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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Wednesday 13th May 2026**

The Parish Council met on Wednesday in the Village Hall, Askrigg

Present: Cllrs. JHodgson (Chair), S Fawcett, D Scarr, G Kirkbride, Y Peacock and Mrs K Lynch (Clerk), and 4 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllr. D Teasdale

2. Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19th March 2026 were confirmed as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Any items not covered in the published agenda

4. Declaration of interest

None

5. Highway Issues (standing item)

Following the last meeting the Clerk emailed Highways regarding extending the yellow and white lines through the village. The Clerk reported that Highways had responded to say they had visit the site and submitted a plan suggesting where they needed to be extended to and from. It was agreed to go ahead with the proposal, which would include a public consultation process.

6. Finance

6.1 Expenditure – resolve to pay. Proposed and seconded by Cllrs A Kirkbride and G Kirkbride

02/02/26	Askrigg Temp Hall	Hall fees	30.00
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12/02/26	HMRC	Clerk PAYE	60.40
17/02/26	NYC	Yorewaste	26.54
28/02/26	K A Lynch	Clerk salary	242.41
02/03/26	Parish online	Website dev.	258.00
12/03/26	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	60.40
17/03/26	NYC	Yorewaste	28.08
30/03/26	K A Lynch	Clerk salary	242.41
02/04/26	NYC	Playground inspection	145.37
02/04/26	G J Muir	Bench stain	21.99
13/04/26	K A Lynch	Instant Ink reimbursement	78.88
13/04/26	HMRC	Clerk PAYE	60.40
16/04/26	NYC	Yorewaste	28.24
28/04/26	K A Lynch	Clerk salary	242.41
30/04/26	YLCA	Subs	253.00
30/04/26	Clear Ins.	Parish Insurance	437.28

30/04/26	S R Oram	Village tubs	380.00
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6.2 Receipts

05/02/26	Mortimore J A	Donation	1,000.00
13/04/26	Village income		522.04
30/04/26	NYC	Precept	4,500.00

7. Planning applications

New Applications:

R/50/179B Erection of agricultural building to replace temporary polytunnel for storage purposes. Land west of Moor Road, Newbiggin. No objections

R/50/90L Full planning permission for conversion of garage to 2 bedroom dwelling for local occupancy together with installation of solar panels at Woodburn Yard, Beckstones, Moor Road, Askrigg. – No objections

Outstanding applications.

Section 73 application for removal of Condition 9 (occupancy condition) of R/50/104A (full planning permission for conversion of garage block to house and garage for owner/manager accommodation) at Barn at the White Rose Hotel, Main Street, Askrigg **R/50/104B** - ongoing

8. Carrs Billington Site

The Clerk raised the idea of exploring a possible community purchase of the Carrs Billington site as there was no possibility of purchasing part of the site for car parking. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the agent for Carrs Billington to get an idea of price. Cllr Peacock suggested contacting the Plunkett organisation who may be able to give advice on community purchases. Cllr Hodgson said he would follow this up.

9. Village Hall update – Secretary now appointed and the hall is getting well used.

10. Church update – Nothing to report

11. Playground

Cllr A Kirkbride informed the meeting that someone was visiting the site on the 14th May to give a price for the wetpour work.

12. Healthwatch

Cllrs. G Kirkbride and Y Peacock had been to a meeting about the Central Dales Practice (CDP) take over of Reeth surgery. CDP will run the Reeth branch surgery with prescriptions being dispensed from Aysgarth. All residents registered with the CDP will receive a letter informing them of the change over.

13. Cemetery

The Cemetery committee to have a 'tidy up' session on the 21st May.

14. School

Every child has to register for a school place. Cllr Fawcett said parents had been contacted regarding changes to the school name and uniform. He agreed to send the email to the Clerk for circulation.

15. Low Mill Outdoor Centre - They are expecting to be in profit this year.

16. Public Transport

Nothing to report

17. Waste/dog bin – near to the Askrigg sign on Station Road.

It was agreed for the Clerk to order a bin.

18. Vehicle Activation Sign

No information to report.

19. Correspondence

YDNP – New Design Guide – noted

YDNP - **Heugh, Nappa** There have been concerns over the work that has been carried out at the Heugh. The enforcement officer had visited the site and Cllr A Kirkbride has been informed of the outcome.

22. Any other business

Cllr G Kirkbride had been approached regarding the overgrown trees down Mill Lane. One in particular is a large conifer. The Clerk was asked to contact the housing association asking if it could be cut back.

The Clerk said there are a number of weeds over the school wall which need to be tidied. She was asked to write to the Trustees of the Yorebridge Centre as it is their responsibility.

Cllr Fawcett asked for a follow up of the request for traffic measures at Nappa. The Clerk said she would follow this up.

Cllr Fawcett asked if the owners of Dog Kennel Cottage could be asked to trim back the over hanging tree branches as he had caught is tractor mirror on them.

23. Date and time of the next meeting: Wednesday 15th July 2026 7.30 p.m. in the back room of the Village Hall