

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 1st June 2026.

26087: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting

26088: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr Barber, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fairbairn and Cllr Hopwood. Clerk; S Look. Member of the public.
- b. Apologies: Cllr Hopkinson and Cllr King.

26089: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations received.

26090: **Co-option of new councillor:** No new applicants.

General updates

26091: **Public session:**

- a. A member of the public raised concerns about parking problems, speed and noise of motorbikes through the village. North Yorkshire Police will be holding a Drop In event for residents to discuss any concerns regarding police matters in the area. Location; Riders Retreat café, Escrick Park Gates, York YO19 6EA. Date; Saturday 20th of June. Time – 11:00 – 12:30.
- b. Member of the public expressed dissatisfaction about parish council procedures. The chair clarified that it is procedure for all parish councils that members of the public should not interrupt meetings after the public session due to the disruption, repetition and delay to procedures that it can cause.

26092: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Proposed amendment to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th May 2026.
- b. Further correspondence regarding planning reference ZG/2026/0165/COU. Wendlo House, 38 Main Street, Escrick. Change of use of residential property to short term let (retrospective). It was noted that despite the application being refused by NYC, the property is still being occupied as an Air BnB and advertised on the site. It was resolved to suggest to the residents concerned that they inform NYC planning enforcement and report the planning breach to Air BnB. Clerk to contact NYC planning enforcement and report it to Air BnB. Clerk to also contact Cllr Cattanach to request assistance in ensuring action is taken by NYC planning enforcement.

26093: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. No report.
- b. Community Police Support Officer not present. Report of dangerous and illegal parking at school drop off and pick up times reported to the PCSO The police have been out and monitored the situation on 19th May. The officers spoke to several parents and generally people were parking legally. They did notice that the solid double white lines on the bend on Carr Lane are not very visible so suggested raising this with Highways to see if they can re paint them which the clerk has done. In respect to police powers, they cannot enforce tickets for parking on double yellow lines on main street near the junction of Carr Lane, this comes under the NYC parking wardens. This can be reported at [Contact us | North Yorkshire Council](#). Clerk to contact the Parking Warden to request a site visit.

26094: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026 with an amendment to item 26078b to add new reference number to the planning application.

Finance and Governance

26095: Policy update:

- a. Councillors to review the example Vexatious Complaints/Correspondence Policies over the next few weeks and carry forward to the July meeting. Draft proposal to be distributed to councillors prior to the next meeting.

26096: Finance report:

- a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 5th May 2026:	£5591.95	£41,992.99
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – April expenses	-£56.38	
	NYC streetlighting 2025-26	-£1271.41	
	AM Castle Tree Surgeon; Village Green Corkscrew Willow tree work	-£470.00	
	B Hopper; Annual internal Audit 2025-26	-£150.00	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:	Nil	
iv.	Internal Transfer	£3000.00	-£3000.00
v.	Receipts:	Nil	
vi.	Account balances as at 26th May 2026:	£5134.20	£47,496.37
vii.	Routine payments to be made:		
	HMRC – May payment	-£130.22	
	Unity May monthly service charge	-£7.00	
	S Look – May salary	As agreed	
	S Look – May expenses including new printer	-£217.00	
viii.	Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:	Nil	

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

26097: Maintenance issues:

- a. Report of trees over hanging the public footpath on Main Street belonging to the Almes Houses causing an obstruction to pedestrians. Clerk to contact the estate.
- b. Report of overgrown vegetation on the ginnel off the A19 to Main Street opposite the Parsonage. Resolved to contact the estate to request that they cut back the right side of the path. The left side is the responsibility of the resident. Clarification required on the exact address responsible.
- c. No progress on getting the bus shelters cleaned on the A19 near Sang Thai. Clerk has contacted the Head of Transport Policy & Travel Behaviour at CYC to follow this up.
- d. Report that CYC have again not cut that vegetation on the A19 from the boundary sign up to the correct Escrick boundary. Clerk to contact CYC to remind them that the CYC boundary does not end until opposite the Esso garage.
- e. Clerk to contact NYC again about overgrown vegetation narrowing the footpath on the A19 at the south end of the village. The hedge belonging to Lyngarth has been cut back but there is concern that there are other parts of the path that are extremely narrow and dangerous next to such a busy road. Concerns that events at Escrick Park Estate will mean more pedestrians using this path to access the Esso garage.

Village Green

26098: **Village Green update:**

- a. Nothing further to report from a Village Green Association (VGA).

Playing Field / Play Area

26099: **Playing field update:**

- a. The Playing Fields Association have sent a request for funding to Cllr Cattnach for 'Improving Safety, Accessibility and Community Wellbeing at Escrick Playing Fields' including resurfacing of the toddler area, new safety matting under the existing swings and new benches. Clerk to clarify if the PFA have received a response from Cllr Cattnach and if they wish to apply for funding from the PC as well.

Planning

26100: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. No new planning applications received.

26101: **Planning determinations:**

- a. ZG2026/0261/HPA. Dower Lodge, Dower Chase, Escrick. Demolition of existing rear porch, erection of new single storey pitched roof rear extension and internal and external refurbishment generally. PERMISSION GRANTED.
- b. ZG2026/0165/COU. Wendlo House, 38 Main Street, Escrick. Change of use of residential property to short term let (retrospective). REFUSED. See item 26092b.

26102: **Other planning matters:**

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. No further update on the North Yorkshire Council Local Plan.
- b. No further update on the Light Valley Solar project. Parish Council joint meeting to be held on 1st June in preparation for the hearings during 6-month examination stage of the NSIP process.
- c. ZG2026/0178/FUL. Land Off Carrs Meadow. Erection of six dwellings., comprising of six detached homes with garages, parking and landscaping. Previous planning appeal ref-APP/U2750/W/25/3377009 - NYC ref ZG2025/0338/FUL. Decision target date 5th June 2026.

Highways and lighting items

26103: **Streetlighting:**

- a. Proposed lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sangthai is still in the planning stage. CYC are awaiting a quote from their streetlighting team. Cllr Cattnach is following this up as it has been over a year since the initial request was made.

26104: **Highways:**

- a. Speeding on Skipwith Road. NYC have visited Strawberry Fields Café and reminded motorbike drivers to drive carefully through the surrounding villages. Speed and noise modification checks requested on Skipwith Road.
- b. Report of poor pothole repairs on Carr Lane. Reported to NYC Highways. NYC Highways have visited the site and recorded no NYC Highways intervention level defects found, repairs were carried out on all actionable defects, the area will be monitored and when a defect becomes actionable, it will be actioned in accordance to the HSIM.
- c. Report of dangerous and illegal parking at school drop off and pick up times. Updated at item 26093b.

Other items

26105: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Parish Liaison updates noted.
- c. Noted the following large events taking place at Escrick Park Estate during 2026;
Wednesday 29 July – Monday 3 August Yorkshire Pudding Rally. Set up will begin on Wednesday 29th & the event will take place over the weekend.
Thursday 3 September – Monday 7 September VW Campervan Event.
- d. North Yorkshire Parish Charter 2025. For information only. Noted.
- e. From 19th June 2026 all new validated planning applications will be processed on a new planning portal. Councillors advised to save a link to the new system and register for alerts to decisions on the old system prior to this date. An alert will be able to be set on the new system once it is up and running to enable notification of new applications. To re-register and set up saved searches visit: [Simple Search](#). The Parish Council will no longer be automatically notified of planning determinations by email.

26106: **Comments from councillors and public present on agenda items:**

- a. Member of the public requested access to draft policies prior to approval and publication in order to have the option of commenting on them when discussed at meetings.

26107: **Items for the next meeting:**

- a. The next monthly Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 6th July 2026**.

Meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 6th July 2026