

Parish Council of The Yealands **Minutes**

Wednesday 7 January at Yealand Village Hall 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Graham Dalton, James shadowing, Cllr Dawn Hancock, Cllr Geraldine Moore Chair, Cllr Joanne Wheeler, Cllr Alan Greenwell, Clerk Rebecca Oaks, Cllr Anne Prescott, Cllr Lucy Arthurs.

167. To accept apologies

Cllr Sue Tyldesley, Cllr Roger Dent (poorly)

168. To confirm minutes of previous meeting and sign them.

Accepted and signed.

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

Cllr Dalton started his report by saying it has been very quiet in the Yealands since the last meeting, in terms of parishioners getting in touch with him.

The CC is in the throes of setting its budget. This is a hard task as two hundred million is to be saved over the next three years.

Adult Social Care (ASC) – which has the biggest share of funding, is particularly impacted. Cllr Dalton has written to the Minister Stephen Kinnock to see if Central Government is going to do anything about this.

It will be a challenge to make savings however SEND, another high user of the budget, has improved from poor to good over the last 6 months.

Reform is taking a more business like approach to service provision and management than Cllr Dalton said had been used previously.

Questions and comments were made by local Cllrs.

The need for balancing good financial control should be balanced with the needs of people. Clarification was sought on what were the signposts to show when improvements have been achieved.

Saving money may be essential but managing change is as important. Not all older people want en suites - it is the quality of care that is important.

Cllr Dalton acknowledged comments and said that there was a moral and ethical duty to provide good quality services.

He said that although ASC is considered to be for older vulnerable people in fact the 18-65 year age group made up the biggest user group.

He suggested setting up a micro business, where someone locally could manage the care needs of the local community.

Cllr Greenwell

Lancaster City Council has passed to the minister their preferred option of 4 Unitary areas. The least unattractive option was for Lancaster to merge with Preston. The County Council has proposed two unitary areas and others have proposed three. Elections next year. This year's elections in May may make the government think again about the time scale.

LCC is launching the food waste collection by the end of March. It will go to Leyland anaerobic digester and will be turned into biogas and fertiliser.

170. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

None

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

None

172. To consider planning applications and consultations:

25/0212/TCA Leathwell Cottage

T1 Conifer - Fell

T2 Conifer - Reduce to height of hedge

T3 Tulip Tree - Crown thin by 20% and reshape

T4 Magnolia - Crown reduce by 20% and rebalance crown

Permitted 18/11/25.

25/0210/TCA Poplar, Pine, and Birch - Crown reduce by no more than 30%

Permitted 12/11/25.

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

Appeal dismissed 4/12/25.

25/01025/FUL Glendavin Erection of a two-storey rear extension and single storey infill extension to side elevation and removal of existing garage door and installation of window

Application refused 18/12/25.

173. To approve payments and finance

Clerk Fee	January	2026	£426.82	SO
Clerk Fee	February	2026	£426.82	SO
Clerks Nest Pension	Jan	2026	£31.12	DD
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Bank charges for Jan/Feb	£8.50
Metcalfe still to pay	£1365
Barker Christmas Tree	£100
Pedi Pads Cllr Hancock (22.26 VAT)	£133.56

Agreed

Income: Interest £22.10

Bank balance: 22 Dec 2025 Business account £13,363.74

Treasurers account £599.01

174. To consider the budget for 26/27 to set the precept.

Agreed and signed.

Action Clerk to send in precept form for the January 30th deadline.

175. To consider the need to register land held by the Parish under the new name. Progress report - Public Watering Hole footpath proposal to link to VH.

Solicitor in Lancaster to change the registered title on the YOGA (circa £750)

Agreed

Our solicitor has also quoted us the cost for investigating the other land issues we have raised.

Action Subgroup to meet to agree a firm proposal for further action (or none)

Clerk and Becky Williams to reconnoitre the Public Watering Hole to see if there is a feasible option for a route through to the Village Hall.

A path would need some low-level solar lights. To be considered in future.

176. To consider the crime figures for the area.

There has been a lot of burglaries locally, Yealand Manor and Greenlands, Brackenthwaite all have lost equipment, all well planned and not just opportunistic.

The police just give an incident number and do not always come out.

Community Police officer came to the Silverdale PC meeting and reported on seven crimes in the locality.

Action Clerk to request a meeting with the community police to discuss the local burglaries.

177. To consider road issues. Purchasing a new speed radar, three quotes obtained

Subgroup met and identified the issues. Changing the speed limits needs some evidence to support.

Agreed to purchase the Elan City SPID with the proviso that the Highways Department agree with where we propose to site it and that the data collected will be accepted as evidence.

Action Clerk to design a postcard to circulate around the houses to encourage people to report speeding.

Action Clerk to put a word in the newsletter about the teens wearing lighter clothing in the winter when walking to the bus.

Issue people parking opposite the end of Peter Hill, there was an incident when a car was unable to stop due to black ice and collided with these cars – This is the sort of issue that needs reporting.

Issue parking on the Meadows which makes the wagons go onto the grass.

Action Clerk to follow up again with Mike Sharples regarding this.

Action Clerk to report the very many potholes along Silverdale Road

178. To consider the playground – Caledonia Play update.

Monitoring update.

Iain Harbison has the checklist and will report to Clerk before each meeting. The December checklist has been delayed due to the Christmas holidays.

Action Clerk to chase Craig Jackson for the pinning down of the grass mats, which is the one outstanding action from the last available report.

179. To consider the YOGA refurbishment - Update

Metcalfe's to do the rectification as soon as a weather window allows and we are still waiting for confirmation of a date for the markings and a price.

Action Clerk to continue to press for this.

We will need to set up a booking system, Google do one.

Action YOGA group to investigate this.

180. To consider the Digital policy document and adopt it.

Adopted – **Action** Clerk to meet with Cllr Wheeler about the implementation of the policy document.

181. To consider the updated Risk assessment and sign it.

Action Clerk to send the RA to Zurich to see if it is deemed suitable to cover our obligations for Public Liability.

182. To consider a new noticeboard at the Village Hall

Adjourn to next meeting.

183. To receive reports from the outside groups-

National Landscape Cllr Tyldesley **None**

Trowbarrow Trust Cllr Dent **None**

Mansergh Trust Clerk. **Next meeting May**

Village Hall Committee, Cllr Moore, Cllr Hancock

Busy Christmas programme, new programme to be drawn up shortly.

Allotment Group. Clerk to investigate funding for a pond (with landowners' permission) and improvements including fencing and water harvesting.

The Archbishop Hutton Sole Trustee Company Ltd Cllr Prescott.

There is a vacancy for a one-bedroom house, closing date mid Feb, allocated on need not age, interview early March.

Dr Sherlock's Charity Cllr Arthurs Very quiet, still need a new person to step up to replace John Smith.

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

Storrs Wood (Storrs Watering Place) Clerk Hedgelaying **To do.**

Public Watering Place Clerk as above.

184. To consider items for the newsletter

Dr Sherlocks

Speeding

Postcard on speeding

Archbishop Hutton

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

First Wed of the month –

March 4th AGM May 6th