

THE YEALANDS PARISH COUNCIL

The Yealands Annual Assembly to be held on 30th April 2025 at the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Cllr Sue Tyldesley, Alan Tyldesley, Cllr Roger Dent, Vince Smith, Jean Tunnicliffe Wilson, Granville Tunnicliffe Wilson, Cllr Lucy Arthurs, Brian Hancock, Cllr Geraldine Moore, Cllr Dawn Hancock, Clerk Rebecca Oaks, Ann Rigsby, Will Clarke, Sine Fleet, City Councillor Alan Greenwell.

25/1 Appoint a chair

Cllr Hancock was appointed **Agreed**

25/2 Apologies Cllr Joanne Wheeler, Cllr Phillippa Greenwood, Cllr Ann Prescott.

25/3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th April 2023
Accepted

25/4 Annual Report from the Chair of The Yealands Parish Council.

Yealands Parish Council. Chairperson's Report 2025.

The first year of the new Parish Council for the Yealands has been proof that we are able to achieve more as one Parish Council.

We have appointed two new Parish Councillors, Joanne Wheeler and Anne Prescott. We welcome their ideas and expertise. Thanks to all the councillors and Rebecca for all your hard work. Thanks also for the input from our two city councillors, Sue Tyldesley and Alan Greenwell.

We have been involved in consultation and funding for a new Path to the Forest school site. This should be much safer for the children, as they will not have to walk along the road. Many thanks to the landowners for allowing this access.

We are working to raise money to lay a new surface on the multi-use games area, now known as the YOGA. We hope to reach the goal with a mixture of Crowd funding, grants and fund-raising events. This is another example of all groups working together.

We have addressed traffic issues but still want better road marking and attention to potholes and poor road surface. Love Clean Streets have responded to requests for action on hazards. Gary has done general tidying and cutting back of foliage. The N.L. have done much needed repairs to the boardwalk around the pond.

We will continue to support 'Tidy the village' days. The A6 needs more attention than we can safely provide. We will continue to request that Highways attend to this eyesore.

The Orchards for all project was supported by many residents. Fruit trees have been planted at the allotments. We will be pleased to see more residents using the allotment plots. We will support the planting of more trees in the Parish.

The Parish Council contributed to maintenance in the playground. We hope to improve this facility and will monitor the condition of the equipment.

We also hope to repair the multi-use games area, now known as the YOGA. Together with grant money and active Fund raising, we are well on the way to hitting the target for the repairs. We want to encourage more use of this area. The Pickle ball event showed that there is an appetite to use this outside area.

We welcome the addition of two new bus services to Kendal and Lancaster and will encourage residents to make use of them.

The Councillors have considered all planning applications and continue to represent the Parish on the Archbishop Hutton Sole Trustee Company Ltd [the new name for the body that administers the four Alms houses] , the Arnside and Silverdale National Landscapes [previously known as the AONB], the Trowbarrow Quarry Group, Dr Sherlock's Charity and the Mansergh Trust.

We remain committed to the provision of the defibrillators and training updates.

We have commented on the draft Yealand Conyers and Redmayne Conservation Area Appraisal document and intend to have a voice in the National Landscape development plan. We all feel that the Yealands area special place to live and want to enable residents of all ages to be able to comfortably live here in the future.

As I stand down from my position as Chairperson, I wish my fellow Councillors all the very best for the future.

Dawn Hancock Chairperson

25/5 Financial Report

The Yealands Parish Council Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March

2025

	2025	2024 YR
Balance at Start of Year - Current A/c	6134.22	3,344.10
Balance at Start of Year - Deposit A/c	301.19	661.66
	<u>6435.41</u>	4,005.76
Total Income :		
Precept	9,902.00	6,500.00
Conyers balance	2910.82	745.05
Interest	148.55	800.00
Payable support	900.00	66.62
VAT return	774.98	2,605.00
Village Hall donation	1,000.00	600.00
Clerk repayment YC	201.50	1,000.00
Balancing payment	6.00	71.50
		41.52
Total Income Received :	15,843.85	12,429.69
Total funds available	22,279.26	16,435.45
Expenditure :		
1 Clerk Fee	5092.89	3138.67
2 Nest pension	346.35	210.6
3 Bank charges (new)	4.25	0
4 Insurance	276.1	378
5 LALC/slcc Subs	167.55	164.13
6 ICO	35	35
7 Audit Fee	60	30
8 Website/Security	66	0
9 Web hosting	72	115
10 Post/Phone/Stat/Inks	88.49	50.1
11 Gardening /Trees/Bin	2581.05	356.49
12 Painting/Repairs	289.36	2366
13 Newsletters/Hall Hire	10	0
14 AONB S.137.Donation	300	200
15 Other S.137 Donations	0	0
Election		
16 expenses	0	120
17 Xmas Tree/Electrical Check	100	100

18	Defib / Padi Padz Costs	140	158.79
19	War Memorial/MUGA/Allot	77	269
20	Orchard project expenditure	0	1603.41
21	Gifts	70	
22	Capital expenditure	3659.18	0
23	VAT	822.01	<u>704.85</u>
	Total minus employment	8817.99	6,650.77
	Totals inc employment	14257.23	<u>10,000.04</u>
	Balance	8,022.03	6,435.41
Bank reconcilliation:			
	Deposit A/c Holds :	7961.59	6134.22
	Current A/c Holds :	<u>60.44</u>	<u>301.19</u>
	Balance at yr end 31/3/24	8022.03	6,435.41

The Yealands Parish Council
Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Notes to the Accounts :

- 1 This is worked out at 6 hours a week @ £17.10
- 2 3%, the statutory minimum (though still on a voluntary basis)
- 3 New
- 4 Zurich
- 5
- 6 ICO
- 7 Carol Beattie independent examiner of accounts
- 9 A2A
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- 11 Gary Rawlinson for PROW work + funded project Forest Schools Path
- 12 Boardwalk at VH
- 15 None
- 16 Uncontested election expenses
- 17 Includes Xmas Tree, Elec Check,
- 18 Replacement pads and batteries
- 19 Allotment Association fee
- 22 Monkey Bars and new computer

R Oaks Clerk & RFO

Dated : April 2025

25/6 **Open Forum**, in which any resident on the Electoral Role may participate.

Will – What is the target for the YOGA? Would like new tennis nets, the surface will be great. We are very nearly there, 61 days to go.

Ann – Helicopter Flights from Greenlands over the weekend. Logged them every 5 minutes Saturday, Sunday over Warton 10am - 4.30 then a longer ride 20 minutes up to 6pm. 2 helicopters (?) Creating noise, air pollution, tanker of fuel in the field nearby. £99 for 5 minutes.

It was noted that no planning was needed under the 28 day rule. There are no restriction on noise for aviation, however height restrictions must be adhered to.

Action Clerk to write and ask for future dates so that people are forewarned. Also ask for their flight logs, the CAA regulate this so they could check if they are operating within the licence.

Ash dieback, policy is to leave them unless there is a safety issue.

Vince - Electric Vehicle charging point, do we have feedback about the trial to use an electric car to power the VH? This has so far not been successful but another trial planned.

Action Contact Charge my Street to find out about this + the signs and the electric usage.

Jean - Cutting back of the hedges this has been noticeably better this year, mostly landowners but highways too.

Love my Streets is very easy to use for reporting all issues, including hedges, pot holes and speeding everyone was encouraged to use it.

‘Our Environment’

National Landscape, many things going on including ‘Walks for all’, and their volunteer teams, Farming in Protective Landscape (FIPL) funding has been awarded for another year, to support farmers to undertake environmentally beneficial works.

Bittern Award a youth group in Warton has won this year

The meetings are always very positive.

National Landscape plan for the next 5 years being written now

City Council – Local plan (Planning covering 15 years) wasn't going to affect this area but things have changed and now can't have a plan that crosses borders so this is being rewritten.

Silverdale have been active with their Sustainable Transport Survey, which may have had an influence on provision of our new bus to Kendal.

Silverdale have a produce swap scheme which raises money for the foodbank on a Wednesday morning, once a month outside the Gaskell Hall.

National Landscape Survey
What do you love about the landscape?

What three things do you think we should focus on?

Maintaining the landscape as it is.

Maintaining walls which are an important feature.

Hedgerow management and restoration -is there any coordination over the management of hedges?

Will - local farmer spends £2500 a year on 19,000m of hedging.
Important for stock shelter, wildlife, planting hedges.

Problems?

Lucy - Strip out beaurocracy from NL, Local Authorities, stifling entrepreneurship. There is a sentence in the NL remit which is problematic. i.e. Mobile phone tower in Silverdale, did the NL block this application. Upgrading works on Listed building on the Leighton estate costing £6000 for a bat survey, is this necessary?

Felling licence for the Estate needed a meeting with all stakeholders including the NL.

Don't want to strip out all regulation but a balance needs to be found and decisions made with humanity.

NL - Not always easy to get hold of them, since Covid and more home working.

Parking is a problem.

Speed concerns on the 60mph roads, how to encourage cycling and walking and horseriding?

Damage to verges -Suggestion - Make19 acre Lane a single track road and add signed passing places.
Excessive mud on a few local footpaths during wet weather.

25/7 Other matters

Many thanks to the Parish Council for our work through the year.

Clerk Rebecca Oaks

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