



MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE, 13 JANUARY 2026

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

(Also in attendance: Clerk Hannah Sheriff-Jackson and North Yorkshire Councillor Andy Brown (until Minute 25/185))

25/181 APOLOGIES (AND REASONS) FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Steele and Allum.

No other apologies were received.

25/182 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

25/183 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 09 December 2025

25/184 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public attended.

25/185 UPDATES FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR, ANDY BROWN

Councillor Brown reported that NYC is currently focusing on budget setting.

Councillor Brown informed the Parish Council that Kex Gill is still expected to be opened at the start of June.

Councillor Brown reported that NYC has created a new planning portal for viewing planning applications. He urged the Parish Councillors to sign up for notifications.

Councillor Brown informed the Parish Council that there is a new National Planning Policy Framework.

Finally, Councillor Brown reported that his Locality budget has now been spent.



25/186 CORRESPONDENCE

Planned Road Closure Notification – Netherghyll Lane, Cononley – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a planned road closure on Netherghyll Lane from 13-14 January 2026.

Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith KCB CBE MP – Men’s Mental Health Investment Programme – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the launch of the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire’s Men’s Mental Health Programme.

Planned Road Restriction Notification – KL663CENRC25 – Cononley Lane, Cononley – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding an overnight road closure on Cononley Lane from 14-15 February 2026.

“Start Safe, Stay Safe” New Street Harassment app to improve street safety in York and North Yorkshire – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the launch of a new app to improve street safety in York and North Yorkshire.

Council Tax Precept Survey – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority’s precept survey.

25/187 OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

The Parish Council reviewed the Outstanding Issues List.

The Clerk will amend accordingly.

The Parish Council noted that, due to the disproportionate costs relating to the provision of a permanent water supply on the School Lane Allotments, the Parish Council will provide water butts to plots when requested as an alternative.

25/188 RUNNING ACCOUNTS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Council noted the running accounts.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Report was approved:

• Current Account as 05/01/2026:	£20,618.48
• Instant Access Savings Account as 05/01/2026:	£38,677.11

25/189 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) – Jan	£1,085.12		£1,085.12
		Working From Home Allowance	£26.00		£26.00
		Google Play – Gmail Storage – Dec	£1.59	£0.26	£1.33

		HP Instant Ink – Printer Ink – Dec	£15.01		£15.01
		SLCC Annual Membership	£130.86		£130.86
		Postage – Allotment Invoices – 9x 2 nd Class	£7.83		£7.83
	HMRC	HMRC NI Cont (PC & Clerk) & IT	£133.58		£133.58
	Zurich Town & Parish	Insurance	£4,111.15		£4,111.15
	Gala Lights Limited	Christmas Lighting 2025	£4,092.00	£682.00	£3,410.00
TOTAL			£9,603.14	£682.26	£8,920.88

25/190 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk reported that she has received the invoice from the Lengthsman for December 2025.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approved a payment of £113.80 to the Lengthsman.

25/191 APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR CLOCK REPAIRS

The Parish Council considered a quote for the repairs to the chimes on the CVI clock. The Clerk will look into the historic minutes regarding the financial commitment of the Parish Council towards the repairs for the clock.

The Parish Council supports the programming of the chimes.

25/192 PLANNING

- a) New Applications:** None
- b) Planning Decisions:** Details of Planning decisions made by North Yorkshire Council were provided to members.
- c) Other Planning Issues:**

No other planning issues were discussed.

25/193 ALLOTMENT UPDATES

- a) Other allotment updates**

The Clerk reported that she has had a request from a plot holder to be added back onto the waiting list for a second allotment plot. The Clerk will explain to the plot holder that whilst there is still a waiting list, the Parish Council will not re-add current



plot holders for a second plot however should the list go, the Parish Council will reconsider this view.

The Clerk reported that a plot holder has requested to keep pygmy goats on their plot. The Parish Council reviewed the tenancy agreement and discussed this issue in detail. RESOLVED: That this type of livestock is not suitable on the allotments therefore permission will not be granted for the keeping of goats.

25/194 CILCA

The Clerk provided an explanation about her CiLCA qualification and the future impact on the Parish Council.

25/195 WEBSITE

Cllr Paley reported that the website updates are now complete. She is keeping on top of any refreshments.

Cllr Paley will request annual updates for the group specific pages.

25/196 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL

Cllr Paley will look into connecting email accounts to the Parish Council's WIX subscription.

25/197 S106 MONEY

Cllr Dracup is looking into the pathways.

Cllr Dracup reported that he is chasing the Canal & River Trust for fingerpost signs to be installed on the canal towpath. Cllr Dracup has also requested for a village map to also be installed on the towpath.

25/198 BUS STOPS THROUGHOUT VILLAGE

This item was deferred to the February 2026 meeting.

25/199 VILLAGE SURVEY ACTION PLAN

This item was deferred to the April 2026 meeting.

25/200 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Cllr Paley reported that she has seen reports of new pavement parking powers to be introduced. Cllr Clark will include this in the next newsletter.



Cllr Clark reported that she has downloaded the data from the VAS. The speed watch group is looking into the purchase of a second VAS.

Cllr Clark reported that the Friends of Cononley Station group has been shortlisted for the silver band of the 'It's your station' award in the Community Rail Network Awards 2026. The outcome will be announced in March 2026.

Cllr Clark encouraged the Parish Councillors to book onto the variety of training courses available that they are interested in.

Cllr Clark gave thanks to Green and Heritage Roofing for their sponsorship of the newsletter for the past 12 months. Cllr Clark will publicly thank them in the next newsletter.

Finally, Cllr Clark reported that Cleaner Greener Cononley has organised some upcoming litter pick events. CGC has shared the discussion actions for the next 12 months with the Parish Council.

25/201 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Clerk advised the next meeting would be held:

- Monthly Meeting at Cononley Village Institute at **7pm on Tuesday 10 February 2026.**

(Chair)

(Date)