

MINUTES FROM AN ORDINARY MEETING OF MID-WHARFEDALE PARISH COUNCIL IN ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL HELD ON 13TH November 2025 AT 7.45 PM

PRESENT:

Dr J Crossley	:	Weston (Chair)
Mr M Whitley	:	Askwith
Mrs S Ellis	:	Nesfield/Langbar
Mr F Caton	:	Weston

In Attendance

Mrs B Shaw	:	Clerk
Cllr Nathan Hull	:	NYC Councillor

Members of the public attending the meeting

None

76/01 APOLOGIES

Mrs C Shepherd	:	Askwith (Vice chair) - illness
Mrs K Chivers	:	Nesfield/Langbar - holiday
Mr D Powell	:	Middleton
Mr P Robisonson	:	Denton - holiday

76/02 DECLARATION of INTERESTS

None declared

76/03 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present

76/04 MINUTES:

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meeting held on 14th August 2025 having been circulated were proposed Cllr Whitley, seconded Cllr Ellis, and unanimously resolved as a true and correct record. These were then duly signed by the Chair.

76/05 INFORMATION AND DECISION ON ACTIONS REGARDING ONGOING MATTERS

5.1 **North Yorkshire Council Matters**

Cllr Hull gave feedback on a number of issues he had followed up on behalf of Mid Wharfedale Parish Council.

Signage for Nesfield and 20mph speed limit in Askwith

There has been no guidance from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) regarding advice on the signage for Nesfield nor for the 20mph speed limit through Askwith. Cllr Hull is scheduling a meeting with Karl Battersby who is the head of Highways. This will include a drive around the area and the opportunity to follow up on these issues. He has also asked for written guidance on signage in villages so that it can be circulated. Cllr Ellis made the point that Nesfield have been waiting for guidance regarding signage for over a year, which is unacceptable. Cllr Hull agreed and felt that Area 6 was too big to operate efficiently.

Commuted Sums

There was a discussion about the monies available from Commuted Sums for this year. During a meeting with Commuted Sums last year it was confirmed that this money was only available for the improvement of verges but that it could be merged for each village and renamed. A number of actions were agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to contact commuted sums to ask if the funds could be used for general maintenance of verges such as cutting twice, rather than once a year. Also to check if it would be possible to use it for the purchase of benches.

Clerk to circulate information to Cllrs again and include maps of the areas that the money relates to.

Cllr Hull confirmed that the Boundary Commission consultation is still ongoing and the outcome is expected after Christmas.

North Yorkshire Council are issuing fines to people who put up St Georges Flags.

The Council are also lobbying in order to commence licensing of Uber drivers operating in North Yorkshire. Most Uber drivers are currently licensed in Wolverhampton. This would allow for more stringent checks on vehicles and drivers and ensure NYC know who is operating in the area.

NYC deficit is running at £40 million year on year despite being in surplus three years ago. They feel they have been penalised for looking after their finances and are pushing for fairer funding from Central Government. As, by law, NYC can only pass a balanced budget, further cuts will need to be made including selling assets and council tax increases.

Cllr Hull left the meeting at 8.20pm

5.2 Improving the health of heather peat moorlands

No matters arose under this objective.

5.3 Identifying land for biodiversity improvement

No matters arose under this objective.

5.4 Identifying ways to slow water flow

No matters arose under this objective.

5.5 Road safety, repairs, drains and verges

There has been no response from Highways regarding jetting of the drains towards Weston.

The rotten tree (West End Lane) is reported as 'service fulfilled' on the NYC portal however is still in place.

ACTION: Clerk will contact Melisa Burnham, Area Manager for Highways regarding the drains again and will report the rotten tree as an emergency.

ACTION: Cllr Crossley will forward position, pictures and description of erosion on Church Lane so that it can be reported.

5.6 Creation of cycle, walking and riding paths

Arriety Heath (Senior Definitive Map Officer) has been in touch to request a meeting regarding the diversion order at Denton Estate.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting with her and Cllr Crossley and Cllr Shepherd.

5.7 Updating of Policies and Procedures

Cllr Crossley confirmed that work is still ongoing. The Standing Orders will be finalized, distributed to Cllrs and loaded onto the website before the next meeting. The Financial Regulations are nearly complete but require the appointment of members of the Council to undertake checks on internal control measures. It was agreed that there should be two Cllrs involved and that this should be on the agenda for the next meeting in order to be put to a vote.

ACTION: Clerk to add this to the agenda along with Health and Safety policy and procedures.

5.8 Merger of MWPC with Newall and Clifton Parish Council

The Community Governance Review has commenced however it is unlikely to be decided until 2027/28. Mid Wharfedale Parish Council confirmed that they would be open to the possibility of a merger.

ACTION: Clerk will send map of Newall and Clifton area to all Cllrs.

5.9 Replacement of Langbar noticeboard

It was agreed that the noticeboard should be ordered as proposed and seconded at the last meeting and that Cllr Whitley will put it up.

ACTION: Clerk to order.

76/06 CLERKS REPORT

Duties since 14th August meeting: Dealing with emails, writing minutes and forming agendas, circulating and responding to planning matters, following up items from the last meeting, updating website, preparing invoices and cheques, updating policies and procedures, obtaining quotes for noticeboard, preparing 2026/27 Budget for discussion. This was resolved as a true and correct record and proposed by Cllr Ellis and seconded by Cllr Whitley.

76/07 DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 The budget items were discussed, and it was agreed that the SLCC membership would be cancelled as the YLCA membership covered the same things. The remaining budget items were agreed. The precept request will be £7,500 and takes into consideration that MWPC holds reserves. This was proposed by Cllr Ellis and seconded by Cllr Whitley.

7.2 Cllr Crossley confirmed that there are three vacancies for Cllrs in Askwith, Denton and Langbar.

ACTION: Clerk to advertise on the website.

ACTION: Cllr Crossley to pass on contact for the church parish magazine to the Clerk to see if the vacancies for Denton and Askwith can be advertised there.

7.3 Friends of Ilkley Moor have contacted Mid Wharfedale Parish Council (MWPC) to ask if they would like to jointly organise a litter pick on the roads north and east of Askwith and the road from Ilkley to Beamsley via Nesfield. They would publicise and provide equipment but would need MWPC to ensure the litter bags would be collected by NYC.

ACTION: Clerk to contact NYC to arrange collection of litter bags. Proposed Cllr Caton and seconded Cllr Whitley.

7.4 The Clerk had received confirmation that the accountant (Josie Greenway) is available for next year. Her appointment was proposed by Cllr Ellis and seconded by Cllr Caton.

76/8 ACCOUNTS

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

Mid Wharfedale Parish Accounts 13th November 2025

Barclays

Bank statement 17/10/25 £5,078.58
(including Precept)

Income during period August -November

Precept NYC £3,000.00

Balance 17/11/25 £5,078.58 £5,078.58

Skipton Building Society

Balance 02/01/2025 £5,831.19
Income (interest) 02/01/2025 £185.63
Total 02/01/20245 **£6,016.82**

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£11,095.40

Cheques to be signed at 13th November meeting 2025

Gary Nutall (verge cutting) (1053) £1,122.00
A Shaw Clerk wage October (1054) £241.28
A Shaw Clerk wage November (1055) £248.96
A Shaw Clerk wage December (1056) £248.96
A Shaw Clerk wage November meeting (1057) £124.48
A Shaw backpay April – October (1058) £61.44
A Shaw Expenses Oct, Nov, Dec (1059) £87.30
Askwith Village Hall (1060) £36.00

£11,095.40

(£2,170.42)

Total held by MWPC

£8,924.98

It was noted that the rate of interest on the Skipton Account had reduced again. After discussion it was agreed that MWPC would continue with the Skipton account. This was proposed by Cllr Whitley and seconded by Councillor Ellis.

76/9 EMAILS

ACTION: Cllr Crossley, Cllr Caton and Cllr Ellis to set up new email addresses.

Cllr Crossley and Cllr Caton gave consent to receive their Summons by email.

An email has been received from Monk Fryton Parish Council asking for support from MWPC to request that NYC include the potential for speed indicator device trials in their vehicle activated signs protocol as research has shown these to be more effective at reducing speeding.

ACTION: Clerk to put together a letter of support and circulate to Cllrs.

76/10 PLANNING MATTERS

The planning sheet was circulated. The Clerk confirmed that she had been in touch with the planning department regarding planning application 02560/FUL which had not been received. The department said that it had been sent to the correct address.

Unfortunately, no corrective action can be taken with regard to this application as a decision notice has been received.

ACTION: Clerk will follow up to confirm the current list of applications is correct.

Ref	Date Received	Address	Planning No	Planning Request	Response Due	PC Response	Decision	Date of outcome	Planning Reference
594N	31/07/2025	The Green Nesfield Village Nesfield North Yorkshire LS29 OBN	25/02519/FUL	Demolition of existing <u>sun room</u> and construction of larger sunroom	24/08/2025	A			25/02519/FUL
595A	13/07/2025	Elm Tree House Smithy Farm West Lane Askwith North Yorkshire LS212HX	25/02111/FUL	Construction of single storey rear extension, part demolition and re-building of single storey side addition, front canopy porch, detached garden/pool room and fenestration alterations	06/09/2025	C	GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS	01/10/2025	25/02111/FUL
585A APPEAL	13/08/2025	Elm Tree House Smithy Farm West Lane Askwith Otley North Yorkshire LS21 2HX	APP/U2750/W/25/3370188	Planning application for construction of 2 detached houses with attached garages, conversion of outbuilding to self-contained dwelling, single store rear extension, detached garage, front porch, re-configured side lean-to And garden pavilion to <u>elm tree</u> house including new shared vehicular access and associated landscaping	12/09/2025	SENT			APP/U2750/W/25/3370188
596D	15/08/2025	Willow Hill Farm Smithy Lane Denton North Yorkshire LS29 OHL	25/02796/LB	Listed Building Consent for the extension of existing dwelling and conversion of neighbouring barns to create additional accommodation. Formalising of parking area, installation of air source heat pump and erection of steps and walls.	08/09/2025	A			
596D	26/08/2025	Lane End Farm Lane End Farm To <u>Hollingsley</u> Farm Denton North Yorkshire LS29 OHP	25/02637/LB	Listed Building Consent for the removal of existing internal pool and installation of new leisure space, new internal partitions and access doors and fireplace	19/09/2025	D	GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS	09/10/2025	
597N	27/08/2025	Nesfield Cottage Nesfield Lane To Grooms Cottage Nesfield North Yorkshire LS29 OBW	25/02406/FUL	Demolition of lean-to workshop and construction of single storey side extension	20/09/2025	C	GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS	09/10/2025	
592M APPEAL	09/10/2025	Land At Carter's Lane Middleton Ilkley LS29 ODH	25/01942/OUT	Outline application for the erection of 1no. self-build dwelling with all matters reserved except from access and layout	07/11/2025				25/01942/OUT
598D	30/10/2025	1 And 2 School Row Denton Road Denton North Yorkshire LS29 OHG	25/03334/FUL	Installation of two Air Source Heat Pumps	23/11/2025				
599D	30/10/2025	1 And 2 School Row Denton Road Denton North Yorkshire LS29 OHG	25/02827/LB	Listed Building Consent for the Installation of two Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP)	23/11/2025				
600M	12/11/2025	5 Carters Lane Ilkley Bradford LS29 ODQ	25/03755/FUL	Demolition of existing Sun lounge and erection of new (replacement) Sun lounge. New front porch.	06/12/2025				

76/13 WEB SITE

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

76/14 MEMBERS POINTS OF INFORMATION

Cllr Whitely confirmed that a £20,00 government grant was received and used to install solar panels on the Village Hall in Askwith. Unfortunately, due to infrastructure in the area, only a small amount of electricity generated can be put back into the supply grid.

Date for the next two meetings 12th February 2025 and May 14th, 2026

The meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.

Passed as a true and correct record Chairman

Date

