

MINUTES FROM AN ORDINARY MEETING OF MID-WHARFEDALE PARISH COUNCIL IN ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 AT 7.45 PM

PRESENT:

Dr J Crossley	:	Weston (Chair)
Mrs C Shepherd	:	Askwith (Vice chair)
Mr M Whitley	:	Askwith
Mr P Robisonson	:	Denton
Mrs S Ellis	:	Nesfield/Langbar
Mr D Powell	:	Middleton

In Attendance

Mrs B Shaw	:	Clerk
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Members of the public attending the meeting

None

75/01 APOLOGIES

Mr F Caton	:	Weston
Mrs K Chivers	:	Nesfield/Langbar
Mrs J Olby	:	Langbar

It was noted that Cllr Olby had offered her resignation due to family commitments and there would be a vacancy for the Langbar Parish.

75/02 DECLARATION of INTERESTS

None declared

75/03 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present

75/04 MINUTES:

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 having been circulated were proposed Cllr Shepherd, seconded Cllr Robinson, and unanimously resolved as a true and correct record. These were then duly signed by the Chair.

75/05 INFORMATION AND DECISION ON ACTIONS REGARDING ONGOING MATTERS

5.1 **North Yorkshire Council Matters**

Cllr Hull did not attend the meeting.

5.2 **Improving the health of heather peat moorlands**

No matters arose under this objective.

5.3 **Identifying land for biodiversity improvement**

Cllr Shepherd referred to the Nidderdale National Landscape Management Plan consultation. She felt it was worth the other Cllrs looking at it and familiarising themselves with contacts within the organization. She said that Iain Mann, the

manager, had been very helpful with development issues in Askwith. The Clerk confirmed this had been sent out for comments and Cllrs should forward any responses to her by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 5.4 **Identifying ways to slow water flow**

There was a discussion about flood risks in the parish council area and the increasing incidence of flooding due to warmer dryer summers and warmer wetter winters. There was acknowledgement of the work being done by Denton Reserve in partnership with Yorkshire Peat however it was noted that this would not have a significant impact on other parts of the Parish. No actions were agreed for this objective.

#### 5.5 **Road safety, repairs, drains and verges**

Cllr Shepherd confirmed that Gary Nuttall intends to start verge cutting during the week commencing 18/02/24.

The Clerk confirmed that she had logged the following issues on the portal: Askwith bridal path, Nesfield steep path, rotten tree.

Cllr Whitley reported that the drains towards Weston had still not been jetted.

**ACTION: Clerk will contact Melisa Burnham, Area Manager for Highways.**

Cllr Ellis reported that there had still been no contact from Highways with regard to questions about the stone sign which Nesfield residents want to erect. Cllr Powell advised that until they confirm MWPC cannot proceed as it would be liable in the event of any crash.

**ACTION: Clerk will follow up with Cllr Hull and lodge a complaint if no progress is made.**

Cllr Crossley feels that the erosion on Church Lane needs to be reported.

**ACTION: Cllr Crossley will forward What3Words position, photos and description to the Clerk to enable a report to be made.**

**ACTION: Cllr Powell will forward What3Words position, photos and description of problems on Hardings Lane.**

Cllr Shepherd asked if Cllr Hull had reported back from his meeting with the CEO of North Yorkshire Council regarding road safety and the reduction in speed limit in Askwith. The Clerk confirmed that no information had been received.

**ACTION: Clerk will follow up with Cllr Hull.**

#### 5.6 **Creation of cycle, walking and riding paths**

Cllr Shepherd confirmed that the objection to 'the closure of routes without consideration to their historic relationship to Denton Bridal Road' on the Denton Reserve still stands. The British Horse Society (BHS) has advised the parish council to keep the objection in. They are undertaking a Definitive Map Modification Order on these paths and will keep the council informed. This issue is therefore ongoing and is being pursued by the BHS.

#### 5.7 **Updating of Policies and Procedures**

Work is ongoing. The Clerk confirmed that the Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy had been sent out for reading and that both these policies and 13 others have been

loaded onto the website. The updated Standing Orders are waiting approval from the Chair and will then be distributed to Cllrs and loaded onto the website. Cllr Shepherd and the Clerk will be meeting to amend the Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment.  
**ACTION: Cllr Crossley will let the Clerk know when the Standing Orders are ready to be released.**

**ACTION: Cllr Shepherd and Clerk will continue work on other policies and procedures.**

**ACTION: Cllr Shepherd will send Health and Safety policy and procedures to Cllr Powell for final review before sign off at the next meeting.**

#### **5.8 Merger of MWPC with Newall and Clifton Parish Council**

The possibility of this was raised with Cllr Crossley by Victoria Oldham as there is no Parish Council for this area. Having contacted Democratic Service, who confirmed it is possible, Cllr Crossley wanted to open a discussion with the committee before proceeding. It was recognized that a larger area which could include areas for residential development, would require more time/budget. It was agreed that the area felt 'local' and MWPC could be of help to the residents.

**ACTION: Cllr Crossley will contact Victoria Oldham to ascertain if she would still be interested in standing as a candidate. If she is, the Clerk will contact Democratic Services to express an interest and ask for more information about how a merger would work.**

This was proposed by Cllr Robinson and Seconded by Cllr Powell and unanimously agreed as the next step in the process.

#### **5.9 Replacement of Langbar noticeboard**

The Clerk had obtained 3 online quotes for the replacement of the noticeboard. Prices ranged from £250 to £776. It was agreed that subject to confirming a guarantee on the Stormguard noticeboard, it would be ordered and replacement arranged. Proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Ellis.

**ACTION: Clerk will follow up.**

#### **75/06 CLERKS REPORT**

Duties since 15<sup>th</sup> May meeting: Dealing with emails, writing minutes and forming agendas, circulating and responding to planning matters, following up items from the last meeting, preparing invoices and cheques, updating policies and procedures, obtaining quotes for noticeboard. This was resolved as a true and correct record and proposed by Cllr Whitley and seconded by Cllr Shepherd.

#### **75/07 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 7.1 The Clerk reported that this insurance premium quoted by Zurich Insurance is the same as last year. This was the cheapest quote available last year. It was agreed to continue to use Zurich Insurance and accept the quote. This was proposed by Cllr Whitley and seconded by Cllr Powell.
- 7.2 Cllr Crossley asked Cllrs to think about any projects or funding for 2025/26 as the budget will be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.
- 7.3 Cllr Whitley informed the meeting that the Askwith Defibrillator was now up and running again after the village hall paid £400 and the community had managed to raise £600 towards maintenance. Cllr Whitley said other parishes should bear in mind that a

replacement battery costs £400 and pads £200. Pads need to be replaced after every use. Currently there is no need for the Parish Council to contribute. Cllr Crossley acknowledge a very successful fundraising campaign and added that in the future if there were a need for a contribution this would be considered.

- 7.4 Cllr Robinson asked what Cllrs obligations were in regard to training and development. The Clerk said that there were no statutory obligations. Cllr Crossley confirmed that if Cllrs felt they had a training need and had identified a suitable course, they could bring it to the next meeting where it could be proposed and seconded if appropriate.

**ACTION: It was agreed that a training budget should be discussed at the next meeting for 2025/26.**

- 7.5 Cllr Powell told the meeting that the phone box in Middleton had been adopted by the new owners of Rose Cottage. The owners also want to reopen the door where the parish noticeboard is currently sited. They are happy to accommodate the noticeboard on their land, but it would need to be mounted on posts.

**ACTION: Clerk will investigate if posts can be ordered for this noticeboard. If not the possibility of using this one at Langbar and ordering a new post mounted noticeboard for Middleton would be investigated.**

75/8 ACCOUNTS

8.1/8.2 The following expenditure and income were then approved.

**Mid Wharfedale Parish Accounts 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**Barclays**

Bank statement 19/06/25 £3,399.36

**Income NIL**

**Balance 15/05/25 £3,399.36 £3,399.36**

**Skipton Building Society**

Balance 02/01/2025 £5,831.19

Income (interest) 02/01/2025 £185.63

Total 02/01/20245 **£6,016.82 £6,016.82**

**£9,416.18**

Cheques to be signed at 14<sup>th</sup> August meeting 2025

Askwith Village Hall (NYC Meeting) (1045) £36.00

Askwith Village Hall (1046) £52.00

A Shaw Clerk wage July (1047) £241.28

A Shaw Clerk wage August (1048) £241.28

A Shaw Clerk wage September (1049) £241.28

A Shaw Expenses July, August, September (1050) £87.30

A Shaw Clerk wage August meeting (1051) £120.64

Zurich Municipal Insurance (1052) £241.00

**£9,416.18**

**(£1,260.78)**

**Total held by MWPC £8,155.40**

It was noted that the rate of interest on the Skipton Account had fallen to 2.55%. The Clerk confirmed that from a quick online review this still seemed competitive. It was agreed that the

Council would continue with the Skipton account. This was proposed by Cllr Shepherd and seconded by Councillor Robinson.

8.3 The Internal Auditor was confirmed as Claire Smith, and it was agreed that the accountant would be contacted to see if she wants to continue next year. This was proposed by Cllr Powell and Seconded by Cllr Whitley.

**ACTION: Clerk will contact Accountant.**

75/9 EMAILS

**ACTION: Clerk will resend email with information on setting up new accounts. Cllrs will contact the Clerk if help is needed.**

75/10 PLANNING MATTERS

The planning sheet was circulated.

Askwith Village will ensure all objections are forwarded for the Elm Tree House and Smithy Farm Appeal. The Parish Council will ensure that all photos are forwarded.



Ref	Date Received	Address	Planning No	Planning Request	Response Due	PC Regions	Decision	Date of outcome	Planning Reference
559A	12/09/2023	Edithson Farm Ashwith Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ	B.13.155.1.FUL	provision of wall insulation to dwelling.	14/12/2023		None		23/2023/7/UL
560A	14/03/2024	Fair Moss House Farm, Middleton Oldley, North	B.12.9.5.D.FUL	Formation of plant enclosure with timber screening to perimeter	07/04/2024		A		23/24/0081/7/UL
562A	25/03/2024	Wood Hall Farm, Newfield, Oldley, North Yorkshire, LS29 0HX	B.12.8.26.N.PNF	Modern steel portal framed building for forestry use. The building will be used to store machinery and equipment used for the management of the	18/04/2024		B		23/24/0074/7/PNF
566A	10/05/2024	Edithson Cottages Ashwith Lane Ash with North Yorkshire	B.13.152/7UL	Conversion of single storey rear extension, raising of rear roof planes addition of side dormer and roof light and alterations including re-configured car parking	03/06/2024		C		23/24/0146/7/UL
568A	28/05/2024	Home Farm, Middleton, Oldley, North Yorkshire,	B.12.9.20.N.DVCON	Variation of Condition 19 (Annex) of planning application 23/20453/DVCON Variation of Condition 2 (approved planning alterations to farmstead, roof and chalking) of planning application 23/0432/DVCON Variation of condition 19 (Annex) of 22/0420/7/UL to allow annex to be used as ancillary accommodation to approved Property 2.	22/06/2024		A		23/24/01865/DVCON
571A	24/07/2024	The Mews Smithy Farm West Lane Ashwith Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ	23/24/0246/9/CLFUD	to establish existing use of historical building known as The Mews as a self-contained dwelling as defined by Class C3	17/08/2024		B		23/24/0246/9/CLFUD
572A	08/07/2024	The Granary Low Hall Farm Low Road Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ	B.13.18.2.D.LB	listed Building Application for a single storey lean to kitchen extension.	03/08/2024		A		23/24/02364/LB
573A	08/07/2024	The Granary Low Hall Farm Low Road Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ	B.13.18.2.C.FUL	Single storey lean to kitchen extension.	03/08/2024		A		23/24/02363/7/UL
564A	08/08/2024	Dunkirk Farm Denton Oldley North Yorkshire LS29 0HX	B.13.03.1.B.LB	listed Building consent for alterations to farmstead, installation of solar panels and landscape works	03/09/2024		A	GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS	23/24/0234/7/LB
568A	08/10/2024	Cherry Bank Hanger Hill Middleton Oldley North Yorkshire LS29 0DP	B.12.9.49.A.CLFUD	Certificate of lawfulness to allow for approved extension of planning permission 19/0059/7/UL following end of previous lease/tenancy.	03/11/2024		A		23/24/03253/CLFUD
571A	25/10/2024	The Mews Smithy Farm West Lane Ashwith Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ	B.13.19.2.A.FUL	Change of use and conversion of outbuilding to farm dwelling, including single storey rear extension, 2 No rooflights, widening of access, car parking and garden	18/11/2024		B	WITHDRAWN	23/24/03085/7/UL
572A	29/10/2024	Jagger Auxiliary Farm Headings Lane Langbar Oldley North Yorkshire LS29 0HQ	B.12.8.46.7/UL	Demolition of existing commercial buildings and erection of a bungalow with associated landscaping works.	22/11/2024		C	REFUSED	23/24/03160/7/UL
578A	16/11/2024	Centre of Rural Land Comprising Of Field 6673 Denton North Yorkshire	B.13.04.A.U.LMAU	The erection of a wellness centre with a welcome cabin, sauna, gym room, hot tub and	09/01/2025		A	WITHDRAWN	23/24/03181/7/ULMAU
580A	05/02/2025	Remondin Brook Cottage Ashwith Moor Road High Snovdon Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2NB	B.13.124.C.FUL	Installation of solar panels to southwest and southeast roof slopes.	01/03/2025		D	APPROVED	23/25/0021/7/UL
581A	10/02/2025	Home Farm Denton Oldley North Yorkshire LS29 0HX	B.13.04.7.X.FUL	Prior modification for change of use of agricultural building to office (Use Class E)	06/03/2025		A	APPROVED	23/25/00384/7/PNF
582A	12/02/2025	Telephone Box Smithy Lane Denton North Yorkshire	B.13.0.K.O.S.K	BT consultation on the proposed removal of public payphone service and lock the kiosk.	08/03/2025		A		23/25/00380/K.O.S.K
583A	12/02/2025	Telephone Box Hanger Hill Middleton North Yorkshire	B.12.9.K.O.S.K	BT consultation on the proposed removal of public payphone service and lock the kiosk.	08/03/2025		A		23/25/00391/K.O.S.K
584A	25/02/2025	Stock Pit Farm Cottage Moor Lane Waskon Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ	B.13.9.186.C.FUL	The conversion of traditional agricultural buildings into 2 dwellings	21/03/2025		A	WITHDRAWN	23/25/00567/7/UL
585A	04/03/2025	Fin Tree House Smithy Farm West Lane Ashwith Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ	B.13.126.1.FUL	Planning application for construction of 2 detached houses with attached garages, conversion of outbuilding to self-contained dwelling, single storey rear extension, detached garage, front porch, re-configured side lean-to and garden pavilion to enhance house including new shared vehicular access and associated landscaping	28/03/2025		B		23/25/00598/7/UL
586A	25/03/2025	Cherry Farm Ingle 1111 Middleton High North Yorkshire LS29 0DP	B.12.9.49.B.DVCON	Section 78 application for the Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Drawing) of Planning Permission 19/0059/7/UL (Demolition of existing extensions and porch, erection of two storey and single storey extensions, and a porch) to allow farmstead	18/04/2025		A		23/25/00926/DVCON
572A	03/04/2025	Jagger Auxiliary Farm Headings Lane Langbar Oldley North Yorkshire LS29 0HQ	B.12.8.46.7/UL	Demolition of existing commercial buildings and erection of a bungalow with associated landscaping works.	28/05/2025		None	APPEAL	23/24/03160/7/UL
587A	14/04/2025	Woodbeck Farm West Lane Ash with Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2L	B.13.14.0.G.FUL	Conversion of outbuilding (former garage that is currently used as an office) into an annex, with window and door fenestration alterations	08/05/2025		A	GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS	23/25/01091/7/UL
588A	27/05/2025	Edithson Farm Ashwith Village Ash with North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ		Construction of kennels with formation of a fenced enclosure (retrospective)	20/06/2025		C		25/0126/7/UL
589A	27/05/2025	Ash with Village Hall Ash with Ashwith North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ		Installation of solar panels to Ashwith Village Hall	20/06/2025		D	GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS	25/0136/7/UL
590A	29/05/2025	Household Farm Denton Road Denton North Yorkshire LS29 0HX	B.13.06.1.A.FUL	Householder application seeking a single storey extension and erection of a garage as well as other minor alterations, including the resurfacing of the driveway	22/06/2025		A	GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS	25/0134/7/UL
591A	25/06/2025	Moor South Bungalow Moorville Lane Ashwith North Yorkshire LS21 2JF	25/01044/7/UL	Single storey side extension	19/07/2025		A	GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS	25/01044/7/UL
592A	30/06/2025	Land at Carter's Lane Middleton Oldley LS29 0HX	25/01042/OUT	Outline application for the erection of 1 no. self-build dwelling with all matters reserved except from access and layout	24/07/2025		A		25/01042/OUT
593A	09/07/2025	King Park Farm Headings Lane Middleton North Yorkshire LS29 0HQ	25/02282/7/UL	Extension of converted barn to the rear at first floor level (above an existing ground floor extension), erection of an off single storey lean partially subterranean extension. Alterations to fenestration. Partial garage conversion to convert half of the double garage to habitable	02/08/2025		A		25/02282/7/UL
594A	31/07/2025	The Green Newfield Village Newfield North Yorkshire LS29 0HX	25/02519/7/UL	Demolition of existing rear room and construction of larger bathroom	24/08/2025				25/02519/7/UL
595A	13/07/2025	Fin Tree House Smithy Farm West Lane Ashwith North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ	25/02519/7/UL	Conversion of single storey rear extension, part demolition and rebuilding of single storey side addition, front canopy porch, detached garden/pool room and renovation alterations	08/09/2025				25/02519/7/UL
585A APPEAL	13/08/2025	Fin Tree House Smithy Farm West Lane Ashwith Oldley North Yorkshire LS21 2HQ	APP/25/01091/25/03/70386	Planning application for construction of 2 detached houses with attached garages, conversion of outbuilding to self-contained dwelling, single storey rear extension, detached garage, front porch, re-configured side lean-to and garden pavilion to enhance house including new shared vehicular access and associated landscaping	12/09/2025				APP/25/01091/25/03/70386

70/13 WEB SITE

Work is ongoing to keep the website updated and ensure all necessary information is on it.

70/14 MEMBERS POINTS OF INFORMATION

None

Date for the next two meetings 13<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.

Passed as a true and correct record Chairman .....

Date .....

