

Constable Burton and Finghall Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Council held on 11th May 2026 at 7.15pm in The Reading Room, Constable Burton.

Present: Cllrs Smith, Gelder & Beniams, Jason Wainwright (NYC Hambleton & Richmondshire Resilience & Emergency Team Support), 4 MOP

1. Apologies and reasons for absence. Cllrs Dalton & Hale (Holiday)
2. To receive any declarations of interest. None
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February & 13th April as a true and accurate record. It was resolved to accept these minutes as a true and accurate record.
4. Jason Wainwright, NYC Emergency Planning Officer attending to deliver a presentation about the work the Emergency Planning Team carry out. Jason introduces himself; their team provide a control centre and liaise with blue lights teams, military and local communities. Ideally communities should be resilient for 12/24 hours, volunteers, safe spaces and emergency plans are crucial. Also being aware of vulnerable people in our communities, communities know their own specific risks. Northern Powergrid provide funding for community resilience, such as generators or solar panels. Cllr Beniams asks about internet provision, JW states that NYC are able to use satellite phones and can provide a bundle should the need arise. Clerk to send information about funding to Reading Room committee and agenda in August. Cllr Smith thanks Mr Wainwright for attending and he leaves.
5. Matters raised by members of the public. Pothole near the junction at the bottom of Chapel Lane remains, clerk has re-reported today. Repaired footpath potholes are raised and now causing more of a trip hazard, clerk to report to Highways. Discussion about the Blewhouse Lane planning application, and the ability for the PC to speak at the Planning Committee meeting, Cllr Gelder adds that previous objections can't be stated, clerk to check if new application. New Planning Officer happy to attend site meeting as requested from February meeting. Cllr Sedgewick is no longer representing the PC about the Blewhouse Lane planning application and has passed this back to Cllr Jones, further update from resident about NY Cllr representation.
6. Crime report. Reports received and forwarded to Cllrs from March & April. Offer of Fraud presentation, may hold separate event early evening, clerk to agenda August.
7. Clerk report. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.
 - Highway update. Barden pot holes, Cllrs Dalton & Beniams noted locations and now resolved. Street Furniture Licence for bench in Constable Burton, it was resolved to accept the licence from Highways.
 - Events in the villages – notification for Leyburn Town Council. Clerk notified about Barrel Roll.
 - VAS to be returned to Constable Burton, Cllr Smith will action.
8. Planning Applications
 - FPP for residential extension and internal alterations, with demolition of the existing dilapidated outbuildings and the construction of a detached garage/store with ancillary accommodation over and change of use of land to create additional domestic curtilage at Garriston Farm, South Moor Lane, Garriston. No objections under delegated authority (Cllrs Dalton & Beniams), however we would like to see confirmation that the garage/workshop will not be converted into a separate residential dwelling in the future.
 - FPP for conversion and extension to agricultural barn to a single dwelling including creation of a vehicular access from Chapel Lane at Chapel Lane Farm, Chapel Lane, Finghall. No objections to this application under delegated authority (Cllrs Smith & Allinson), other than to highlight incorrect information included in the Supporting Planning Statement: Item 2. "Site description. The site benefits from direct and walkable access to a number of local services which can be found a short distance away and can be reached using the existing network of pedestrian footways." Cllrs would like to emphasise that there are no pedestrian footways from the proposed location into the village, pedestrians would be required to walk on the road in order to reach the village centre.
 - LBC for porch and rear door to be replaced with like for like timber door at Linden House, Church Lane, Finghall. No objections.
 - Certificate of lawfulness proposed for erection of an agricultural building for the purposes of livestock housing and the storage of hay and feed associated with the agricultural use of the holding. Access will be taken via the existing field access at Cross Lane Farm, Garriston. No objections.

Granted: FPP for conversion of stone barn to form a small dwelling at Pump Street, East Hauxwell; FPP & LBC for alteration of window to form a door at Sundays Well, Finghall.

Refused: Application to determine if prior approval is required for conversion of barn to form Class B2/B8 workshop at Southwick Farm, Finghall.

9. Matters requested by Cllrs & meetings attended by Cllrs & Clerk. Cllr Smith – Dog bin, Blewhouse Lane. Cllr Smith noted dog fouling problems along Blewhouse Lane when carrying out work in the lane. Discussion about purchasing a dog waste bin in this area, Cllrs would like notices to be placed in the noticeboard and on the website and PC Facebook page initially. Cllr Smith reports the drain on Finghall bank blocked and water wearing away the verge. Clerk to report. Clerk attended Catterick Integrated Care Centre presentation on 5th March. Work proceeding well and will be open in the summer, many services, including OOH care will be at this site with free car parking.
10. Financial matters. Balance at 11/5/26 £8318.69 (all Cllrs attending viewed the internal financial controls)
Incoming
 - NYC (Precept 1st payment) £5000.00Outgoing
 - VCS Websites (Website & email hosting) £124.00
 - Vicki Raven (February, March, April wages) £1146.24
 - HMRC (PAYE) £84.98
 - YLCA (Training) £27.30
 - YLCA (Annual subscription) £253.00
 - Joblings (CB Bench) £445.00
 - NYC (Barden Grit bins) £180.00
 - NYC (Park inspections 25/26) £183.90Also, advice that this fee will rise by 3.4% 26/27.
11. Safety Review. Quarterly report received, January - March. Very low risk items, the slide is showing some rust areas.
12. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:
 - NYC – Area 1 Highways, Parish Workshops. Highways Communication Officer is leaving to support another area, clerk to send letter of thanks. Clerk to attend Highways workshop on 28th May.
 - NYC – CGR consultation (Boundary review). Clerk and Cllrs to distribute consultation questionnaires and reply with no objections to the proposals.
 - NYC – Home to School Transport in relation to the re-organisation of Spennithorne & Middleham schools. Clerk to assess and feedback to Cllrs.
 - YLCA – Planning consultation update for Water Boards. The Branch meetings asked whether water companies are statutory consultees for planning matters. YLCA reply that this is not a straightforward matter. Water authorities are not statutory consultees but it is seen as good practice for a local planning authority to consult for major developments.
 - YLCA – Topics for Branch meeting agenda. The next Branch meeting will take place on 11th June at 7pm at Middleham Key Centre.
 - Leyburn & District Emergency Community Support Organisation – update. Clerk has checked phone numbers within the Emergency Plan.
 - Rotary Club – Best Kept Village Judges guidance notes, it was felt this was unnecessary.
 - Residents – Request for extension of 30mph limit, clerk to request if this is still relevant following the opening of A684. Update re: planning enforcement, work at the Quoits pitch at The Queens Head was deemed a breach of planning control. Japanese knotweed notification, near to Finghall Lane Station, Cllr Smith will discuss with resident and clerk to contact railway, as thoughts were that spread is from railway.
 - Councillor resignations. Roy Allinson resigns 13th April, clerk informed Democratic services. Mike Hale resigns 11th May, clerk to inform Democratic services. Clerk to send letters of thanks.
13. Date of next meeting. Monday 17th August
Meeting closed: 9.05pm