

THE YEALANDS PARISH COUNCIL

The Yealands Annual Assembly to be held on 6th May 2026 at the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

Minutes

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

26/1 Appoint a chair

Cllr Geraldine Moore proposed as Chair R Oaks Seconded by Cllr Tyldesley

26/2 Apologies Cllr Alan Greenwell, Cllr Joanne Wheeler

26/3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th April 2025

Accepted

26/4 Annual Report from the Chair of The Yealands Parish Council.

The Yealands Parish Council

Chairperson's Report to the Parish Assembly

Introduction

Another busy year with much activity taking place between our 6 meetings. With one Parish Council issues across all villages and statutory responsibilities have been more effectively managed. The Parish Council has a good mix of longer standing councillors and newer ones and we are well served by our Clerk Rebecca Oaks. Do use our website as information is placed on there of all statutory notices and consultations etc

www.theyealandspc.org.uk

Regular Business

Each meeting looks at planning applications that are carefully considered. We take into account comments received before deciding whether to comment, send in objections or approve.

Finances and payments are always an agenda item as it is imperative to ensure that the money held is spent wisely and all essential items budgeted for such as insurance, maintenance of our assets including parish land as well as finances for special projects for example the Yealand Outdoor Games Area (YOGA).

At each meeting those councillors sitting on outside groups report back for example National Landscape, Archbishop Hutton, Dr Sherlock's Charity, Mansergh Trust, Trowbarrow.

A lot of work has been carried out this year on ensuring our assets list is updated and Parish land in our ownership clearly identified. This includes the Public Watering Hole and the Pound. The name on the land registry, on which the YOGA is sited, will be changed to reflect that there is now one Parish Council.

Successes

It is a pleasure to report on a number of successful initiatives during the year.

Path to Forest School

The safety of residents and visitors in our villages especially using our roads is a huge priority. With the support of local landowners, National Landscape Trust and working closely with our local Primary School the council was able to ensure safe access for school children to the Forest School by opening up a path through a field and woods avoiding the increasingly dangerous road.

YOGA

The refurbishment of the outdoor games area is now complete. This has been a big project for our small villages but with huge support, grant funding and fundraising the area has been resurfaced. Before any lines were painted there has been a huge interest in Pickleball. Now that the

lines have been completed we hope to promote tennis, football, pickle ball as well as a safe place for children to play. Watch out for our grand opening and celebration event.

Allotment Project

In partnership with the Village Hall the allotment project is growing in popularity and usage. The fruit trees planted there as well as on the meadow in the centre of Yealand Redmayne are growing and will hopefully yield a bumper crop this year. Produce “swap and donate events” have been held with money made donated to the Morecambe Bay Food Bank. A priority is to look at ways to encourage and share learning.

Consultations

The Parish Council is often asked to Consult residents on major issues. Two are worth noting. The consultation on the Management plan for Arnside and Silverdale Landscape and Local Government reorganisation. Both with the potential to impact on our villages. The priority for both is to preserve the rurality and tranquillity of our locality whilst recognising that change is inevitable. A response has been submitted on both.

Ongoing Issues

The top issue often brought to the Parish Council by residents is speeding. The Parish Council has drafted a strategy that aligns with the County Council’s overarching Road Safety Strategy. Priorities include changing/reducing speed limits, improving the safety of children going to school, and raising and reporting the dreadful state of our roads that are full of potholes. As a first step a new SPID (speed indicator) is being purchased to be located near the school which will be more flexible and will collect data for evidence of speeding.

We take seriously any issues brought to our attention such as crimes in the area, unsafe parking, unsafe trees. All are investigated And where we can we respond.

Silverdale and Warton Sustainability Group

Considering sustainability issues is ongoing with a number of ideas under discussion including a Repair Cafe to be held bi-monthly at our Village Hall. We also hold regular volunteer litter picking days that latterly encompassed taking photos and reporting pot holes (yet again) on the County Council App Love my Streets.

Playground

An important asset but also one that can be an issue as repairs and maintenance are ongoing. During the year maintenance has been carried out but with our increasingly risk averse way of life keeping on top of this asset with limited resources continues to be an issue. Nevertheless it is an important asset for local children.

Final Thanks

Thank you to all Parish Councillors. As volunteers we all give our time freely and are committed to our community.

Thank you to our Clerk for her support often exceeding the time paid for.

Finally a huge thank you to one of our retiring Councillors Dawn Hancock. Dawn has served on Yealand Conyers Parish Council for many years first as Clerk then as Chairperson. She will be hugely missed as her local knowledge is immense. We wish her well in retirement.

26/5 Financial Report

The Yealands Parish Council Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	2026	2025
Balance at Start of Year - Current A/c	7961.59	0
Balance at Start of Year - Deposit A/c	60.44	0
Yealands balance	8022.03	
Total Income :		
Precept	9,902.00	9,902.00
Redmayne balance		6,435.41
Conyers balance		2910.82
Interest	131.03	148.55
Payable support	1,895.48	900.00
VAT refund	2,805.90	774.98
Village Hall donation		1,000.00
Clerk repayment YC		201.50
Spacehive YOGA funds	8,356.48	
YVH YOGA funds	7,185.81	
School for FSpa	1,000.00	
3Rgrant	1,000.00	
Cllr Hancock refund	50.00	
Balancing payment		6.00
Total Income Received :	32,326.70	22,273.26
Total funds available	40,348.73	22,273.26
Expenditure :		
1 Clerk Fee	5121.84	5092.89
2 Nest pension	372.35	346.35
3 Bank charges	66.5	4.25
4 Insurance	602.35	276.1
5 LALC/slcc Subs	169.02	167.55
6 ICO	47	35
7 Audit Fee	270	60
8 Website/Security	70.83	66
9 Web hosting	115	72
10 Post/Phone/Stat/Inks	126	88.49
11 Gardening /Trees/Bin	327.48	2581.05
12 Painting/Repairs	11931.79	289.36
13 Newsletters/Hall Hire	20	10
14 Allotments	70	

	Election		
15	expenses	0	0
16	AONB S.137.Donation	2380	300
17	Other S.137 Donations	0	0
	Xmas Tree/Electrical		
18	Check	100	100
19	YOGA	2219.99	77
20	Defib / Pedi Padz Costs	606.38	140
21	Gifts/refund	50	70
22	Capital expenditure	0	3659.18
23	VAT	2981.68	822.01
	Total expenditure minus employment	22154.02	8817.99
	Total expenditure including employment	27648.21	14257.23
	Balance	12,700.52	8,016.03
Bank reconcilliation:			
	Deposit A/c Holds :	12581.39	7961.59
	Current A/c Holds :	119.13	60.44
	Balance at yr end		
	31/3/26	12700.52	8022.03

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 Bank service charge
- 4 Zurich three year deal
- 5 Subs for LALC and SLCC
- 6 ICO
- 7 PFK + Carol Beattie independent examiner of accounts
- 8 Microsoft 365
- A2A Web
- 9 hosting
- 11 Gary Rawlinson for PROW work
- 12 Caledonia play basket swing + trampoline repair, YOGA resurface
- 14 NAS fee
- 16 Forest Schools Path
- 18 Includes Xmas Tree, Elec Check,
includes Spacehive donation which was paid back into the bank under
- 19 Spacehive above and Pickleball equipment
- 20 Replacement pads and batteries
Cllr Hancock
- 21 overpayment
- 22 YOGA resurfacing+ Forest Schools path

R Oaks Clerk & RFO

Dated : 13/4/2026

26/6 Open Forum, in which any resident on the Electoral Role may participate.

Presentation about the YOGA funding

Spacehive

- 50 local people donated a total of £4,910.00
- Lancashire Culture and Sports Fund £4,500

Minus £752.67 Spacehive fees

Minus £100.85 Transaction fee

Final total **£8,356.48**

Village Hall

Pub events, calendars etc £1759

Quiz £370

Raffle £1822

School, Rotary, St Johns £4324

Income £8271 minus expenditure of £1085

Total £7185.81

3R funders £1000

Date	Item	Ref	Dep A/c	Contractor	Equipment	Lines
27/06/25	Spacehive YOGA funds	FPI	8356.48			
29/07/25	Village Hall YOGA funds	TRF	7185.81			
13/08/25	T Norton pickleball equipment exVAT	FPO	-112.49		112.49	
06/11/25	3R Funding	FPI	1000			
16/11/25	Metcalfe minus 10% minus VAT	FPO	-10018	10018		
12/02/26	Metcalfe 10% retained minus VAT		-1365	1365		
	Line marking	proposed	-2100			2100
	Equipment		?			
	Booking system		?			
	Totals (£) Remaining funds		£2946.8	11383	112.49	2100

Discussion

A booking system is planned for Yoga use.

Will the school use be added to the timetable?

School have priority in the term time during school hours but will also use the booking system so that when they don't need it it can be made free for all.

We need a balance between local and outside groups who might want to use it.

Booking will also involve a fee system to help support repairs etc.

Do we need a formal group to run it?

Parish own the land but the School and Village Hall and PC combine to run it. We need a meeting to discuss making the management group a bit more formal.

26/7 Other matters

None

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