



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE, 14 JULY 2026**

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

(Also in attendance: Clerk Hannah Sherriff-Jackson and North Yorkshire Councillor Andy Brown)

26/52 APOLOGIES (AND REASONS) FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

26/53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

26/54 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 June 2026

26/55 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public attended.

26/56 UPDATES FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR, ANDY BROWN

Councillor Brown reported that he attended a Local Planning Committee meeting last week.

Councillor Brown will be attending a number of meetings in the coming weeks such as a Full Council Meeting, a Care Scrutiny Committee Meeting and a Strategic Planning Committee Meeting.

Councillor Brown reported that there is now no fixed date for the re-opening of Kex Gill.

Councillor Brown informed the Parish Council that he has become the Chair of Farnhill Parish Council in order to assist in the reforming of the Parish Council.

Councillor Brown reported that he has given a Locality grant to Cononley Wildlife Group.



Cllr Dracup asked Councillor Brown about the new access to agricultural buildings on Netherghyll Lane and whether this required planning. The Clerk will contact NYC Planning Enforcement to enquire as to whether this requires planning permission.

Councillor Brown provided an update on the Members Asset List and the Café Site.

Councillor Brown reported that he has £1,000 remaining in his Locality budget.

26/57 CORRESPONDENCE

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Calculating Greenhouse Gas Emissions (training) – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the upcoming Calculating Greenhouse Gas Emissions training. Cllr Clark will attend this training session.

Allotment Issues – Email: The Parish Council noted an email from an allotment tenant regarding maintenance issues on the allotments. The Clerk will add these to the Lengthsmans jobs list.

ConFest – Support for Recycling – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a funding request for recycling provision at ConFest. This was considered further at Minute 26/64.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Wildlife Heroes – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Heroes Awards. The Parish Council will nominate both Friends of Dead Eye and Cononley Wildlife Group in the Community Group category.

Madge Bank – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a meeting request to discuss the future of Madge Bank. Cllrs Clark and Allum and Councillor Andy Brown will attend this meeting. The Clerk will request a list of suitable dates.

North Yorkshire Council – New Consultations: Submitted Neighbourhood Plans – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the new consultations on the neighbourhood plans for Bulmer and Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton and Dallowgill.

Planned Road Restriction Notifications – Stockshott Lane 409889 – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding an emergency road closure due to road surface failure on Stockshott Lane, Cononley from 02 July 2026 – 02 January 2028.

Footpath from Woodside Lane towards Scarcliffe – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the overgrown state of the footpath from Woodside Lane towards Scarcliffe. Cllr Allum reported that clearance works have been carried out on this footpath and it is now clear.

Fly tipping – Yorkshire Water Land (next to the Flosh): The Parish Council noted concerns regarding a recent fly tipping incident on the Yorkshire Water Land next to the Flosh. Cllr Clark informed the Parish Council that she has reported this to North Yorkshire Council. The Parish Council will review this issue in a fortnight and raise with Councillor Brown if it has not been removed.

Pollution incident – Cononley Beck: The Parish Council noted concerns regarding a recent pollution incident in Cononley Beck as a result of works carried out to a



culvert. Cllrs Paley and Hopwood informed the Parish Council that they reported this incident to the Environment Agency.

Traffic Calming – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding concerns around the speed of traffic on Crosshills Road when entering and leaving the village. The Clerk will contact NYC Highways to enquire about possible traffic calming measures.

Overgrown Hawthorn Bushes – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the Hawthorn Bushes alongside the footpath in the Playing Field. The Parish Council comprehensively pruned this hedge in Autumn 2025 as a gesture of goodwill. Following an inspection of the current condition of the hedge, the Parish Council is happy that it is not encroaching on to the footpath.

Sealed Order Consultation for Highways Act 1980 Diversion Order Application No: CRA/2026/03/DO – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a sealed order for the proposed diversion of public bridleway 05.13/1 Peat Ghyll Head Barn, Cononley.

26/58 OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

The Parish Council reviewed the Outstanding Issues List and the Lengthsmans Job List.

The Clerk will amend accordingly.

26/59 RUNNING ACCOUNTS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Council noted the running accounts.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Report was approved:

- Current Account as 07/07/2026: £25,841.46
- Instant Access Savings Account as 07/07/2026: £37,090.40

26/60 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) – July	£1,086.32		£1,086.32
		Working From Home Allowance	£26.00		£26.00
		Google Play – Gmail Storage – June	£1.59	£0.26	£1.33
		HP Instant Ink – Printer Ink – June	£14.03		£14.03
	HMRC	HMRC NI Cont (PC & Clerk) & IT	£132.38		£132.38
TOTAL			£1,260.32	£0.26	£1,260.06



26/61 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE LENGTHSMAN

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

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approved a payment of £164.50 to the Lengthsman

26/62 PLANNING

a) New Applications:

1. **26/02881/PPV** – RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections.
 - Land to North, Tow Top Farm, Babyhouse Lane, Cononley
 - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed installation of 252 no. Longi LR7 – 72 HTH 620M (620W) solar panels on south-east facing roof slope of existing agricultural building
2. **26/02854/TCON** – RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections.
 - 122 Main Street, Cononley
 - Cherry Tree (*Prunus avium*) Reduced in size, taking the branches away from the neighbouring house and removing some branches that overhang into the road. The tree will also be given a slight crown lift to allow more light to pass through for other plants and shrubs
3. **26/02939/PNX** – RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections.
 - 8 Aireside Avenue, Cononley
 - Application for prior approval of larger home extension consisting of porch / cloakroom

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

c) Other Planning Issues:

Meadow Lane Development: The Parish Council noted that the development is still not finished however contractors are starting to attend to the pavements.

26/63 ALLOTMENT UPDATES

a) Pathway

Cllr Steele will arrange to meet with the Lengthsman to organise the topping off of the pathway.

b) Community Orchard – Rubbish



The Clerk informed the Parish Council that there is a lot of rubbish piling up on the Community Orchard plot. The Clerk will contact the Lengthsman to arrange the removal of this rubbish.

c) Inspections

The Parish Council reviewed the notes from the June inspection and selected a winning plot for the Parish Council Allotment Cup Award at the Cononley Make It, Bake It, Grow It Show 2026.

The next allotment inspection will take place in early September.

d) Uncultivated Plots

The Clerk will add to the recent inspection notes to add the previous inspection notes from 2025.

The Clerk will contact the plot holders with consistently uncultivated plots.

e) Mature trees on plots

Cllr Dracup will find contact details for tree surgeons to quote for the works on the trees.

26/64 PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The Parish Council considered the grant applications received.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will provide a grant of £100 each to The Cononley Singers, Confest and Cononley Bowling Club.

26/65 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL

The Parish Council considered 3 quotes for the registering of a .gov domain, the setting up of new email accounts and email migration.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approved the quote from ActiveCouncil at a one-off cost of £120.50 plus VAT and an ongoing annual cost of £27 plus VAT per councillor email account and £48 plus VAT for the Clerk's email account as well as migration for the Clerk and Cllr Clark's email accounts at a cost of £75 each.

26/66 S106 MONEY

The Clerk reported that she is still waiting to hear from NYC's Commuted Sums Team regarding the amounts.

26/67 BUS STOPS THROUGHOUT VILLAGE



The Clerk reported that she is still awaiting an update on the Bus Stops.

26/68 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Cllr Paley reported that she is doing the annual refresh on the website and will be contacting the local groups for any updates.

Cllr Clark reported that the shed on Platform 2 has been removed by Network Rail.

Cllr Clark informed the Parish Council that her and neighbours are monitoring the situation of the cars on Crosshills Road.

Cllr Clark reported that CGC lent the litter picking equipment to Bradley Beavers to carry out a community litter pick.

26/69 DATES & TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Clerk advised that matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting should be with her by 31 August 2026.

The Clerk advised the next meeting would be held:

- Monthly Meeting at Cononley Village Institute at **7pm on Tuesday 08 September 2026**

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