

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 2nd March 2026.

26039: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

26040: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

26041: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations received.

General updates

26042: **Public session:**

- a. Member of the public raised concerns again about the alleged Air BnB operating at Wendlo House. The resident has not received a response from NYC enforcement officers or Cllr Cattanach.
- b. Member of the public thanked councillors for submitting further objections to the planning inspectorate regarding planning reference ZG2025/0338/FUL Land Off Carrs Meadow however still expressed concerns that some elements were missed with regards to the land being a 'village green'. Councillors explained to the resident that although the land has been used for various events with permission from the landowner, the land is not part of the village green lease and is owned by the applicant, and it would have been wrong to mislead the planning inspectorate in this way. It was also disputed that the Parish Council has not represented the views of the majority of residents on Carrs Meadow as claimed by the resident present. Full representation was demonstrated in the lengthy objections made to both North Yorkshire Council planning department and the planning inspectorate.

26043: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Correspondence regarding the Parish Council response to the Land off Carrs Meadow planning application. Noted.

26044: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Cllr Cattanach reported that following on from the Full Council Budget Meeting where Council voted for a 4.99% increase to Council Tax. Cllr Cattanach will still have a £5000 locality budget in 2026-27. £1000 already committed to a project elsewhere in the division. Clerk to forward the details to the Playing Fields committee.
- b. Community Police Support Officer not present. No report received.

26045: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026.

Finance and Governance

26046: **Digital and data compliance:**

- a. Councillors resolved to adopt the Escrick Parish Council IT Policy in order to comply with Assertion 10.
- b. Councillors reviewed the Parish Council Financial Risk Assessment. Resolved to accept it with no amendments.
- c. Resolved to archive Parish Council historic documents with North Yorkshire Council County Record Office in Northallerton.

26047: Finance report:

a. Account balances and reconciliation:

	Community account	BMM account
Account balances as at 26th January 2026:	£3129.74	£43,640.31
Payments made since last meeting:		
Unity – January monthly service charge	-£6.00	
S Look – January expenses	-£18.00	
HMRC – Clerks salary	-£16.02	
S Look – Clerks January salary	As agreed	
Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:	Nil	
Internal Transfer	£3000.00	-£3000.00
Receipts:		
HMRC – VAT refund		£1352.68
Account balances as at 24th February 2026:	£5591.95	£41,992.99

b. Routine payments to be made:

Unity – February monthly service charge	-£7.00
S Look – February expenses	-£18.00
HMRC – clerks' salary	-£16.02
Data Protection fee (D/D)	-£47.00
Npower – Fountain unmetered electricity supply	-£6.32
R Rowson – Defibrillator pads	-£69.95
S Look – Clerks February salary	As agreed

c. Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:

	Nil
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It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

26048: Maintenance issues:

- No new maintenance issues reported.
- No progress on getting the bus shelters cleaned on the A19 near Sang Thai. Clerk has contacted Cllr Vassie (Ward Cllr for Deighton area) and Cllr Cattanach again. No progress.
- Overgrown hedges adjacent to two properties on the east side of the A19. The resident has cut back the hedge. Councillors considered options for the verge clearance. Clerk to contact NYC to request that the path is reinstated and cleared due to it being very narrow to walk on next to the busy road and safety issues. Concerns also raised that wheelchair users would not be able to use this path safely.
- Request sent to NYC to grit specific pavements in the village particularly Carr Lane and Main Street. New requests for gritting routes are held in August and September. Highways have explained that it is unlikely that the area will be added to the route as the road would need to be reclassified. Carr Lane is priority 3 route and the existing service provision for gritting complies with the Council's winter maintenance policy.
- Report of drainage problems and excess water causing damage to properties on the A19 outside numbers 7 and 9. NYC Highways have responded and confirmed that all gullies in this vicinity lead into the Yorkshire Water combined system which runs from the A19, then follows down Main Street, crosses Carr Lane and goes into the pumping station. The issue is not the highway drainage system but unfortunately the Yorkshire Water combined system that becomes overwhelmed during rain events. Unfortunately, NYC do not set Yorkshire Water priorities for asset improvements so they suggested that those affected contact them direct to complain as it may escalate the matter for works to be carried out. Councillors resolved to contact Yorkshire Water to investigate. With regards to the water damage to the properties, it was suggested that residents should get a professional assessment to ascertain where the water is getting into their properties and investigate ways of preventing it on the building such as a deflector plate on the airbrick or a more weatherproof door.

Village Green

26049: Village Green update:

- a. Nothing further to report from a Village Green Association (VGA).
- b. The VGA have instructed a contractor to cut back the decayed Corkscrew Willow on the village green.
- c. Update given on the three overgrown Walnut trees on the village green. Planning reference ZG2026/0016/TPO on the 3 Trees to crown lift them to a height of 5m above existing ground level has been approved.

Playing Field / Play Area

26050: Playing field update:

- a. Nothing to report.

Planning

26051: Planning, new applications:

- a. No new planning applications received.

26052: Planning determinations:

- a. No new determinations received.

26053: Other planning matters:

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. Third public release of the 'Call for Sites' Submissions received. It was noted that Heronby is still on the plan.
- b. Light Valley Solar. Cllr King to attend a meeting organised by Keir Mather with Light Valley Solar on 13th March. A further meeting has been arranged by South Milford Parish Council on 16th March which Cllr King will attend. Cllr Allen to investigate when further comments can be submitted to PINS (Planning Inspectorate). Further info can be found at [Light Valley Solar - Project information](#)
- c. No further update received on the complaint received regarding permissions required for Wendlo House being used as an Air BnB. Enforcement reference 2025/0212/LWORK.
- d. Planning Appeal - APP/U2750/W/25/3377009 - Land Off Carrs Meadow NYC ref ZG2025/0338/FUL. Response sent by the Parish Council to the planning inspectorate reiterating concerns about the proposed development. This has been published on the Parish Council website. Further information has been received from the applicants consultant detailing amended plans to be submitted with 6 houses.

Highways and lighting items

26054: Streetlighting:

- a. Proposed lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sangthai. Cllr Cattanach is still investigating options with NYC and City of York Council Officers. No response from CYC officer or NYC.

26055: Highways:

- a. Ponding of water on Wheldrake Lane. Freedom of information request submitted to NYP to find out the number of incidents/ accidents on Wheldrake Lane. RTC – Damage only – 7 incidents. Road Related Offence – 3 incidents. It was noted that NYC Highways have dug some ditches in the vicinity to alleviate the flooding. Clerk to contact Highways for further information.

Other items

26056: **Escrick Village Hall:**

a. Conversion to a CIO and changes to third party right of appointing a charity trustee. Resolved to support this change. Councillors confirmed that Escrick Parish Council consents to the proposed changes. If the change goes ahead, Escrick Parish Council confirmed that they wish to be included in the list of organisations with a right to appoint a charity trustee. Clerk to clarify if the Parish Council need to appoint a trustee in order to be listed.

26057: **Mobile Library:**

a. Request made for an update on the mobile library visitor numbers. It was confirmed that Escrick had 14 on the first visit (one new joiner) and nine on the second visit (six new joiners).

26058: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Parish Liaison update February 2026 noted.
- c. Draft Recommendations following the First Phase of the 2025/26 Community Governance Review. This includes the recommendation to reduce the number of councillors on Escrick Parish Council to 9. To be determined on 18th March 2026 at the full council meeting.
- d. Noted the online consultation hub regarding the update of the North Yorkshire Landscape Character Assessment.
- e. Noted the Selby, Tadcaster, and Sherburn Residents' Festival to be held on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March 2026.

26059: **Comments from councillors and public present on agenda items:**

- a. Request made by member of the public for the revised Carrs Meadow plans.
- b. Request made to ask Escrick Park Estate if they are able to arrange litter picking on the Skipwith Road again. It was also noted that litter is building up on the verges of the A19 particularly near the garage.

26060: **Items for the next meeting:**

- a. The next monthly Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

Meeting closed at 20.45

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 13th April 2026