



MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026

Present: Cllr Houghton Cllr Jordan Cllr Shields Cllr Spensley
Cllr Workman Clerk: MRS C Smith 2 Members of the public

26.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS- None.

26.1 APOLOGIES- None.

26.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST -None.

26.3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025-
Approved and signed as a true record.

26.4 REPORTS

a) Police Report.

b) Update from meetings attended by Councillors

Healthwatch Hartlepool – Service Merger and Stroke Provision

Cllr Houghton provided an update on the meeting attended before Christmas on behalf of Healthwatch Hartlepool regarding the proposed merger and changes to the service profile, with particular reference to stroke services.

Cllr Houghton reported that the work being undertaken was excellent; however, the rural sector had not been adequately addressed. This point was acknowledged by the organisers, who confirmed that further work is planned. Hartlepool is using its current model as a template for the wider region and healthcare area.

Cllr Houghton's feedback was well received, and it was noted that Hartlepool has a strong outreach setup for stroke services.

Yorkshire Water- Water and Sewerage Issues and ongoing Concerns

Cllr Houghton raised ongoing concerns regarding Yorkshire Water (YW) and sewerage issues. Cllr Houghton has contacted YW for a response, and the information received is attached to the minutes.



The council discussed the sewerage plant and drainage concerns, which have been reported back to YW. Representatives are being sent to the site to investigate.

Two key points were noted:

- Residents in the lower part of the village have taken action themselves.
- YW needs to generate a log of reported issues in order to formally record the problem.

Planning and Consultation

YW advised that North Yorkshire Council (NYC) does not routinely consult or notify them on planning applications. The parish council will therefore need to notify YW directly. Preston-under-Scar is experiencing similar issues, and collaboration may be beneficial.

A resident reported that when Church Close and Briar Close were developed, an agreement was made that the system would be upgraded, as it was already over capacity. This upgrade has not taken place. Tankers attend twice a week to empty the tanks, and this frequency has increased. Concerns were also raised about rainwater run-off entering the sewer system.

Sewer Layout and Flow Issues

The sewer runs down Main Street, around the corner, and then towards the plant between the Post Office and houses. This section is level, resulting in slowed or halted flow. YW stated they had received no calls in the last two years; however, this is incorrect. Residents will be reminded and encouraged to report issues directly to YW.

Cllr Houghton confirmed that YW will camera the sewers to identify issues and potential solutions. Pressure will also be placed on planning to ensure appropriate consultation.

Cllr Spensley reported that the system was previously camera-surveyed in 2020 to check for leaks. John added that three years ago there were blockages in the bungalows opposite Low Pastures.



Actions and Next Steps

- *Draw YW's attention to the previous upgrade agreement.*
- *Notify YW of all new planning applications.*
- *Ask NYC why YW is not a primary consultee.*
- *Raise the matter at the next YLCA meeting.*
- *Ask NYC and Rishi Sunak why utility companies are not consulted prior to planning permission being granted.*
- *Consider contacting Cllr Yvonne Peacock.*
- *Remind residents that they must report issues directly to YW.*
 - *Seek clarification on who undertakes water testing and request that testing be carried out.*

26.5 HIGHWAYS- nothing to report.

26.6 PLANNING INFORMATION

- a) [ZD25/00637/FULL | Full planning permission for construction of a garden shed with corrugated roof cladding | Barn Opposite Jonas Centre Redmire North Yorkshire](#) Application Permitted

26.7 IT- The new domain and email address is in the process to move over.

26.8 LAND

- a) **Clarification of Parking Area Boundary (Village Green)-** The Council resolved to appoint Mr P Wheeler to install 2 wooden bollards on the Village Green. Cllr Jordan to meet with contractor this week.

26.9 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a) **Bank Reconciliation** dated 31st December 2025- Approved and signed as a correct record.
- b) **Bank Balance** of £ **£11,755.86** on 31st December 2025 noted.
- c) **Payments for Authorisation-** Approved.
- d) **SLCC Subscription-** The Council approved reimbursement of £120.00 towards SLCC fees.



26.10 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Housing Trust Update-Grant funding from the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayor's Fund has been successfully secured, which will enable the completion of the renovation works at 1 Hargill Cottage.

Gritting- Cllr Workman will check the salt levels. It was agreed to approve the purchase of additional salt bags for ongoing maintenance.

Play Area Maintenance The large gate at the play area still requires repair, and several posts need to be reset. Action: contact contractor regarding works.

26.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING- 24th February 2026.

Appendix

Monthly Police Report 8th Nov – 8th Dec 2025

We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified, for example Domestic Violence or Harassment although they are included in the totals below. Leyburn Police Station covers the areas of Arkengarthdale, Swaledale, from Hudswell up to the county border. Wensleydale from the Hambleton to Cumbria borders, Coverdale and Bishopdale.

Incidents of note; overnight 14th Nov 2 x Quad bikes stolen from Mossdale are Hawes.. Reported 20th Nov 18 x Swaledale sheep stolen from land in Thornton Rust.. Between 13th – 20th Nov 162 x lambs stolen from area of Harmby Moors off A684 between Harmby Bridge and Leyburn. Reported 26th Nov 5 x chainsaws and cordless grinder stolen from garage in Keld. Overnight 5th Dec Theft of red Honda quad from Hudswell area.

12 – Suspicious Circumstances (Door to door sellers/Vehicles parked etc).

1 – Anti-social Behaviour (Nuisance).

7 – ASB (Personal).

1 – ASB (Environmental).

8 – Road Traffic Collisions (Minor).

2 – RTC (Serious).

8 – Wildlife/Animals.

9 – Road related (Manner of driving/vehicles without tax /possible OPL).

6 – Concern for Safety.

11 – Violence.

4 – Civil Disputes.

3 – Stalking/Harassment.

3 – Burglary.

1 – Fraud Forgery (online/phone).

3 – Theft.

1 – Criminal damage.

In total 146 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.



North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters relevant to you and your community. You can sign up to the messaging service by visiting the NYP site.

The Neighbourhood Team will continue to attend Town/Parish meetings and Community drop ins/events duties permitting.

PC355 Heather Campbell. PCSO 5550 Tracie Taylor-Page.

I thought November was going to be my last Police Report however due to my colleagues taking Leave / Sickness I had to make this my Final Flourish so as they say in the cartoons "That's All Folks". PCSO 5232 Don Watson.

Payments Schedule

Date	Type	Description	Amount
29-Dec-25	SO	C SMITH REDMIRE HWA	-26
19-Dec-25	BP	C Smith Redmire PC Salary	-111.36
10-Dec-25	BP	Simon Winstanley- Top soil for Play Area	-99.53
09-Dec-25	BP	P Wheeler- Play Area Remedial Works	-405
30-Nov-25	BP	C Smith Redmire PC Salary	-111.56
28-Nov-25	SO	C SMITH REDMIRE PC HWA	-26
06-Nov-25	BP	Playsafety ltd- Play Area Inspections	-96

Invoices Awaiting Payment

Simon Winstanley- Rock Salt £21.98

Salary January & HWA