



DRAFT MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 24th February 2026

Present: Cllr Houghton Cllr Jordan Cllr Shields
Cllr Workman Clerk: MRS C Smith 1 Member of the public

26.13 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

- A resident informed the Council that the **AGM of the Water Committee** will take place on **17th March at 7pm** in the Village Hall.
- A suggestion was made to consider a **Redmire Community Award**.
 - Council to explore local volunteer award schemes.
 - Clerk to contact resident for information on requirements and examples from other areas.
 - Council to draft **criteria** and consider options for **plaques**.
- **Foul water / drainage issues:**
 - Cllr Houghton provided an update from Yorkshire Water (YW). Further detail recorded under item 26.17(b).

26.14 APOLOGIES- None.

26.15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST- None.

26.16 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2026-
Approved and signed as a true record.

26.17 REPORTS

- a) Police Report-** The report was received and noted (see attached PDF).
- b) Update from meetings attended by Councillors.**

Yorkshire Water / Sewerage Issues

- Cllr Houghton reported that:
 - The pumping station was emptied approximately **three weeks ago** following multiple complaints.
 - As of last week, the overflow level was approximately **9 inches lower** than previously.



- A stone intended to retain grey water appears to have been moved, causing water to flow rapidly down the right-hand side of the pumping station and into the adjacent field.
- Grey water remains untreated and continues to run downhill towards the beck.
- The **aeration bed is not coping** with current village capacity.
- Cllr Houghton has spoken with YW again and is awaiting a response from the project manager.
- Yorkshire Water has ring-fenced **£1.4bn** for sewerage improvements across Yorkshire, including storm-defence holding tanks and upgrades to local treatment sites.
- The Parish Council may submit a case for Redmire's plant to be included in the improvement programme.
- Preston-under-Scar and Castle Bolton may be approached to submit a **joint case**.
- Planning Conditions were in place to upgrade the system when Briar Close / Church Close was built.

Action: Clerk to chase planning enforcement regarding outstanding conditions and clarify procedures when conditions are not met.

Webinar on Ageing / Community Needs

- Cllr Houghton attended a webinar on ageing and highlighted:
 - Redmire's high proportion of older residents warrants a **dedicated section** in the Community Plan.
 - Transport, community support, and access to health services are significant issues.
 - Cllr Houghton is exploring partnership models with agencies to support residents with needs such as dementia.
 - Proposal for a **Community Assembly** twice yearly to identify needs, develop action plans, and prepare for funding opportunities (e.g., Mayor's Fund).
 - Cllr Houghton to bring forward a formal proposal for the next agenda.



c) **Wensleydale Rally 2026**- Update noted for information.

d) **Wensleydale Railway**- Update noted.

26.18 POLICIES & GOVERNANCE- The following documents were reviewed and approved for adoption:

a) **Financial Regulations (NALC 2025 version)**

b) **Standing Orders (NALC 2025 version)**

c) **Biodiversity Policy**

d) **Pension & Retirement Policy**

e) **IT Policy**

f) **Subject Access Request (SAR) Form**

g) **Data Breach Reporting Form**

26.19 FINANCE

a) **Bank Reconciliation Statement** dated 30th January 2026- **Approved.**

b) **Bank Balance**- £11497.78 as at **30th January 2026** was noted.

c) **Payments for Authorisation**- The following payments were approved:

- Vision ICT – £175.76
- Clerk Salary & HWA – February & March

26.20 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION- None.

Cllr Houghton will attend a **Tarmac meeting on Thursday** and invited councillors to share any points to raise.

26.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING- 7th April 2026.



Appendix

Payment Schedule

Date	Type	Description	Amount
28 Jan 26	SO	Mrs C.E. Smith – HWA	£26.00
23 Jan 26	DD	HMRC SDDS	£83.60
18 Jan 26	BP	Charlotte Smith – SLCC Subs	£126.50
16 Jan 26	BP	Simon Winstanley 163069	£21.98

Invoices awaiting payment

Vision ICT £175.76

Salary & HWA February & March

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