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

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

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

26/90 APOLOGIES (AND REASONS) FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Paley.

No other apologies were received.

26/91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

26/92 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 08 September 2026

26/93 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public attended.

26/94 UPDATES FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR, ANDY BROWN

Cllr Clark asked Councillor Brown for an update on the access track on Netherghyll Lane. Councillor Brown will speak with NYC Planning Enforcement regarding a planning application.

Cllr Dracup asked Councillor Brown for clarification on the ownership and access for walkers on the track past the lead mine. Councillor Brown reported that the owner of the track does not have an issue with people walking the track.

Councillor Brown reported that he attended a SELRAP meeting. A petition is being prepared. The Clerk will add this to the agenda of the November meeting.

Councillor Brown informed the Parish Council that the application for the new LIDL supermarket on the bypass has been approved.

Councillor Brown reported that he attended the recent Skipton and Ripon Area Committee meeting with the Mayor of North Yorkshire. The Mayor supports the installation of 30mph enforcement cameras however is waiting for North Yorkshire Police.

Councillor Brown informed the Parish Council that there are still delays at Kex Gill.

Councillor Brown reported that there has recently been a serious accident on the A629 resulting in wagons and traffic diverting through the village.

Councillor Brown informed the Parish Council that the footpath on the A629 is in a state of disrepair making it unsafe for pedestrians. The Clerk will report this to NYC Highways.

Finally, Councillor Brown reported that the Parish Elections will be taking place in May 2027.

26/95 CORRESPONDENCE

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: North Yorkshire Wider Partnership Conference – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the upcoming North Yorkshire Wider Partnership Conference.

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Reporting System Update – Public Rights of Way – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding an update to the Public Rights of Way reporting system.

An Update from North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding an update from North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre. Cllr Clark has put a notice on the Parish Council's social media regarding this.

North Yorkshire Local Plan: Scoping Consultation and Engagement Strategy – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the Scoping Consultation and Engagement Strategy for the North Yorkshire Local Plan.

Speed Review – A629 Junction – Email: Cllr Dracup reported that he has emailed NYC Highways regarding a speed review at the junction of Cononley Lane and the A629. Cllr Dracup is awaiting a response from Highways.

Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith KCB CBE MP – Consultation on Mayor's Local Transport Plan – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a consultation on the Mayor's Local Transport Plan. Cllr Clark has put a notice on the Parish Council's social media regarding this consultation.

Planned Road Closure Notification – Meadow Lane – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a road closure on Meadow Lane, Cononley for a period of 5 days from 26-30 October to complete the final connection to the existing water main. Cllr Clark has put a notice on the Parish Council's social media regarding the closure.

Request for Declaration of Third-Party Attachments and Electrical Connections to North Yorkshire Council Streetlighting Assets – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a request for the declaration of third-party attachments and

electrical connections to North Yorkshire Council Streetlighting Assets. The Clerk will respond to declare the VAS.

North Yorkshire Council: Home to School Travel Policy Post Implementation Review Consultation – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the Home to School Travel Policy Post Implementation Review Consultation. Cllr Clark has put a notice on the Parish Council's social media regarding this consultation.

Have Your Say on North Yorkshire Council's Budget: Let's Talk Money 2026 – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the consultation on North Yorkshire Council's budget.

WIX Premium Plan Renewal – Email: The Parish Council noted that the WIX Premium Plan for the Parish Council's website is due for renewal. RESOLVED: That the Clerk will pay for the renewal at a cost of £230.40. The Parish Council will reimburse the Clerk for this expense.

Request for traffic light system – A629 Junction – Email: The Parish Council noted correspondence between a resident and NYC Highways regarding a request for a traffic light system at the junction of Cononley Lane and the A629.

Toxic Fly-Tipping on Fields / Livestock Hazard at Cononley Road – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a fly-tipping incident causing a hazard to livestock in Glusburn.

26/96 OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

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

The Clerk will amend accordingly.

26/97 RUNNING ACCOUNTS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Council noted the running accounts.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Report was approved:

- Current Account as 06/10/2026: £37,888.95
- Instant Access Savings Account as 06/10/2026: £39,254.54

26/98 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) – October	£1,111.72		£1,111.72
		Working From Home Allowance	£26.00		£26.00

		Google Play – Gmail Storage – September	£1.59	£0.26	£1.33
		HP Instant Ink – Printer Ink – September	£14.03		£14.03
	HMRC	HMRC NI Cont (PC & Clerk) & IT	£148.11		£148.11
	YLCA	Training – Cllr Clark – Addressing biodiversity challenge	£37.60		£37.60
	K Clark	Expenses – CGC – Litter Picking Hoops	£20.88	£3.48	£17.40
	SLCC	Training – Cllr Clark – Intro to nature conservation	£70.20	£11.70	£58.50
		Training – Cllr Clark – Intro to climate action	£70.20	£11.70	£58.50
	Smith of Derby Ltd	Clock Service	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00
	D Loss	Lengthsman – September	£1,893.68		£1,893.68
TOTAL			**£3,754.01**	**£87.14**	**£3,666.87**

26/99 PLANNING

a) New Applications:

1. **26/05866/PIP** – RESOLVED: The Parish Council submitted the comment found at Appendix 1 (below).
    - Land To The East Of Cononley Road, Cononley
    - Planning in principle for the construction of residential dwellings (minimum of 5 and maximum of 9)

2. **26/05439/FUL** – RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections.
    - Land To East Of Cononley Road, Glusburn
    - Full planning permission for a construction of stable building, area for storage of horse manure and access track

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

c) Other Planning Issues: None

26/100 ALLOTMENT UPDATES

a) Pathway

Cllr Steele reported that the works to the pathway will take place once the road works have been completed due to access issues.

b) Community Orchard – Rubbish

Cllr Allum reported that the rubbish has been removed.

c) **Inspections**

Following the latest inspection, the Clerk reported that reminder letters have been sent.

d) **Mature trees on plot**

The Parish Council considered 3 quotes for the works on the trees.
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approved the quote from Tom Morgan Tree and Garden Services at a cost of £550.00.

e) **Other allotment updates** – None

26/101 BIODIVERSITY POLICY

The Parish Council reviewed the suggested amendments to the Biodiversity Policy.

RESOLVED: That the updated Biodiversity Policy was adopted.

The Clerk will put the updated policy on the Parish Council's website. Cllr Clark will put a link to the policy on the Parish Council's social media.

26/102 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL

The Clerk provided an update on the new Parish Council email accounts.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will request a larger mailbox for Cllr Clark's account.

26/103 S106 MONEY

a) **Architect Quotes**

The Parish Council considered 3 quotes from architects for the Playing Field Shed refurbishment works.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approved the quote from R Sykes Consulting Ltd at a cost of £6,725.00.

b) **Footpaths**

Cllr Dracup reported that he needs to provide a map and detailed plans of the works intended.

Cllr Dracup will organise this.

26/104 BUS STOPS THROUGHOUT VILLAGE

This item was deferred to the November meeting.

26/105 CONONLEY STATION

Cllr Dracup will contact Network Rail to ascertain the cost of clearing the site.

26/106 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Cllrs Dracup and Hopwood reported that the Ash trees in the Pinfold have become dangerous. Cllr Dracup will contact NYC to request a tree survey on these trees.

Cllr Clark reported that the Footpath Group has offered to carry out weed removal in the Playing Field.

Cllr Clark reported that Cononley Wildlife Group is holding a 'Celebration of Cononley's Wildlife' evening on Friday 23 October at 7pm at Cononley Sports Club.

Cllr Clark reported that the recent litter pick had low attendance however the village was in quite a tidy and litter-free state.

26/107 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 November 2026.

The Clerk advised the next meeting would be held:

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

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(Chair) **(Date)**

Appendix 1 – 26/05866/PIP – CPC Response

Re: 26/05866/PIP - Land To The East Of Cononley Road Urgent Consultation

Cononley Parish Council response

Cononley Parish Council neither supports nor objects to this application.

Should planning in principle be granted, we would encourage the applicant to contact the Parish Council prior to the technical details stage with a view to discussing the proposed scheme with residents at a public meeting.

Comments:

Proposed scheme:
The PC would prefer 9 smaller, affordable dwellings rather than 5 larger, executive-style units as small properties are needed more in Cononley.

The PC would expect the housing design to be two-storey and to match existing styles to minimise the impact on the conservation area.

Highway safety and traffic generation:
The proposed new footpath link through the public open space appears to be provided for recreational purposes. This route would not be visible from Cononley Road and would not provide a direct and logical pedestrian/cycle link for accessing local amenities or improve highway safety.

A new footpath that integrates with the proposed new access road and extends along the section of Cononley Road adjacent to the proposed development site would appear to be a more practical, inclusive and direct route to connect with village amenities, services, the flosh footpath and the train station.

A new footway in this location would significantly improve the current fragmented provision of pavements and therefore enhance road safety along Cononley Road and Crosshills Road for all pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

The PC suggests that the new footway is provided in addition to the proposed recreational footpath through the public open space. This would improve the DfT connectivity score which is currently 49 for this site.

Cononley Community Speed Watch was initiated by residents in 2017 to tackle speeding traffic along Crosshills Road and Cononley Road. There are four North Yorkshire Police-approved speed watch locations on Crosshills Road/Cononley Road, along with a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) installed by the Parish Council which measures traffic and speed data. These interventions were introduced in direct response to residents' ongoing concerns about their safety from speeding traffic.

VAS data indicates that monthly traffic volumes have increased from almost 20,000 vehicles per month in 2021 (one-way) to well over 25,000 vehicles per month in 2025. Whilst this proposed scheme will not make a significant impact on traffic volumes, the overall increase

in traffic movements along Crosshills Road and Cononley Road highlights the need to prioritise pedestrian safety by providing accessible footways.

To that end, the PC requests that the existing 20mph zone is extended to include the development site. Currently, the village 20mph zone finishes just after Poppy Cottage on Cononley Road. Additional housing will change the character of Cononley Road, and a speed limit of 20mph would be more appropriate for the environment. The PC requests that the 20mph zone is extended to the village gateway, just past Lower Brooklyn House.

Environmental and Biodiversity impacts
The PC welcomes the planting of native hedgerow and trees within the public open space which will contribute to biodiversity net gain.

In addition to the BNG that is anticipated from the 'meadow land' within the Public Open space area, the PC expects that biodiversity net gain is maximised by adopting a holistic approach to nature conservation and restoration in the scheme design – for example, through the inclusion of hedgehog highways, swift bricks, and provision of nature-friendly gardens with good soil health.

The PC expects the inclusion of a sustainability statement as part of the technical details stage.

Finally, it is noted that in the Assessment of Impact of the Heritage, Planning, Design and Access Statement, Cononley Parish Council owns the cricket ground which is incorrect as it is owned by Cononley Sports Club.