



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE, 10 FEBRUARY 2026**

Present: Councillors: K Clark (Chair) M Dracup M Steele R Paley
A Hopwood

(Also in attendance: Clerk Hannah Sherriff-Jackson, North Yorkshire Councillor Andy Brown (from Minute 25/212 to Minute 25/213) and 3 members of the public)

25/202 APOLOGIES (AND REASONS) FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Allum.

No other apologies were received.

25/203 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

25/204 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting of Cononley Parish Council were approved as a true and accurate record of the following:

- Monthly Meeting held 13 January 2026

25/205 OPEN FORUM

Three members of the public attended.

One member of the public provided an update on the land dispute for the area outside the takeaway, acknowledging the untidy nature of the site and the need for it to be cleared up. The Parish Council will consider this at the March meeting.

One member of the public explained that she is looking to start a forest school in the area and is currently looking for a suitable site. The Parish Council will consider this in further detail at the March meeting.

One member of the public gave an update on the issues with the bus stops throughout the village. The member of the public pointed out that the bus shelter does not have a bus timetable in it, he will continue to chase this.

The member of the public also informed the Parish Council that the area around the bus shelter is poorly lit and the bench will require annual maintenance.



The member of the public gave an update on the work carried out at the railway station to keep it tidy. He explained that he is organising for a sign to be installed pointing people from the station to the canal towpath.

Finally, the member of the public informed the Parish Council that the back road from Cononley to Skipton is in need of some maintenance by NYC Highways as the road surface is crumbling and falling away at the edges.

25/206 UPDATES FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR, ANDY BROWN

Due to other commitments, Councillor Brown was late to the meeting therefore gave his updates later. Details of Councillors Brown's update can be found at Minute 25/213.

25/207 CORRESPONDENCE

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Garden Waste Collection 2026 – Email:

The Parish Council noted an email regarding the garden waste collection service for 2026. Cllr Clark will publish this update on Facebook.

Skipton Town Investment Plan – Stakeholder Workshop Invitation – Email:

The Parish Council noted that the survey was now live. Cllr Clark will publish this on Facebook.

North Yorkshire Boundary Review – Final Recommendations – Email: The Parish Council noted that the final recommendations have been published by The Local Government Boundary Commission for the North Yorkshire boundary review.

Pavement Parking Complaint – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding pavement parking throughout the village. Cllr Clark will put a reminder about pavement parking in the next newsletter and on Facebook.

Skipton Town Investment Plan – Public Survey and Drop-in – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the Skipton Town Investment Plan survey closing 20th March 2026. A drop-in session is also being held at Skipton Library on 26th February 2026 between 3pm and 7pm.

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Age-friendly Town and Parish Guide – Email: The Parish Council noted receipt of the Age-friendly Town and Parish Guide.

Planned Road Restriction Notification – KL663CENRC25-219 – Cononley Lane, Cononley – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding an overnight road closure on Cononley Lane from 21-22 February 2026.

Temp Road Closure 153402 Buck Stone Lane for carriage patching – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a temporary road closure on Buck Stone Lane, Sutton in Craven for carriageway patching from 9-13 February 2026.

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Local Planning Enforcement Plan Consultation – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the Local Planning Enforcement Plan Consultation. Cllr Clark encourage all councillors to respond to the consultation.



Camper Van Parking – Email: The Parish Council noted an email requesting information on the parking of a camper van. The Clerk will respond to direct the resident to appropriate local camper van parking sites.

Potential Heritage Project – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a potential heritage project. The Clerk confirmed that she has passed this email on to the local historian.

Installation of an EV charging point – Email: The Parish Council noted an email from a resident regarding the installation of an EV charging point. The Clerk will respond to explain that it is not within the Parish Council’s remit to grant permission for this type of work and direct the resident to the EV Charging Department at NYC.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – West Yorkshire Mass Transit Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the consultation on the West Yorkshire Mass Transit Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document.

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: North Yorkshire Landscape Character Assessment – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the consultation on the North Yorkshire Landscape Character Assessment.

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: North Yorkshire Local Plan and the Third Public Release of ‘Call for Sites’ Submissions – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the public release of the ‘Call for Sites’ submissions for the North Yorkshire Local Plan.

25/208 OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

The Parish Council reviewed the Outstanding Issues List.

The Clerk will amend accordingly.

25/209 RUNNING ACCOUNTS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Council noted the running accounts.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Report was approved:

- Current Account as 03/02/2026: £11,344.84
- Instant Access Savings Account as 03/02/2026: £38,677.11

25/210 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO PAY

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approved the following Accounts to Pay:

	Payee	Reason	Gross	VAT	Net
	H Sherriff-Jackson	Salary (net) – Feb	£1,085.32		£1,085.32
		Working From Home Allowance	£26.00		£26.00



		Google Play – Gmail Storage – Jan	£1.59	£0.26	£1.33
		HP Instant Ink – Printer Ink – Jan	£15.01		£15.01
		McAfee Anti-Virus	£114.99		£114.99
		Stationery – Printer Paper	£2.46		£2.46
	HMRC	HMRC NI Cont (PC & Clerk) & IT	£133.38		£133.38
TOTAL			£1,378.75	£0.26	£1,378.49

25/211 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk reported that she has received the invoice from the Lengthsman for January 2026.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approved a payment of £176.25 to the Lengthsman.

25/212 CLOCK CHIME REPAIRS

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will pay for the repairs to the clock chimes should CVIAC decide they wish to go ahead with the repair work.

The Clerk will contact CVIAC to inform them of the Parish Council's decision.

25/213 UPDATES FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR, ANDY BROWN

Councillor Brown reported that he has attended a planning committee meeting which considered a solar farm in Selby. This application will be decided by the Secretary of State.

Councillor Brown informed the Parish Council that a full council meeting of NYC is upcoming in order to set the budget. An increase of 4.99% in council tax is expected.

Cllr Clark raised some planning concerns with Councillor Brown. Councillor Brown will look into these concerns further.

25/214 PLANNING

a) New Applications:

1. **26/00043/PNX** – RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections.
 - 4 Meadow Close, Cononley
 - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed larger home extension
2. **26/00095/FUL** – RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections.
 - 5 Windle Lane, Cononley



- Full planning permission for change of use from agricultural land to parking area (retrospective)
- 3. 26/00174/FUL – RESOLVED:** The Parish Council had no objections.
- 44 Skipton Road, Cononley
 - Householder permission for garage conversion and new first floor balcony

b) Planning Decisions: Details of Planning decisions made by North Yorkshire Council were provided to members.

c) Other Planning Issues:

- **Fence Panels**
Cllr Hopwood reported that some metal fencing panels have been left on the Meadow Lane development. The Clerk will contact the developer to make them aware.

25/215 ALLOTMENT UPDATES

a) Unpaid Rents

The Clerk reported that some of the annual rental payments are outstanding. The Clerk will send a reminder to the tenants with the rents outstanding.

b) Other allotment updates

The Clerk will let out the newly vacant plots that were held back for consideration by the Lengthsman for bulk grit storage.

25/216 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL

The Clerk presented two quotes for a new parish council email account for the Clerk and all Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will create new email accounts for the Clerk and all Councillors using the WIX system which will be linked to the Parish Council's website.

25/217 S106 MONEY

This item was deferred to the March meeting.

25/218 BUS STOPS THROUGHOUT VILLAGE

This item was considered during the Open Forum. Details of this discussion can be found at Minute 25/205.



25/219 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Cllr Clark reported that she will draft the Parish Council's article for the village newsletter article over the next week.

Cllr Clark reported that CGC's recent litter pick event was well attended with another planned for Spring.

Cllr Clark informed the Parish Council that CGC will be meeting with Network Rail to get a better understanding of the extent of the tree cutting and felling alongside the railway lines.

Finally, Cllr Clark asked the Clerk to contact YLCA regarding the provision of further training on the new National Planning Policy Framework.

Cllr Steele reported that he will meet with the Lengthsman to discuss topping off the allotment pathway.

25/220 DATES & TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Clerk advised that matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting should be with her by 02 March 2026.

The Clerk advised the next meeting would be held:

- Monthly Meeting at Cononley Village Institute at **6pm on Tuesday 10 March 2026**
- Annual Parish Meeting at Cononley Village Institute at **7.45pm on Tuesday 10 March 2026**

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