

Parish Council of The Yealands

Minutes

26 March 2025 Quaker Meeting House, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Sue Tyldesley, Cllr Gerry Moore, Cllr Roger Dent, Joanne Wheeler, Cllr Anne Prescott, Clerk Rebecca Oaks, Cllr Dawn Hancock, (Chair) Cllr Lucy Arthurs, Cllr Alan Greenwell, Richard Clarke

78. To accept apologies

Cllr Phillippa Williamson

79. To confirm minutes of previous meeting and sign them

Agreed

80. To co-opt Joanne Wheeler to the Parish Council.

Proposed by Cllr Hancock, seconded by Cllr Dent, **Agreed.**

81. To consider Training for new Councillors.

LALC do a Whistlestop Tour for Councillors and Clerks. 2hr online course. 13th May 7pm to 9pm - Cllr Prescott and perhaps Cllr Wheeler to attend **Agreed**

Understanding precepts – **Action** Clerk to put something together for Councillors

Planning - factors relevant to decision. **Action** Cllr Tyldesley to offer a session for all the PC.

82 . To receive reports of the County Councillor and City Councillors

Report by Cllr. Alan Greenwell to Yealands Parish Council 26/3/25

1) Meadows Close

Regarding the extension at 20 The Meadows, backing on to Meadows Close -- every 2 or 3 weeks there are complaints about noise, builders etc. I've met both the complainant and the house owner. All is calm at present and the building is approaching completion.

2) Moorholme Local History Society -- change of venue

At the recent coffee morning, a gentleman complained about the change of venue from Yealand -- and the great difficulty in parking in Silverdale.

I asked the Society about this. Nina Gaubert, Chair of Mourholme Local History Society has said that the reason why they moved from Yealand was because attendance at meetings were, on two occasions, very close to the fire regulation limits. They are still thinking about the relative advantages and disadvantages of the two venues.

Action Cllr Greenwell to ask them to contact Cllr Moore as Chair of the VH Committee.

3) Digital Divide issues

At the recent coffee morning, two people sought my advice, and there was a useful discussion with the wider group.

Action Cllr Greenwell Offered to repeat on an occasional basis.

Analogue has been switched off at Leighton Hall, this area has been targeted as a test area, as we are well covered by B4RN. 2027 is the time when the switch over is scheduled to be complete. Issues with phone based services such as 'Care call' and lack of Mobile signal.

Recently an application for a mobile phone mast in Silverdale was withdrawn, but this will be needed, if there is no analogue phones and fibre to individuals in remote locations unlikely.

82. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

Richard Clarke – Queried the implications of the extension of the Conservation Area to include the fields behind the Church.

Planning restrictions within the NL already, but the CA allows further protection of the visual impact of trees and stone walls (views from the village). Shouldn't make a great deal of difference, but will complete the boundary of the CA

Compulsory purchase of land for development? This is unlikely to happen within the NL. All the proposed sites are on the LCC website but not in our parish.

The NL Management Plan is being rewritten at present. The Development Plan for the area is also being rewritten.

Lack of building plots in the NL for young people working in the area. Only one farmhouse and a son to accommodate at Cinderbarrow Farm.

83. To receive declarations of interest; to include personal and personal and prejudicial interests.

None

84. To consider planning applications and consultations:

25/00040/FUL 10 The Meadows

Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side extension

Application permitted

25/0030/TCA Red Bank Barn

T1 and T2 Conifers – Fell

Application permitted

25/0032/TCA 15 The Meadows Side pruning of beech tree

Awaiting decision

25/0040/TCA 3 Hill Top Close 1x Leylandii - fell 2x Cherry – trim 1x Chilean Pine – trim

Awaiting decision

25/00143/FUL Installation of two rooflights to the rear elevation Storrs Holme Silverdale Road Yealand Redmayne Carnforth Lancashire LA5 9TA

Awaiting decision

85. To approve payments and finance

Clerk Fee March 2025	£411.84 SO
Clerk Fee April 2025	£426.82 SO
Clerks Nest Pension March 2025	£30.03 DD
Clerks Nest Pension April 2025	£31.12 DD

Forest School Path £2265 + VAT
(To be reclaimed from NL Access for All grant)

Agreed

Income: Interest £28.44

Bank balance: 14 March 2024 Business account £9965.59

Treasurers account £473.10

86. Crime figures for the area.

Dec, Jan no trends and nothing of consequence.

87. To consider road issues.

Litter Picking – Safety signs.

Very successful volunteer day, the RA sent through from LCC said no picking on roads over 40mph, but when queried they came and did an assessment and revised their advice, but suggested we put up signs. The only bit out of bounds is under the rail bridge on the A6. There are no bins in the laybys on A6 in Conyers which contributes to the problem

Action Cllr Tyldesley to ask if they would lend us signs in future.

Action Cllr Tyldesley to ask for more bins and perhaps pick up bags from the A6 laybys

Action A second litter pick date, with more bags, Sat 26th April A6 adults only, 10am.

Action Clerk to circulate the insurance documents to the Councillors.

A6 Litter picking schedule. There is no schedule, it is too expensive to close the road for litter picking, but would do it if it was closed for another reason.

Enforcing penalties for littering would help.

From a farming perspective tin cans and balloons are the most hazardous.

Speeding and reporting issues. None at present.

88. Draft Yealand Conyers and Redmayne Conservation Area Appraisal (CAA) - public consultation (21 February - 4 April 2025)

Interesting reading, listed buildings in particular. How can we make residents aware of the document?

Action put link in the newsletter again.

Action Clerk to respond to make the point that people live in these houses and we need to meet modern standards of heat efficiency and too strict restrictions are hindering these essential developments and these have mortgage implications also.

89. To consider the new path to the Forest Schools site.
Progress report. Work ongoing and a claim to be in by the end of March.

90. To consider the playground – Trampoline update
Inspection report.

Action Clerk to draw up a job list from the report findings, circulate for discussion, and put out to tender.

Action Clerk to add the Inspection report to the next agenda.

91. To consider the YOGA refurbishment - Crowd fund progress etc. Fundraising events.

It's going well and a raffle is being devised with some great prizes from local businesses.

If there are more funds raised than needed, we can buy further sports equipment, online booking system?

92. To receive reports from the outside groups-

National Landscape Cllr Tyldesley unable to make the next meeting on the 21st May anyone else available?

Trowbarrow Trust Cllr Dent Circulated the minutes of the meeting the attended. Get people more involved with Bat surveys etc. Article for the newsletter in August. Ash dieback in the trees on the top of the climbing walls, warning signs to alert climbers. Squirrels are being controlled (greys) but quite hard to get people to do this, it's not very lucrative. Red squirrels are being reintroduced to Arnside Knott in fenced areas.

Mansergh Trust Clerk. Next meeting in May, publicised in the next Newsletter

Village Hall Committee, Cllr Moore, Cllr Hancock Quiz on the 26th April.

Allotment Group. Clerk - Work party date? (Clerk to set a date)

The Archbishop Hutton Sole Trustee Company Ltd Cllr Hancock (Chair)
Cllr Prescott is now the PC rep.

Dr Sherlock's Charity Cllr Arthurs/John Smith Up and running and have given money to Warton and Yealand schools (£2000 each) for laptops.

Action Put on the website to let people know. (Newsletter)

Canal - Check the buoyancy aid - Cllr Moore

Leaking near Hilderstone, the CT have tried to fix this. Sections of the tow path have been resurfaced which is great for walkers.

Storrs Wood (Storrs Watering Place) Clerk has asked for a hedgelayer to look at the boundary of the wood this will be postponed now until autumn.

The Pound (Public Watering Place) Clerk

Bench outside the pound needs a step to make it more useable. **Action**
Clerk to find out who provided the bench and to ask for action.

93. To consider items for the newsletter

94. To note the date and time of next meeting.

First Wed of the month - 30th April for PC meeting 7pm VH

Parish Meeting/AGM postponed but must be before 1 June.

Cllr Hancock is standing down at the AGM

Action Clerk to post notice after that of PC vacancy.

Action Clerk to check the latest date we can have an AGM **Done**

Action Clerk to draw up dates for the year ahead.