

Parish Council of The Yealands

Meeting of The Yealands Parish Council, on Wednesday 6 May at Yealand Village Hall 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Sue Tyldesley, David Wolfenden-Riley, Cllr Roger Dent, Cllr Geraldine Moore, Cllr Anne Prescott, Amanda Bingley, Clerk Rebecca Oaks, Liz Mooney.

204. To accept apologies:

Cllr Wheeler, Retiring Cllr Dawn Hancock

Chair Cllr Geraldine Moore, formally elect next time.

Thanks were expressed from the whole PC to Cllr Dawn Hancock for all her work over the years for Yealand Conyers first as Clerk then as Councillor and as Chairperson. Also taking on the Chair again for the unified Parish Council. She has said she will continue with the Defib checks and the Archbishop Hutton Trust and available for historic information.

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

Confirmed

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

Cllr Sue Tyldesley

Cllr Alan Greenwell

Council plan for final two years of Lancaster City Council, provides a document to guide the new unitary council however that looks. The rural areas are not really emphasised enough. The Local Area Energy Plan has made no impact except some big wind farms. In some areas

of Social housing £800,000 of the £1million available has been allocated to retrofit 100 houses to make them energy efficient.

With regard to the new Unitary authority, some areas will need to set up Town or Parish councils such as Heysham and Lancaster City. This should not affect us.

Elections tomorrow, Scotland and Wales have proportional representation, not England though, it will be interesting to see how this is reflected in the results.

207. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

None

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

None

209. To consider planning applications and consultations:

26/00036/FUL Great Croft

Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of replacement outbuilding

Objected, letter sent on 5 Feb

Application Permitted 10/04/26

The application was revised and reduced by a 1/3 and the chimney moved to one end.

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

Application permitted

26/0025/TCA 14 The Meadows Tree reduction

Application withdrawn

26/00263/AD Yealand Hall Farm

Agricultural determination for the erection of an extension to
existing storage building
Prior Approval Refused 02/04/26

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

210. To approve payments and finance

Clerk Fee May 2026	£439.17 SO
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Clerks Nest Pension May 2026	£36.98 DD
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Bank charges for Jan/Feb	£8.5
Allotment insurance – Cllr Moore paid	£46.10
Simpson Millar fee for YOGA documents	£74 (inc £10 vat)
Zurich insurance -	£708.92
Mrs Carol Beattie internal audit fee	£60
Cllr Moore for Gift	£53.25
LALC	£120.51

Approved

Income: Interest £10.67, Precept £10,400

Bank balance: 29 April 2026 Commercial instant access £22,427.21

Community account £171.94

We need to replace Dawn Hancock as a signatory on the account. Cllr Dent to do this.

211. To consider internal auditors report for The Yealands PC
accounts for the year ended 31 march 2026, the annual
governance forms signed and accepted and the Accounting
Statement approved.

Accepted, approved and signed

212. To consider the insurance quote from Zurich re increasing the asset values covered, an increase in premium of £79.25, giving a total renewal amount of £708.92

Agreed to take the bus shelters off the asset list for insurance and get another quote.

213. To consider the Parish Land - Progress report

Waiting for solicitor to take action on the change of name of the land purchased by Yealand Conyers for the YOGA and football field, to The Parish Council of the Yealands.

Pond by the Village Hall – Proposal to complete the purchase from Christina Winder that stalled in 2010. Need to establish an indicative value for Inheritance tax even though she will sell it for a nominal sum.

Action Clerk to get a RICS estimate for a valuation.

Public Watering Hole footpath proposal to link to VH.

Action Clerk to liaise with other interested parties to put together a proposal for a boardwalk connection between the Public Watering Hole and the Pond by the Village Hall.

214. To consider the crime figures for the area.

Four more crimes since March, in the area under investigation.

215. To consider traffic concerns.

Elan City radar - Progress report

Action Clerk to chivvy highways for a pole, then make a joint purchase with Warton, which will reduce the cost by £250.

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

This has happened in front of parishioners three times recently.

Reported to Love Clean Streets job code 5476073 but no response so far.

Action Clerk to write to 1938@lancashire.police.uk Linsey Brown to ask for action to improve the signage.

Action Clerk to write to Warren Goldsworthy also on this matter.

Action Clerk to put something in Yealand News about this.

217. To consider the playground – Monitoring update.

Report from Iain Harbison discussed and further actions are as follows.

Michael Wilson to repair the wobbly post and one of the picnic benches is rotting quite badly but he can make mends on the other and cut the tree. The slide repair was completed by Craig Jackson but the other side needs attention. We will wait to see if the original repair is approved of by LCC inspector and if so, get the second side done.

218. To consider GDPR – Protocols for emails – review of IT policies and sign

Emails, should we all have council emails? This needs to be tighter.

Action Clerk to use Bcc if including non-Councillors in an email.

Action Clerk to ask AtoA to supply Initial.surname@theyealandspc addresses for all councillors

219. To consider the YOGA refurbishment - Update

Painted lines inspected and approved of as satisfactory.

220. To receive reports from the outside groups-

National Landscape Cllr Tyldesley Lucy has offered to come and talk to the PC consider for next AGM.

Trowbarrow Trust Cllr Dent March advisory group meeting

Action Clerk to circulate the minutes of this meeting.

Mansergh Trust Clerk. Nothing to report

Village Hall Committee, Cllr Moore,

Fundraiser for St Johns Hospice 30th May 2pm with the Ossie singers

Allotment Group. Clerk A bid has been put in for Pots of Possibilities money (LDCVS) for £5000 for a number of improvement at the allotments. We may need to set up a separate Charitable Trust to manage the site.

The Archbishop Hutton Sole Trustee Company Ltd Cllr

Prescott. New resident selected. There is a meeting of the trust next week.

Dr Sherlock's Charity Cllr Arthurs no report.

Canal - Check the buoyancy aid - Cllr Moore Checked it today, all well. Clerk contacted Canals and Rivers Trust regarding the mowing regime as it had seemed over enthusiastic on a biologically diverse stretch of the Canal. They mow 6 times a year to keep the footpath open, but this spring cut may have been a tad late and over wide.

Alders Watering Hole Clerk – Safety check, A/SNL has been asked to undertake this. The fencing has been renewed all round by the farmer/estate.

Public Watering Place Clerk - Board walk safety check, the A/SNL has been to check the boardwalk and will undertake some minor repairs.

Action Check with Dougie when he is coming to do some repairs and put the sign up

221. To consider items for the newsletter

Co-option of a new councillor

Snape Lane/A6

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

First Wed of the month – July 1, Sept 2, Nov 4, Jan 6, March 3, May 5

Cllr Moore away July 1

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