

MINUTES FROM AN ORDINARY MEETING OF MID-WHARFEDALE PARISH COUNCIL IN ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 AT 7.45 PM

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance

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

None

77/01 APOLOGIES

Francis Caton	:	Weston
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77/02 DECLARATION of INTERESTS

None declared

77/03 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present

76/04 MINUTES:

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 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 did not attend the meeting. There was a discussion about feedback from Cllr Hull that the council were waiting for. This includes the 20mph speed limit in Askwith following his meeting with Karl Battersby, head of Highways, and the Signage for Nesfield where he had asked for written guidance. The councillors agreed that an email should be sent to Councillor Hull detailing outstanding issues including speed limits in the parish, jetting of drains between Askwith and Weston and signage. This would then be followed by a letter of complaint to NYC if deemed necessary.

**ACTION: Clerk to prepare and send email to Cllr Hull**

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

No matters arose under this objective.

### 5.3 **Identifying land for biodiversity improvement**

Cllr Shepherd raised the council's statutory duty to consider biodiversity when carrying out any of its duties. There is a Yorkshire Local Councils Associations policy which MWPC could amend and adopt. She asked if anyone would be prepared to look at this with a view to amending it for adoption at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Shepherd will send it to all councillors and Cllr Chivers will try to adapt it to MWPC needs.**

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

There was a discussion about rainfall and the work which Yorkshire Water is carrying out in the area. There were no action points.

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

The outstanding matters logged with NYC were discussed including blocked drains between Askwith and Weston, Ash dieback and Dutch elm disease in Nesfield.

New matters raised were:

Potholes in Askwith and towards Weston

**ACTION Cllr Shepherd will photograph and send What3Words Location.**

Subsidence on Hardings Lane

**ACTION Cllr Powell will photograph and send What3Words Location.**

Blocked drains in Denton overflowing onto the roads.

**ACTION Cllr Robinson will photograph and send What3Words Location.**

**ACTION: Clerk will log all these onto the portal and follow up with an email listing these and outstanding matters to Melisa Burnham and Chris Blackburn at Highways and copy Nathan.**

### **Speed Limits**

Two emails have been received from residents (Sophia Scanlan, a parent at the school and Peter Huxley) regarding the dangerous speed at which cars drive through Askwith and the concern that someone will be killed as a result. The need to reduce speeds to 20mph was felt to be urgent as was signage to warn of school traffic and children . It was noted that MWPC have been pursuing a reduction in speed limit since the summer of 2024. It was also noted that speed limits on all roads in the parish were too high. There was an agreement that NYC should be requested to do a speed assessment.

**ACTION: Clerk to include this in the email to Cllr Hull (see 5.1).**

The discussion covered how the school is trying to address problems with drop off/pick up and the number of cars in the village. The use of buses to transport children was discussed as a means to address this and net zero targets. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the school to ask about their policies with regard to car usage/speed limits to ascertain how we can work together to address these problems.

**ACTION: Clerk to prepare a letter to the school**

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

A meeting with Arriety Heath (Senior Definitive Map Officer) has been arranged for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Chivers mentioned some funding that may be available for the upkeep of paths and that she would send the information to Cllr Shepherd.

**ACTION: Cllr Chivers to forward information.**

**5.7 Updating of Policies and Procedures**

The Standing Orders were adopted by the council. This was proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Shepherd. They will be put onto the website.

Cllr Whitley and Cllr Robinson put themselves forward to oversee internal financial controls. This was proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Shepherd. They will meet with the Clerk once a year in February for a review.

**ACTION: Clerk to arrange a review meeting in March**

The financial regulations and risk assessment can now be finalised and will be sent round to all Cllrs with a view to adoption at the next meeting. Cllr Shepherd confirmed that she and the Clerk would now be working on Data Protection policies.

**ACTION: Clerk to finalise and circulate the financial regulations and risk assessment.**

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

No further information has been received.

**5.9 Replacement of Langbar noticeboard**

This has been repaired.

**5.10 Councillor Vacancies**

The Chair confirmed that she had spoken to Emma Brodrick who would like to become the second Cllr for Denton. Her appointment was proposed by Cllr Robinson and Seconded by Cllr Whitely.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact her and complete the necessary paperwork so she can attend the next meeting.**

The Clerk confirmed that there are still vacancies for Askwith and Langbar and that these will be advertised on the website.

**ACTION: Clerk to advertise remaining vacancies.**

**5.11 Litter Pick**

Chris of LitterFreellkley has suggested Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. NYC have agreed to collect the litter collected. Cllr Chivers asked that the Clerk make them aware that the road between Ilkley and Nesfield is extremely busy because of the roadworks between Ilkley and Addingham, and that they might like to wait until these were taken down. The council are happy to display posters but due to insurances cannot become involved as a council.

**ACTION: Clerk to pass talk to Chris and arrange NYC rubbish collection**

## 5.12 Commuted Sums

The councillors in the areas where funds are available agreed to look at the criteria and assess if any projects may qualify for funds. The Clerk will then speak to commuted sums regarding applications.

**ACTION: Cllrs Crossley, Caton, Shepherd, Whitley and Powell to investigate.**

## 77/06 CLERKS REPORT

Duties since 13<sup>th</sup> November meeting: Dealing with emails, writing minutes and forming agendas, circulating and responding to planning matter, following up items from the last meeting, updating Website, preparing invoices and cheques, updating policies and procedures, undertaking asset check. This was resolved as a true and correct record and proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Whitley.

## 77/07 DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 7.1 Visibility grass cutting.

A decision was made to inform NYC that MWPC does not want to cut visibility grass in 2026 and want NYC to undertake five cuts during the year. This was proposed by Cllr Shepherd and seconded by Cllr Robinson.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform NYC**

### 7.2 Nidderdale National Landscapes Conservation Officer

It was agreed that an invitation would be made to Joseph Haywood to attend the next meeting and explain the services NNL has to offer.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact NNL to confirm how long they need and if they think it would be useful to invite residents and landowners. A decision will then be made whether to invite to the meeting or to organise a separate meeting.**

### 7.3 Leeds Bradford Airport

Cllr Robinson explained that he had been approached by someone in Denton to ask if the council would like to get involved in a campaign to reduce night flights. This was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that this was not an area the council wants to become involved in.

### 7.4 Yorkshire Ridings Society

The Clerk had been contacted by Michael Pulford regarding repair/replacement of the roundel at the bottom of Denton. This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Robinson would talk to those involved and arrange to get a quote for repair. Cllr Crossley said that the council would then consider a contribution.

**ACTION: Clerk to forward details of enquiry to Cllr Robinson who will arrange for a quote to be sought.**

### 7.6 Nesfield Defibrillator Upkeep

There was a discussion about the need to replace pads and batteries regularly. Although the defibrillator is monitored, the Nesfield Cllrs agreed to get the serial number so that the Clerk can check if replacement is required. Cllr Robinson will ascertain ownership of the Denton Defibrillator. It was confirmed that Askwith village pay for the upkeep of its defibrillator.

**ACTION: Once the Clerk receives the serial number she will confirm if new pads/battery are required.**

7.7 Asset Check

The paperwork was circulated however actions and timescales for maintenance/upkeep were not decided.

**ACTION: The Clerk will follow up with individual parishes and agree these.**

77/8 ACCOUNTS

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

**Mid Wharfedale Parish Accounts 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Barclays**

Bank statement 02/02/26 £2,941.78

**Income during period November - February**

		£0.00	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>02/02/26</b>	<b>£2,941.78</b>	<b>£2,941.78</b>

**Skipton Building Society**

Balance	02/01/2025	£5,831.19	
Income (interest)	02/01/2025	£185.63	
Total	02/01/20245	<b>£6,016.82</b>	<b>£6,016.82</b>
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			<b>£8,958.60</b>

Cheques to be signed at 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

A Shaw Clerk wage January	(1061)	£248.96	
A Shaw Clerk wage February	(1062)	£248.96	
A Shaw Clerk wage February meeting	(1063)	£124.48	
A Shaw Clerk wage March	(1064)	£248.96	
A Shaw Expenses Jan, Feb, March	(1065)	£87.30	
Parish Online	(1066)	£378.00	
Askwith Village Hall	(1067)	£52.00	
N Pullan	(1068)	£87.50	
			<b>£8,958.60</b>

**(£1,476.16)**

**Total held by MWPC**

**£7,482.44**

It was noted that the rate of interest on the Skipton Account had reduced again. No decision was made to act on this.

77/9 EMAILS

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

**ACTION: Clerk to send out details again.**

77/10 PLANNING MATTERS

The planning sheet was circulated.

Ref	Date Received	Address	Planning No	Planning Request	Response Due
594N	31/07/2025	The Green Nesfield Village Nesfield North Yorkshire LS29 0BN	25/02519/FUL	Demolition of existing sun room and construction of larger sunroom	24/08/2025
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
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 elmtree house including new shared vehicular access and associated landscaping	12/09/2025
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
596D	26/08/2025	Lane End Farm Lane End Farm To Hollingley 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
597N	27/08/2025	Nesfield Cottage Nesfield Lane To Grooms Cottage Nesfield North Yorkshire LS29 0BW	25/02406/FUL	Demolition of lean-to workshop and construction of single storey side extension	20/09/2025
592M APPEAL	09/10/2025	Land At Carter's Lane Middleton Ilkley LS29 0DH	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
593D	30/10/2025	1 And 2 School Row Denton Road Denton North Yorkshire LS29 0HG	25/03334/FUL	Installation of two Air Source Heat Pumps	23/11/2025

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595M	12/11/2025	5 Carters Lane Ilkley Bradford LS29 0DQ	25/03755/FUL	Demolition of existing Sun lounge and erection of new (replacement) Sun lounge. New front porch.	06/12/2025
596M	18/11/2025	Home Farm Carters Lane Middleton Ilkley LS29 0DQ	25/03953/DVCON	Section 73 application for the Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of Planning Permission 19/00597/FUL (Demolition of existing extensions and porch. Erection of two storey and single storey extensions, and a porch) to alter fenestration. Permission HGTZC23/04357/DVCON (Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans- alterations to fenestration, roof and cladding) of planning application 22/04302/DVCON Variation of condition 19 (annex) of 22/01420/FUL to allow annex to be used as ancillary accommodation to approve Property 2) to allow an extension to property 1.	12/12/2025
597D	20/11/2025	4 Church Row Denton North Yorkshire LS29 0HQ	25/04064/TPO	Crown lift (to 3m) of 1 no. Silver Birch tree (T1) under Tree Preservation Order 51/2024	14/12/2025
598D	04/12/2025	Willow Hill Farm Smithy Lane Denton North Yorkshire LS29 0HL	25/02651/FUL	Extension of existing dwelling and conversion of neighbouring barns to create additional accommodation. Demolition of existing barn and creation of new orchard. Formation of parking area, installation of air source heat pump and erection of steps and walls	28/12/2025
599A	09/12/2025	Land At Bankfoot Farm Bankfoot High Snowden North Yorkshire LS21 2NJ	25/04079/PNA	Steel framed agricultural building to match existing buildings	01/01/2026
600A	16/12/2025	Ibbotson Farm Askwith Village Askwith North Yorkshire LS21 2HX	APP/U2750/W/25/3376576	Construction of kennels with formation of a fenced enclosure (retrospective)	14/01/2026
601D	06/01/2026	Horseshoe Barn Denton Road Denton North Yorkshire LS29 0HU	25/04190/DVCON	Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 (Approved drawings) of planning permission 25/01334/FUL Householder application seeking a single storey extension and erection of a garage as well as other minor alterations, including the rerouting of the driveway.	30/01/2026
602M	12/01/2026	Cherry Bank Hunger Hill Middleton North Yorkshire LS29 0DP	25/04566/FUL	Removal of prefabricated garage and its replacement with new detached triple garage	05/02/2026
603A	14/01/2026	Ground Floor Flat 4 Rhydding View Askwith North Yorkshire LS21 2JD	25/04644/FUL	Proposed replacement of existing Conservatory with Sun Room	07/02/2026
604A	19/01/2026	Rookery Barn Low Hall Farm Askwith Moor Road To Carr Farm Low Snowden North Yorkshire LS21 2NQ	25/04485/PNA	Creating a series of ponds to provide a wildlife habitat	12/02/2026

605W	29/01/2026	14 Throstle Nest Close Weston North Yorkshire LS21 2RR	26/00372/FUL	Erection of single storey front and rear extensions. Conversion of garage to provide additional living space. Alterations to fenestration. Installation of gates to rear of property	22/02/2026
606N	28/01/2024	West Hall Farm Barn West Hall Nesfield North Yorkshire LS29 0BX	26/00268/FUL	Erection of a single-storey glazed link extension, conversion of the garage to living accommodation, including the formation of doorways and alterations to fenestration	21/02/2026

PE19	28/11/2025	Street Record Smithy Lane Denton North Yorkshire	25/00361/PRO 1	Alleged unauthorised works to trees within Denton Conservation area	
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77/13 WEB SITE

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

77/14 MEMBERS POINTS OF INFORMATION

There were no members points of information

Date for the next two meetings 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2026

The meeting was declared closed at 9.34pm.

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

Date .....





