



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE, 09 DECEMBER 2025**

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

(Also in attendance: Clerk Hannah Sherriff-Jackson and North Yorkshire Councillor Andy Brown (until Minute 25/163))

25/159 APOLOGIES (AND REASONS) FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

25/160 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

25/161 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 11 November 2025

25/162 OPEN FORUM

No members of the public attended.

25/163 UPDATES FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR, ANDY BROWN

Councillor Brown provided a brief update on the land adjacent to the noticeboard where the takeaway used to be.

Councillor Brown reported that Kex Gill will be opened at the start of June 2026.

Councillor Brown informed the Parish Council that the Engine Shed Lane project is starting again with a new business case.

Finally, Councillor Brown reported that he has a small amount of Locality funding available to local groups to small projects.

25/164 CORRESPONDENCE



North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Lets Talk Money – Email: The Parish Council notes an email regarding the Lets Talk Money budget consultation. Cllr Clark reported that she has completed the consultation.

North Yorkshire Council – New Consultation: Beadlam and Nawton Neighbourhood Area – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding a consultation on the Beadlam and Nawton Neighbourhood Area.

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: End of Garden Waste Collection Service for 2025 – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the end of the garden waste collection service for 2025. Cllr Clark has publicised this on the Parish Council's Facebook page.

Area 5 Skipton – Parish Workshops – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the upcoming Parish Workshops for Area 5. The Clerk will request further information regarding the dates for these.

Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith KCB CBE MP – Mayor of York and North Yorkshire's consultation on Police and Fire precept 2026/27 – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the consultation on the Police and Fire precept for 2026/27.

Lune Valley Rural Housing Association Merger – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the Lune Valley Rural Housing Association merger.

North Yorkshire Council Community Assets Improvement Team – Public Open Spaces and Sports Facilities – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the open spaces and sports facilities in Cononley. The Clerk will respond to request the following be added to the list:

- School Lane Allotments
- Dead Eye Pond
- Pinfold
- Meadow Croft Open Space (owned by NYC)
- Meadow Close Open Space

North Yorkshire Council – Road safety takes the front seat in new plans for speed limits – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding the North Yorkshire Council's new speed management strategy.

Enquiry About Possible Grants for Apprentices – Email: The Parish Council noted an email regarding grants for apprentices. The Clerk will respond to explain that the Parish Council does not offer these types of grants however other funding options are available such as the 'Up For Funding' website.

25/165 OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

The Parish Council reviewed the Outstanding Issues List.

The Clerk will amend accordingly.

The Parish Council noted that a borehole or well on the School Lane Allotments is unaffordable. The Parish Council will look into other rainwater collection options.



25/166 RUNNING ACCOUNTS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Council noted the running accounts.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Report was approved:

- Current Account as 03/12/2025: £22,784.19
- Instant Access Savings Account as 03/12/2025: £38,474.19

25/167 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) – Dec	£1,035.86		£1,035.86
		Working From Home Allowance	£26.00		£26.00
		Google Play – Gmail Storage – Nov	£1.59	£0.26	£1.33
		HP Instant Ink – Printer Ink – Nov	£15.01		£15.01
		WIX Annual Subscription – Premium Plan	£230.40	£38.40	£192.00
	HMRC	HMRC NI Cont (PC & Clerk) & IT	£102.04		£102.04
	John Mason Printers Ltd	Newsletter Printing	£268.00		£268.00
	Cononley Sports Club	Grant Award – Cononley Juniors	£250.00		£250.00
	Cononley Art Group	Grant Award – Cononley Art Group	£250.00		£250.00
TOTAL			£2,178.90	£38.66	£2,140.24

25/168 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE LENGTHSMAN

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

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approved a payment of £613.71 to the Lengthsman.

25/169 APPROVAL OF THE PRECEPT FOR 2026/27

RESOLVED: That the Precept for 2026/27 is increased by 18.25% per Band D property to £41,454.00. This will show on the Council tax bill as an increase of £10.44.

25/170 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.

25/171 ALLOTMENT UPDATES

a) **Other allotment updates**

The Clerk reported that she is in the process of preparing the rent invoices for 2026.

The Parish Council will carry out the first allotment inspection of 2026 in April/May.

Cllr Steele reported that the new pathway looks to be settling.

25/172 WEBSITE

Cllr Paley reported that she is in the process of updating the Allotments page.

25/173 S106 MONEY

This item was deferred until Spring 2026.

25/174 GRIT BIN

Cllrs Steele and Dracup reported that the two new grit bins have been sited.

The Clerk will speak to the Lengthsman regarding ordering a combination lock for the new bins.

25/175 BUS STOPS THROUGHOUT VILLAGE

The Clerk will contact the member of the public who raised this issue for further information on who is responsible for the upkeep of the bus stops.

25/176 VILLAGE SURVEY ACTION PLAN

This item was deferred to the April 2026 meeting.

25/177 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Cllr Dracup reported that the winter tidy up has been carried out at the Pinfold.



Cllr Allum reported that the public footpath that runs from Crosshills Road to Crosshills has been fenced off by the landowner. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the condition of this footpath.

Cllr Clark reported that the new newsletter compiler has been reviewing the format of the newsletter and updating it.

25/178 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Press and Public were excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, as matters for discussion were confidential and related to existing or potential employees of the Parish Council.

The Clerk left the room for the following discussion.

25/179 CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED: The Clerk will move from SCP 18 to SCP 22. The new salary will come into effect from January 2026.

25/180 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk advised that matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting should be with her by 05 January 2026.

The Clerk advised the next meeting would be held:

- Monthly Meeting at Cononley Village Institute at **7pm on Tuesday 13 January 2026.**

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