

## Parish Council of The Yealands

**Wednesday 4 March 20226 at Yealand Village Hall 7.30pm.  
Minutes**

**Present** Cllr Dawn Hancock, Cllr Alan Greenwood, Cllr Geraldine Moore, Cllr Anne Prescott, Cllr Joanne Wheeler, Cllr Roger Dent, parishioners Morna Williams, Janice Eaton and Jean Tunncliffe Wilson

- 186. To accept apologies Cllr Sue Tyldesley
- 187. To confirm minutes of previous meeting and sign them

### **Confirmed**

- 188. To receive reports of the City Councillors

Cllr Tyldesley and Cllr Greenwood

Arnside and Silverdale National Landscape Management plan has been formally adopted and is now available for quoting in regard to planning applications.

All residents have now received their new bins and hopefully understand the new arrangements. Please read the information provided carefully and pass any queries to the District Councillors, if there are any issues.

The City Council passed a balanced budget on Wednesday last week. This includes some new funding for a new cafe at Williamson park and some extra funding for grasslands management.

Litterpick- once date confirmed Cllr Tyldesley will arrange to borrow equipment from the City Council and try to sort out the risk assessment to allow litterpicking on our over 40mph lanes and the A6 verges.

The Local Government Reorganisation should be decided later this summer and the Chief Executive Mark Davies is collaborating with other councils to ensure there is no interruption to services, and then there will be a shadowing year (with double expenses) to bed the new authorities in. This upheaval, coupled with instability in the world, may yet impact the May elections going ahead in some council areas, affecting 5000 councillors.

189. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

### **Consultation on Local Government Reorganisation**

<https://lancashirelgr.co.uk/say-1>

The background to the reorganisation was explained following the Government web pages [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) We are under a two tier system at present which is seen as inefficient and over complex. The County Council being responsible for Social Care, education, roads, waste disposal and libraries. The District council Lancaster City Council responsible for rubbish collection, housing and planning and environmental health. The plan is to bring in single-tier unitary councils that are responsible for all local government services in an area. The question to be discussed is how big an area and with which of our neighbouring districts will we be amalgamated? We are presented with Five options and the consultation asks the same nine questions in regard to each of these.

1. The option favoured by the County Council is a two unitary authority option North Lancashire (722,045) and South Lancashire (879,600) These were considered too big to be meaningful in terms of local accountability. There was support expressed for the economic case for this option.
2. A three unitary model which puts us in with Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre. In terms of population it would represent Coastal Lancashire 493,387, Central Lancashire 521,811, Penine Lancashire 586,357.

This was unpopular with the meeting and described as a 'fudge', some concern was expressed about the deprivation found in Blackpool and how that would inevitably absorb a lions share of funding.

3. A four unitary model, this one is the one favoured by Lancaster City Council. We would be teamed up with Preston and Ribble Valley as North Lancashire (373,664) Fylde Coast (380,000) South Lancashire (358,000) and Pennine Lancashire (520,000).

This option was largely favoured by the meeting although concern was expressed as to whether it was economically viable. It was seen a positive thing to be teamed with Preston and Ribble as relatively wealthy areas and with potential for jobs and investment. Also not quite so urban dominated as other options but retaining our rural distinctiveness.

4. Also a four unitary option but would see us teamed up with East Wyre and North Ribble as North (392,543) with West (392,502) South (358,947) and East (520,653).

This was not favoured by the meeting as it requires a good deal of boundary changes.

5. This is a five unitary option with us joining forces with Wyre, North (263,700) with a West (392,000) East (272,400) Middle (314,400) and South (358,900).

This option was not favoured as too small.

**Action** Clerk to respond to the consultation indicating our preference for Option 3 and calling on the PC if necessary to furnish any detailed answers.

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

191. To consider planning applications and consultations:

25/00486/FUL Appeal 25/00032/HAS - 11A Yealand Road, Yealand Conyers -. Erection of a garage modified to 8m  
Appeal dismissed 4/12/25

25/01212/FUL 25/01213/LB Brow Foot Farm  
Change of use of attached barn to form part of existing dwelling, renovation of dwelling including chimney and roof repairs, re-rendering, replacement windows, demolition of outbuilding and installation of septic tank

Awaiting decision

26/00036/FUL Great Croft

Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of replacement outbuilding

Objected, letter sent on 5 Feb

Awaiting decision

26/0033/TCA 23 Yealand Road Fell Yew to make space for apple

Awaiting decision

**Action** Clerk to look at this tree and circulate thoughts.

26/0025/TCA 14 The Meadows Tree reduction

Application withdrawn

Do we need a table for circulating to councillors for comments on planning to formalise the way decisions are made to comment or not?

**Action** Clerk to draw up a spreadsheet using Cllr Hancock's Conyers template and circulate.

192. To approve payments and finance

Clerk Fee	March	2026	£426.82	SO
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Clerk Fee April 2026	£439.17 SO
Clerks Nest Pension March 2026	£31.12 DD
Clerks Nest Pension April 2026	£36.98 DD
Bank charges for Jan/Feb	£8.5
Metcalfe retained fee (paid)	£1365 (paid)
Barker Christmas Tree	£100 (paid)
Gary Rowlinson	£90 (paid)
Defib Pedi Pads and batteries	£240.72 (paid)
Yealand Village Hall room rent	£20 (paid)
Clerk Office contribution	£60
Garden Waste renewal subs	£46
Craig Jackson playground work	£100

Clerk fee rise 6 hours a week @ £17.78 = £462.28 per month  
Clerk pension contribution £13.87 per month

Income: Interest £12.80, Vat refund £2549.48

Bank balance: 25 Feb 2025 Commercial instant access £13,406.54

Community account £57.32

### **Approved**

The budget for 2026/27 was discussed. The added complexity of keeping the YOGA budget ringfenced was explained by the clerk. It is possible that this may not actually all be spent, in fact the £2084 that the PC pledged, may not be needed for this purpose.

193. To consider the need to register land held by the Parish under the new name.

**Action** Carry forward a meeting of the Parish Land subcommittee to discuss further action required.

Progress report - Public Watering Hole footpath proposal to link to VH

**Action** Clerk to pursue this with the local landowners to see what is feasible.

194. To consider the crime figures for the area.

Not a lot to report, as per last meeting.

Clerk to write to Sgt Lindsey Brown, to ask for a meeting, we would like to speak about trends such as bike thefts and scams.

We could host a Crime Prevention event later in the year.

**Action** Clerk to respond to Paul Shepherd about this.

**Action** Cllr Greenwell to send the contact details for PC Lindsey Brown.

195. To consider road issues. Purchasing a new speed radar.

Elan City radar (£2,984.22). The Village Hall committee have agreed to contribute £1000 to this.

Post to be provided by Highways, cost to be advised (£500)

**Action** Clerk to confirm with Highways to go ahead with the post and to purchase the SPID when we are sure that the post is arriving.

**Approved.**

196. To consider the playground – Monitoring update.

**Action** Clerk to obtain Iain Harbison's report and circulate. All outstanding work has now been done, and we are not aware of anything that could cause harm at this time.

**Action** Chase Mike Sharples re the corner that gets driven over. We need a bigger planter.

197. To consider the YOGA refurbishment -

Update – waiting for the lines to be painted.

**Action** Clerk to convene a meeting of the YOGA group.

198. To consider the updated Risk assessment.

Public Watering Hole RA - Cllr Wheeler and Clerk visited and have drawn up a RA. Meeting agreed there was an urgent need for a sign warning of the dangers (deep water, uneven and slippery surfaces)

**Action** Clerk to contact Dougie at the ASNL to see if he would check the boardwalk to ensure it is still sound enough to be used.

**Action** Clerk to obtain a sign to be positioned at the start of the boardwalk.

199. To consider a new noticeboard at the Village Hall  
Harry Stebbins oak £1347 + delivery £195 (£1542)  
Noticeboard direct brown recycled plastic £ 1373.60 free delivery

**Action** Delay this till the budget allows. Wait until the YOGA spending is completed.

200. To set a date for a litter pick and pothole spotting - 18 April  
suggested **Agreed**

**Action** - update the risk assessment as per last year. Add a requirement for a look out, to warn re drag from a large HGV's. No children and high vis to be worn.

**Agreed**

201. To receive reports from the outside groups-

**National Landscape** Cllr Tyldesley

**Trowbarrow Trust** Cllr Dent AGM 19 March will report

**Mansergh Trust** Clerk. **May meeting**

**Village Hall Committee**, Cllr Moore, Cllr Hancock AGM March 24<sup>th</sup> all welcome. Starting a repair café in May it will be one month in Yealand and next one in Warton.

**Allotment Group**. Clerk – Insurance to be covered by allotment holders, plans for some fund raising for fencing, stones for path, digging a pond.

**The Archbishop Hutton Sole Trustee Company Ltd** Cllr Prescott. Four applicants for vacant property, interviews on March 11th. The house has been completely refurbished.

**Dr Sherlock's Charity** Cllr Arthurs

To consider, Clerk to take a seat on this charity?

It was **agreed** that the clerk should take a seat on this charity.

**Canal** - Check the buoyancy aid - Cllr Moore

**Storrs Wood (Storrs Watering Place)** Clerk – Safety check Contact Dougie

**Public Watering Place** Clerk - Board walk safety check.

Pond course £15 Yorkshire Wildlife Trust online 31 March.

**Agreed** for the clerk to attend this.

202. To consider items for the newsletter

Litter pick

Parish meeting

Our thanks to Cllr Hancock who is retiring after having been Clerk for YC since 2003 and Councillor from 2013. She has kindly offered to continue to check the defibrillator and look after the Conyers planter by the pump.

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

First Wed of the month – May 6<sup>th</sup> AGM