

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 6th July 2026.

26108: Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting

26109: Apologies/Attendance:

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

26110: Declarations of Interests: No declarations received.

General updates

26111: Public session:

- a. A member of the public spoke to express ongoing concerns regarding the continued use of Wendlo House as an Air BnB despite a planning refusal. The resident has again contacted the NYC planning department and Cllr Cattnach.
- b. Another resident expressed further concerns regarding the distress and upset the use of Wendlo House as an Air BnB is having on their family. The resident has been advised to keep a log of the ongoing issues. The resident also stated her disappointment with the lack of communication and guidance from Cllr Cattnach. It was noted that the owner of Wendlo House intends to appeal the refusal. The decision notice was served on 22nd May and the appeal must be made within 12 weeks of that date. Councillors resolved to object to any appeal that is lodged. Councillors recommended that the applicant contacts Keir Mather MP for support.
- c. It was reported that concerns have been raised on the village Facebook page regarding the weeds growing on the footpath between Carrs Meadow and Main Street. On the agenda under public correspondence.
- d. A resident attended the public meeting with the local PCSO at Riders Retreat held on 20th June to raise local concerns.
- e. A resident has been informed that Queen Margarets School sale is due to complete by the end of July. No further information provided on who intends to purchase the property and what it is going to be used for.
- f. It was noted that the proposed Carrs Meadow development planning application decision has been delayed until 27th July to give the applicant a chance to make any amendments to take into account comments submitted to date.

26112: Public correspondence received:

- a. Further correspondence regarding Wendlo House, 38 Main Street, Escrick. Noted.
- b. Report of tree maintenance required on The Glade. The tree was inspected and it posed a danger to the public, therefore it was removed. Stump still to be removed. Clerk to follow up when this will be done.
- c. Report of overgrown hedges on Skipwith Road and Carr Lane. The PC maintenance contractors have now cut these back.
- d. Report of overgrown walkway between Carrs Meadow and Main Street and damaged sign. Quote received to cut back the shrub growth and remove the weed growth agreed by councillors. The damaged sign has been removed. It was agreed to consider reinstating the sign once a decision has been made on the Carrs Meadow development planning application.
- e. Councillors considered ideas for a VE Day style fundraising celebration in the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council will support the event and Cllr Cunningham will represent the Parish Council. Cllr Barber is also considering getting involved.

26113: Updates from other authorities:

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattnach not present. He has reported that he has received regular updates regarding Wendlo House but states this is a matter for officers. Cllr Cattnach is also concerned at the time it is taking CYC to deal with the lighting to the north bound shelter but hopeful that this might be resolved soon with no monies required from the Escrick PC coffers.
- b. Community Police Support Officer not present. Drop-in session held on 20th June 2026. Cllr Barber attended to raise Escrick traffic issues. Items discussed included a new 50 limit on A19, school parking and the broader issue of motorcycles through the village (including the policing of the noise/speed as they departed south on the Skipwith Road). Cllr Barber also raised concerns regarding the previously approved 40mph limit for Skipwith Road that had been dropped. The PCSO said that she would make some enquiries. Police stats; during the Month of June Escrick in total has had 11 calls service and 1 criminal damage. On Saturday the 18th of July, the PCSO will be attending the Riders Retreat in Escrick 11:00 – 12:30.

26114: Minutes:

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st June 2026.

Finance and Governance

26115: Policy update:

- a. Councillors have reviewed the proposed Vexatious Complaints/Correspondence Policies and resolved to adopt it with a change to the 'premises' stated in the policy to be amended to 'meetings of the Parish Council'.

26116: Finance report:

- a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 26th May 2026:	£5134.20	£47,496.37
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	HMRC – May payment	-£130.22	
	Unity May monthly service charge 31.05.26	-£7.00	
	S Look – May salary	As agreed	
	S Look – May expenses including new printer	-£217.00	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:	Nil	
iv.	Internal Transfer	Nil	
v.	Receipts:	Nil	
vi.	Account balances as at 1st June 2026:	£4026.91	£47,496.37
vii.	Routine payments to be made:		
	HMRC – June payment	-£18.02	
	Unity June monthly service charge	-£7.00	
	S Look – June salary	As agreed	
	S Look – June expenses	-£18.00	
	Npower – Festive Lights	-£32.90	
	Npower – Fountain lights £1.64 & £1.31	-£2.95	
	A Hodgson; plants for near the Fountain	-£63.97	
viii.	Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:	Nil	

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

26117: Maintenance issues:

- a. Maintenance issues. A resident has purchased plants around the fountain.
- b. No progress on getting the bus shelters cleaned on the A19 near Sang Thai. A further complaint with a photograph has been sent to CYC.
- c. Most of the overgrown vegetation at 1 Wenlock Drive has been cleared. Clerk has sent a letter to the property owner. The PC contractor has cut the grass verge. Cllr Hopwood agreed to remove the large weed remaining.
- d. Report that overgrown vegetation on the ginnel from the A19 to Main Street has now been cleared by Escrick Park Estate and the resident in the area.
- e. Escrick Park Estate have cut back the reported overgrown trees outside the Almes houses on Main Street. The narrow pedestrian footpath has also now been cleared on the A19.
- f. Yorkshire Water drainage / pumping station issues. Yorkshire Water have opened an investigation into the adequacy of the system in Escrick and the recurring problems.
- g. Blocked drain on A19 outside the Parsonage. Reported to NYC who have logged a complaint with Yorkshire Water. This is still being investigated by Yorkshire Water and they will call with an update soon.
- h. Report of the dead tree on the Glade resolved (see item 26112b).

Village Green

26118: Village Green update:

- a. The Village Green Association (VGA) have had a machine on the green to get the blanket weed out of the pond. All the weed, sludge and debris have been put on the edge of the pond to dry out and let any wildlife get back into the pond. When dries it will be removed and put under the trees. The VGA would like to plant some water lilies to try and cover the surface of the pond which will help prevent the blanket weed returning.
- b. A councillor reported that the footpath to Gassy Woods is overgrown. Clerk to contact Escrick Park Estate.

Playing Field / Play Area

26119: 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. Cllr Cattnach has agreed to consider funding. The PFA have also contacted Plasmoor to request funding.

Planning

26120: Planning, new applications:

- a. ZG2026/0503/HPA. 35 Carrs Meadow, Escrick. Single storey infill extension to front. Resolved no comments.
- b. ZG2026/0511/TCA. Fell 1 No Holly (T1) and fell 1 No Juniper (T2) in the conservation area. Cobweb Cottage, 15 Main Street, Escrick. Objection submitted by the planning working group with a request to put a TPO on the trees.

26121: Planning determinations:

- a. No new planning determinations received.

26122: Other planning matters:

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan update; the Planning Policy team will be doing an online briefing where they can update Parish Councils on the new plan-making process introduced by the Government and progress with the preparation of the new North Yorkshire Local Plan. They will set out the new stages of plan-making, discuss how they're going to be engaging with PCs. This follows the approval of the Local Plan Timetable by Executive on the 16 June. The briefing will explain the key milestones and set out when they

will be going out for our Scoping consultation. The team are proposing that these briefings be held over a number of days in mid/late July, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions to try and ensure they reach as many Town and Parish Councils as possible. Dates TBC.

- b. Light Valley Solar project update; a Parish Council joint meeting was held early June in preparation for the hearings during 6-month examination stage of the NSIP process. A Preliminary Meeting (for the 'Rule 6' letter) will be held on Tuesday 28 July 2026, 10:00am, The Parsonage Hotel & Spa, Escrick, York YO19 6LF and by virtually via Microsoft Teams. Residents must register by completing the event participation form by procedural deadline B, Tuesday 7 July 2026.
- 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 has been extended to 27th July 2026.
- d. ZG2026/0165/COU. Wendlo House, 38 Main Street, Escrick. Change of use of residential property to short term let (retrospective). REFUSED. NYC planning enforcement have confirmed that the applicant intends to lodge an appeal.

Highways and lighting items

26123: **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. No update received despite chasing this up with CYC officers.

26124: **Highways:**

- a. Speeding on Skipwith Road. The police van has been present on Skipwith Road on several occasions recently. The police have confirmed that they are supportive of reducing the speed limit on Skipwith Road near the Wheldrake Road junction to 40mph. They have also reported that the reduction on the A19 has had a positive effect. Cllr Barber is going to keep in correspondence with PCSO and attend the next drop in event at the Riders Retreat.
- b. Councillors resolved to revisit the request to reduce the speed limit on Skipwith Road when the intended usage of Queen Margarets School has been confirmed.
- c. Renewal of line markings outside Escrick School; North Yorkshire Council have previously visited the site, an order has already been raised for refreshing of the yellow school markings and the white linings from the jw A19 to the jw main street and will be carried out in the near future.
- d. Report of dangerous and illegal parking at school drop off and pick up times. NYC parking warden visited the site on 9th June 2026. A suggestion was made to request double yellow lines in a section opposite the school.

Other items

26125: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Parish Liaison updates noted.
- c. Councillors resolved not to comment on the review of subsidised local bus services as the services being considered do not go through Escrick.

26126: **Comments from councillors and public present on agenda items:**

- a. Member of the public reported that the PCSO has suggested that the parking problems and congestion near the school could be possibly alleviated if people used the QM car park. Councillors agreed that the people usually parking dangerously would probably not want the extra inconvenience by parking further away.
- b. Concerns about the applicant of the proposed Carrs Meadow development submitting new applications which residents are now challenging.

26127: **Items for the next meeting:**

- a. The next monthly Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 7th September 2026**.

Meeting closed at 20.45.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 7th September 2026