

Parish Council of The Yealands

Minutes of the meeting 1 July 2026

Present: Cllr Roger Dent, City Cllr Alan Greenwell, City Cllr Sue Tyldesley, Clerk Rebecca Oaks, Cllr Anne Prescott, Cllr Joanne Wheeler-Stones, Dawn Hancock, Cllr Lucy Arthurs

223. To accept apologies

Cllr Geraldine Moore,

224. To elect a chair and vice chair for the Parish Council.

Cllr Moore to stand again, Cllr Tyldesley proposed, Cllr Arthurs 2nd Show of hands unanimous. Vice chair Roger Dent Proposed Cllr Prescott 2nd Cllr Arthurs. Unanimous.

There was no-one present to be coopted onto the PC, three potential candidates have stepped back for personal reasons.

Action Put the advert back on to our social media and newsletter.

Action All to approach likely candidates

225. To confirm minutes of previous meeting and sign them

Agreed and signed

226. To receive reports of the County Councillor and City Cllrs

Cllr Greenwood - Eden project launched £100million to be spent. Will more housing be taken over as holiday lets?

LG Reorganisation to be announced in July, will the change of PM make any difference to this? The speaker of the House of Commons has objected to Chorley being merged with Preston, which if followed

is more likely to favour the 4 unit option. Cllrs to let us know in due course.

City Council is happy with the new waste collection regime, food waste will in time be converted to biofuel, to fuel the waste recycling centre. It is not intended to sell it for profit.

Visit by council housing officer Matty Braithwaite, he thought the Meadows Close hedges were fine and he's made contact with residents, with issues to raise.

More council houses to be built in Skerton, but frustrating delays connected to finance.

Cllr Tyldesley - Peoples Emergency briefing, experts in the field of Climate Change looking at the threats to the UK. They would like to get it shown widely. We will have one here at the Village Hall on 16 September, organised by SWAY. Showing of the film and a structured discussion. Would the PC be in support? We will support by spreading the word and encouraging attendance.

Action Clerk to send round the link to the information about this.

Swift boxes, Cllr Tyldesley and others are taking a motion to Council to get this supported to require developers to put up swift boxes on new build. This is not expensive and can have very positive effect on swift populations.

Correspondence with Highways regarding the road closure on Footeran Road for urgent leak repair by United Utilities, with incorrect signage. Vehicles damaging infrastructure at Meadows having to turn in tight spaces.

Weed spraying, Morecambe don't come out very often to spray the weeds. But they have been out recently. Glyphosate is used. We would support this on the paved areas, where absolutely necessary, but not on the hedgerows where cutting is more appropriate.

Action Get the new lengthsman/woman to do the pavement on Yealand Road. The hedge on Peter Lane is growing over the road.

Action Put it on Love Clean Streets.

227. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

Dawn Hancock gave thanks for the garden token and it was confirmed that Cllr Dent has taken her place on the bank account.

Action Clerk to ensure that she is taken off the bank account.

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

None

229. To consider planning applications and consultations:

26/00278/FUL - 15 The Meadows New French window in the garage.

Permitted 1st June 2026

26/00493/AD Cinderbarrow Farm new building prior approval
Prior approval not required, 6 June 2026.

26/0108/TCA Kilross House Lower a lime tree to 4m
Comments by 2 July
Awaiting decision – no comment.

230. To approve payments and finance

Clerk Fee July 2026	£439.17 SO
Clerk Fee Aug 2026	£439.17 SO
Clerks Nest Pension July 2026	£32.36 DD
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Bank charges for May/June	£8.5
Clerk expenses	£484.20 including -
<i>Locking storage box for YOGA</i>	<i>£99.99</i>
<i>Tennis nets for YOGA</i>	<i>£254.99 +vat (305.99)</i>
<i>Pickleball sets for YOGA</i>	<i>£29.99</i>
<i>2 x tennis rackets + balls is</i>	<i>£33.99</i>
<i>Football -</i>	<i>£10</i>
<i>Childrens 1st pickleball set -</i>	<i>£29.99</i>
<i>First aid kit for YOGA</i>	<i>£20.63</i>
SPID	
A2A website for booking system for YOGA	£72
Village Hall booking	£10

Agreed

Income: Interest £17.14

Bank balance: 24 June 2026 Commercial instant access £17,414.35

Community account £475.99

Action Clerk to contact John Ball Warton clerk, to obtain an invoice for SPID john.ball@easyemail.org

Money raised by the YOGA will be held in the VH account for future equipment.

231. To amend the AGAR forms following feedback from the external auditors and sign them.

Done

232. To consider the call for consultation on the District Local Plan date due 20 July

Has the plan covered all the issues it should?

Need a change in national legislation regarding listed building and allowing more leeway to bring them up to modern energy efficiency.

We would like more priority given to climate mitigation and balance this against the needs of listed building. The needs of Heritage, environment and climate change in conflict and creating huge amount of beaurocracy.

Action Cllrs to look at the questions and feed comments to the clerk for submitting.

Greenspaces Playground is already designated but mention this.

Development sites Silverdale have found a suitable site but have run up against concern from residents.

Would we want to go down this route? It was raised at a recent meeting at the VH. We do need affordable housing to keep young people in the village.

Action Clerk to complete the consultation.

233. To consider the Parish Land - Progress report

Pond by the Village Hall – On hold while we consider the merit and feasibility of trying to create a path through to Well Lane.

Public Watering Hole footpath proposal to link to VH - Update

A/SNL will schedule in a volunteer day to mend the boardwalk, but until we have decided whether to remove, replace or repair this is on hold. They may be able to help with removal if that is what is decided.

Action Meeting a contractor to assess feasibility of a new boardwalk at the pond on 10th July

Action Clerk to contact C Winder to keep her abreast of developments.

Action Cllr Dent to check with solicitor about progress on the change of name on the Land registry for the YOGA land and playing field from Yealand Conyers to The Yealands.

234. To consider the crime figures for the area.

In March there was one incident logged, nothing in April

235. To consider traffic concerns

Elan City radar - Progress report

Speeding incident was reported on Yealand Road, this is under investigation for speed count data.

A6, Snape Lane - Villagers experiencing traffic travelling southbound on the northbound dual carriageway.

The highways and the police took this seriously, visited the site and recommended some new signage.

236. To consider the playground – Monitoring update.

Iain Harbison has sent in a report and highlighted the fact that the loose post has not been dealt with yet. Also we will have to lift the mats at some point and remove the silting. The slide may also need further work if the inspection report passes the fix that we have done on one side.

Action Clerk to chase up an inspection report from LCC.

Thanks to Michael Wilson for doing some running repairs.

The new defib signs have been put up. We have put a small laminated notices in each of the 3 defibrillator boxes advising where

the next nearest one is if the defib is showing a cross, i.e. not working.

Action Cllr Wheeler Stones to organise.

237. To consider purchasing a planter for the Meadows and other gardening matters

Clerk has researched the options for a planter similar to the ones at Silverdale Station. To get one 1m x 1m x 75cm high would be over £500. Other quotes were LeisureBench £375 ex vat Earth Anchors £396. It was suggested that some fund raising would be needed for this as it would take over half the years gardening budget and that is without soil and plants.

Action Clerk to pursue Mike Sharples who had a planter to offer.

Action Clerk to put in an invoice for work done by her in the past weeks, strimming the pound, and the road edge at Storrs wildflower verge.

Clerk vacated the meeting while the PC discussed two applications received for Lengthsman/woman

Action the outcome to be sent by Cllr Dent to the candidates.

Action Cllr Prescott to join the clerk in an assessment of the jobs that need doing.

238. To consider changing to gov.uk domain and getting emails for councillors with this address.

PC not keen to do this in this way.

Action Cllr Wheeler to check with the company in Carnforth she has been dealing with over the YOGA booking system and see what they say.

239. To consider the YOGA refurbishment - Risk Assessment, Equipment purchase, Open afternoon.

The equipment has been stored in the VH temporarily until the Locking box can be assembled. We need to trial the tennis net before the Thankyou Cream Tea on Sunday 12 July 2pm - 4pm

240. To receive reports from the outside groups-

National Landscape Cllr Tyldesley Nothing

Trowbarrow Trust Cllr Dent Might be a walk through in July

Mansergh Trust Clerk. Nothing

Village Hall Committee, Cllr Moore 17 July summer party

Allotment Group. Clerk Funding gained

The Archbishop Hutton Sole Trustee Company Ltd Cllr Prescott. Next meeting September 14th 2026.

Dr Sherlock's Charity Cllr Arthurs Nothing to report.

Canal - Check the buoyancy aid - Cllr Moore

Storrs Wood (Storrs Watering Place) Clerk – Safety check
Clerk to get an arboriculturalist to look at the oak tree as per the safety check undertaken by the A/SNL. The tree identified as requiring felling has been dealt with.

Public Watering Place Clerk - Board walk safety check.

Action Get the warning sign up ASAP

241. To consider items for the newsletter

Planning consultation

Cllr Arthurs met the new catholic priest at St Mary's a very lovely chap
Fr David Branford.

Action Contact him to let him know what is going on in the area.

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

First Wed of the month – Sept 2, Nov 4, Jan 6, March 3, May 2

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