incidents and hoped that this was a true representation of the situation. Residents needed to continue to report any incidents to enable the additional policing support. A resident queried who to report the fires in and above the quarry to, it was agreed that reports should go to the police and that the National Trust and North Yorkshire Moors National Parks could be notified.

To address

- Offer of CCTV camera, needing additional funding of around £1300 for pole. Cllr Moorhouse can support. High Green in conservation area and may not be granted permission for additional pole. Cllr Moorhouse informed that she was awaiting further information from the Police on this matter.
- Requests from residents to question housing of inappropriate persons and boarded up properties. Parish Council representatives and Cllr Moorhouse were involved in multi-agency meetings; Housing Association representatives should be present. The next meeting would be held on 15th July.
- Request to highlight the number of youths coming to village by train and request for police presence at known popular train times to deter ASB. It was agreed that the Police were aware and monitoring. It was advised that ASB incidents continued in Little Ayton especially in good weather following the train arriving at 14:30.
- Incidents of vandalism to flower displays.
- Update on any meeting with Sargeant Lawson re ASB. Councillors agreed that they wished to be involved but that Friday was not a good day and a longer lead in was needed. Clerk to progress. **ACTION: Clerk**

26.74 Report from NYC Councillor – Cllr Moorhouse informed that she had been involved in two briefings from national parks regarding fires. She added that the police had organised drop ins to support residents. The last one was held on 24th June.

26.75 Allotments

26.75.1 Update from COF application – The Chair informed that following the last meeting with the COF adviser it had been agreed that it was impossible to meet the deadline and the COF offer had been withdrawn. The Parish Council were progressing alternative arrangements but due to awaiting planning agreement for site access there would not be a quick resolution. The only changes expected to previous plans would be a slightly larger entrance area for the road.

26.75.2 Allotment current matters report provided

Cllr Mason informed that he had been contacted earlier in the day with questions from the Allotment project group which had been forwarded to councillors. A representative of the group informed of tenants becoming anxious and frustrated with the length of time taken and the information on the different position for funding. It was questioned when the tenants who would lose plots due to the new road would be informed and could they in the interim access the vacant plots. The Chair stated that he believed that there would be no decisions for 6 months, he was negotiating with the landowner who was keen for the Parish Council to have the allotments. The current management of the allotment plots was questioned as it was felt that there was a lack of policy and transparency on allocation. The need for priority to be given to plot holders who would lose plots was mentioned. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any comments and that in February all residents on the waiting list had been allocated. There were since then six people on the list, those residents applying for plots had been informed that current vacant plots were being held for existing tenants awaiting further plans for the development. The Chair agreed that any concerns needed to be sent through the Clerk. Cllr Mason stated that there were two Councillors on the Allotment Working Party who were available at the allotment site and could be approached to address any rumours. The clearing of structures from plots when they become vacant was questioned. The previous issues faced and wording from the agreement were explained to require this action. It was advised that Councillors and the Clerk would be looking at amendments needed for the annual review of the tenancy agreement ready for September and would consider the points made. **ACTION: Clerk**

26.75.3 Clerks Allotment report - Current issues

Concerns Final warning sent to plot tenant re behaviour/parking, Concern from tenant to GAPC team regarding open well on Community Garden, Request from tenant to transfer possible impacted plot from 46b to 30b Issue with the tap situated outside plot 31b. poor pressure not sufficient to have any decent water supply in a water butt. Concern should not be filling water butts IBCs, need to amend agreement to stipulate. Problem investigated and not resolved to date. Gardens given up 62c/62d. **Other matters** Request to site a memorial bench on community orchard site – Fred Kell. Following noise complaint re cockerels from NYC tenant 9A locked in overnight then decided to get rid of birds altogether to stop and problems NYC awaiting response from resident if the issue was resolved but there is the potential that other chickens on the allotments are also part of the problem. 2 new applications for gardens, 6 on waiting list at end of June 2026. **Available gardens** 11a/12a Proposal for community garden, 21b/22b Proposal for community orchard, 11 vacant plots.

The Clerk informed of an email from NYC that the noise complaint had now been closed. The Chair stated a concern with memorial benches and reminded that the site was not yet owned by the Parish Council to allow a bench to be sited.

26.76 **Planning Matters**

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

Application ref / Address	Description of Works	Parish Council responses
ZB26/00905/FUL & ZB26/00906/LBC 1 Acorn Cottages High Green	Application for the installation of an air source heat pump (ASHP) within the rear yard of the property, together with associated internal and external pipework, radiators, and ancillary heating infrastructure. Listed Building Consent for the installation of an air source heat pump (ASHP) within the rear yard of the property, together with associated internal and external pipework, radiators, and ancillary heating infrastructure.	No observations.
ZB26/00751/FUL 70 Roseberry Crescent	Retrospective application for formation of riding arena	Councillors discussed that the Preliminary issue paper stated that there was a replacement building. It was agreed that a submission be entered requesting that there could be no further development of any kind, only use for a riding arena for personal use in this residential area and a query if the access was appropriate for the activity ACTION: Clerk.

Application ref / Address	Description of Works	Parish Council responses
ZB26/00880/FUL & ZB26/00881/LBC 3 Race Terrace	Replacement of the existing roof, windows (including Heritage Velux window) and doors Listed Building Consent for replacement of the existing roof, windows (including Heritage Velux window) and doors	No observations.
26/03062/TPO Southview Lodge Low Green	Works to fell Horse Chestnut (17 on plan) and works to trees (19,20,22,23, 24,25,26 on plan) subject to a tree preservation order 1982/05	A lengthy arborist report was included in the application. No observations.

26.76.2 Planning decisions by LPA – Noted

Planning Ref/Address	Description Of Work
ZB25/01679/MRC 73 Wheatlands	Removal or Variation of a Condition 2 to previously approved application ZB24/00290/FUL for proposed single storey side extension (as amended by revised certificate received 28 April 2026) The decision on this proposal was: Granted.
ZB26/00870/FUL 1 Langbaugh Close	Application for proposed single storey extension to rear of house. The decision on this proposal was: Granted.

26.76.3 Planning Applications – Withdrawn - Noted

Planning Ref/Address	Description Of Work
ZB26/00602/LBC Bridge Cottage 4 Bridge Street	Listed Building Consent Application for both external and internal alterations. Replacing No. 2 UPVC windows to outbuilding, with timber windows. The UPVC patio doors replaced with timber framed, glazed doors. Blocking up of external door. Removal of Two internal walls, replacement and relocation of a beam. Installation of multi fuel burner. Application WITHDRAWN

26.77 Yatton House – lease to progress – information was still needed from title deeds showing when the land was transferred from Great Ayton Burial Board. A resident involved with the history society informed that much land belonged to Henry Richardson of Langbaugh Hall and to check records for that. There were queries from Yatton House re hedge cutting and chipping their cuttings which was to be progressed along with meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the location of the storage container. **ACTION: Clerk**

26.78 Correspondence and Information from Clerk

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

26.78.1 Correspondence for discussion-

From	Details
Resident	Complaint re potholes High Green – RESOLVED: Clerk to approach YLCA to ask if a specialist lawyer could support with understanding the rights for the unadopted road within the common land. This would allow the Parish Council to make decision accordingly on responsibilities. ACTION: Clerk
Resident	Complaint re lack of white lines, bottom of Newton Road. NYC inform the road is too narrow for lines and it was down to drivers to act in a responsible manner. RESOLVED: Clerk to ask Highways to erect road signs with appropriate wording giving warnings to slow down for the narrow road and bend. ACTION: Clerk
Catch Designs	Offer to check the Captain Cook Garden website and update if needed, cost £150 +VAT. The website seemed to be fit for purpose, but the Clerk would check this. ACTION: Clerk
NYC	Road sweeping - Aim to have all roads and streets swept on a 16-week schedule, however due to continued operational pressures NYC struggled to achieve. Responsibility for sweeping, other than high streets, will be falling to Highways from the 1 st of July. Operations Manager exploring if the vehicle can tip off locally (as suggested by the PC) to save going to Thirsk as the vehicle only travels at 30mph. RESOLVED: Clerk to enquire if there had been any progress later in the month. Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton to continue reporting any local issues. It was noted that there were notices erected showing that gullies were being cleared. ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton
NYC	Survey on Better Bus services. – The Chair had sent some comments to Councillors on his thoughts for a reply including that there were no Sunday services other than the Moors bus for a period of the year. The no 18 to Guisborough allowed travel on a morning, but some difficulty returning on an afternoon and a

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	wait and change of bus was needed to get to Northallerton from Great Ayton. Costs for a very short journey were not in proportion with longer journeys. RESOLVED: The response was agreed and the Chair would enter the response. ACTION: Chair
Great Ayton Historical Society	Query PC plans to celebrate the 300 th Anniversary of James Cook birth October 2028. The Chair stated that the fete in 2028 would have James Cook as the theme. Cllr Greenwell informed of a volunteer from the museum who is already planning for the anniversary and has met with other Cook museums for advance planning, with a special train to Whitby being one of many suggestions under discussion. RESOLVED: Cllr Greenwell to ask the volunteer to keep the Clerk informed of plans. ACTION: Cllr Greenwell
Resident	Use of Disabled parking space – The Chair informed that several people had raised the use of the disabled parking space with him. The small number of parking spaces across the village was discussed. The one space in Park Square was discussed to be almost constantly in use by one resident, and it was queried if the resident could be encouraged to use one of the other spaces when they were available. RESOLVED: Clerk to ask Highways if an additional Disabled Parking space could be provided and where they would suggest for a suitable position. ACTION: Clerk

26.78.2 Correspondence for information

NYC	Planned road restriction - Yarm Lane, Great Ayton CP - Connect to existing QL network and install approx. 50m of new duct. The Restriction will be in place for 5 days between 27 th – 31st July.
Resident	Concern re fallen tree in Waterfall Park and condition of Northumbrian Water sewerage pipe, discussed with Environment Agency. Deteriorating pipe reported again to NWL and clarified that GAPC or EA will not clear debris from this. EA inform of the need to monitor tree on the land opposite. The Clerk stated her concern that the EA were expecting the Parish Council to be responsible for the fallen tree on land which was not owned by the Parish Council.
NYC	Planning dept informed of changes to the platform. Going forward no posted notifications to neighbours (except larger home extensions). Planning will no longer inform of decisions made. Leaflet requested but not received.
Banks Group	Community consultation held in Village Hall for development of 130 homes off A173
Stokesley school	Invite to musical event
NYC	Planned road restriction - Race Terrace and Bridge Street - Connection only in conjunction with works on Easby Lane. Permit is part of gas mains replacement scheme R1/701959 Easby Lane, Great Ayton to improve the stability of the both the gas network and future proof the highway and protect it from being excavated again under an emergency. The Restriction will be in place for a period of 22 days between 7th -28th September 2026.
NYC	Planned road restriction - Bridge Street - Connection only in conjunction with works on Easby Lane. Permit is part of gas mains replacement scheme R1/701959 Easby Lane, Great Ayton - As above. The Restriction will be in place for a period of 29 days between 26th - 23rd November 2026.
NYC	Plans in place to refurbish the visitor information board.

Cllr Moorhouse and a resident left the meeting.

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

Item	Information	Action / Comments
26.79.1 Parish Council working arrangements	Appraisals Working Parties	To organise a date for appraisals – Cllr Mason, Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton and Cllr Hawking all offered to be involved on the Personnel committee and would liaise for dates. ACTION: Councillors Parish Councillors to inform of their preferred interests for Working Parties. It was agreed that there were no changes to the Cemetery, Planning, Play Park, Open Spaces and Village events working party. Cllr Blackmore would join the Allotment working party. Cllr Hawking and Cllr Mason would join the Buildings working party and Cllr Kirk was to be removed from that.
26.79.2 Facilities	Waterfall Park Toilets	All information sent to Chase Design to renew the information panel. The design had been received recently. Cllr Greenwell queried the wording on the Guinea Pig Inn. To discuss with the Clerk. ACTION: Cllr Greenwell/Clerk Gents toilets closed one morning and being monitored following water leak. Clerk to

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		contact other local plumbers to fix the toilet. ACTION: Clerk
26.79.3 Village Appearance	Litter Picking Grass cutting Captain Cooks Garden Pedestrian bridges Low Green	Any updates on events – Cllr Mason informed that the event on 28 th June had a good turnout with 14 residents. It was a successful event with litter collected across the village. Meeting to be organised to discuss workload and cutting needs. Foliage spreading across village. Storage building needed to enable better efficiency. The Chair and Cllr Mason had met with Yatton House representatives, they were unhappy with the suggested location. Cllr Mason stated that there was an urgent need for additional storage on site to allow for efficiencies. A further meeting was to be organised with the Clerk, Mr Marley, Cllr Greenwell, Cllr Mason and Cllr Kirk. ACTION: Councillors/Clerk Updates needed in the garden, Cllr Mason sent proposed requirements. Waste concrete to be moved. To progress. – Cllr Mason asked Councillors to look again at the proposals he had emailed for maintenance of the path, bench and overgrown hedges. He informed of a meeting organised with the BUGs group. The Clerk cautioned that a Memorial bench within the garden could be difficult as this was already a memorial to Captain Cook. ACTION: Councillors Bridge conditions reported to NYC. They had confirmed that they would be completing the works, doing all parapets.
26.79.4 Traffic concerns	HGV Proposal	Cllr Healy Dufosse-Belton informed of meeting with Cllr Mason and Cllr Baylin regarding the concerns of the increasing number of heavy goods vehicles going through the village and the impact in terms of noise, vibration, unpleasantness and the general concerns of speed. Cllr Baylin had produced some historical emails on the matter. A report had been provided which included other matters but the focus was the HGVs, the possible steps which could be taken were considered including consultations, measuring noise and counting HGVs. RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to the group looking at the actions, gathering evidence and reporting back. ACTION: Councillors
26.79.5 Village Events	Summer Fete 13 th June/14 th June	Successful event, additional support requested in future during the days of the fete. Stallholder complained that they could not hear announcements and other stalls selling prior to 1pm. To look at method for getting the speaker higher to improve sound.
26.79.6 Website / social media		Gov.uk domain in place now greatayton-pc.gov.uk, old domain to be retained at present. New emails for Councillors were in progress. The Chair cautioned on the freedom of information act, and that they could be asked to supply information from emails. He reminded Councillors to ensure that the new emails were always used. Clerk to continue progressing emails. ACTION: Clerk
26.79.5 Any update from Parish Cllrs or the GAPC Team		Councillors noted the commitment from Mr Marley.

26.80 Financial Reports

26.80.1 To receive and approve items on the Accounts Report. Receipts and Payments to 7th July 2026 were **AGREED** as **RECEIVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the payments list be signed as approved in accordance with Financial Regulations.

Receipts

Paid From	Description	Date	Amount £
Fete stalls	Fete payments for Saturday and Sunday stalls	28.5 to 30.6	£1480.00
Allotment tenants	Key deposits	To 30.6	£60.00
Rea funerals May	Payments for cemetery	9.6.26	£540.00
		TOTAL	£2080.00

Payments

Paid to	Description	Date	Amount £
North Yorkshire council	monthly bin collection	1.6.26	£92.00
Nat West bank	bank charges	1.6.26	£21.27
Sam Turner & Sons	Husqvarna lawn mower	1.6.26	£716.99
Sam Turner & Sons	Jefferson 555 split pin set	1.6.26	£8.99
Smartest Energy	office electric	3.6.26	£34.94
Smartest Energy	cemetery electric	3.6.26	0
Smartest Energy	Electric Toilets	3.6.26	£34.95
Sam Turner & Sons	belt V10 805mm	3.6.26	£21.29
Sam Turner & Sons	safety boots x 2	4.6.26	£100.78
Radius UK Fuels	petrol for grasscutter	7.6.26	£47.81
Hope Education	tork smartone toilet roll x 36	12.6.26	£171.29
Radius UK Fuels	grasscutter diesel	14.6.26	£70.89
Sam Turner & Sons	allotment tap parts	16.6.26	£45.70
Lex Autolease	Van rental	16.6.26	£473.67
BNP Paribas	kubota mower rental	18.6.26	£456.00
Everflow	Water	18.6.26	£652.74
Radius UK Fuels	Van diesel	21.6.26	£49.20
Staff wages	inc NI, tax and pensions	25.6.26	£7,703.21
Radius UK Fuels	Mower petrol & diesel	28.6.26	£106.82
		TOTAL	£10808.54

26.80.2 The Clerk informed that she would be paying for purchases of a bench plaque which had been paid for via a resident donation and the signs for the allotment gates which had been previously approved. She also advised that a large expense was expected with progressing tree survey quotations. **ACTION: Clerk**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, 4th August 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