

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF LITTLE OUSEBURN, KIRBY HALL & THORPE UNDERWOODS

**held on 14th May 2026 in the village hall,
following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs. A Sheldon, J Slight, C Bligh. A Kennerley (clerk)

26/12 **To elect the Chairman** of the Council and receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office. It was approved that Cllr. Smith continues as chairman. Declaration to be signed at the earliest opportunity.

26/13 **To elect the Vice Chairman** and to receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office. It was approved that Cllr. Sheldon be vice- chairman. Cllr. Sheldon is acting chair for this meeting.

26/14 To receive apologies for absence: D Smith, L Powell, A Warneken

26/15 To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest on any matters of business. None

26/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2026. The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

26/17 Public Participation: No members of the public present.

26/18 Update of Speed watch. A team of volunteers undertook the first speed watch on 20th April at 9am for 45 minutes. Of the 69 vehicles that passed, 4 were exceeding the limit. Additionally, many vehicles spotted the group and slowed down accordingly.

The kit has been supplied by North Yorkshire Police with no charge. However, if it isn't used regularly, then LO will have to return it. Community Speedwatch is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in their local community. The group is open to more volunteers. Many thanks to Martin Plavins for coordinating the Speed Watch group.

The team have undergone many further sessions which have encouraged vehicles to slow down and also caught those speeding. Data is uploaded and sent to the police, who can send letters to repeat offenders.

26/19 Finance:

- To note that LOPC is exempt from External Audit for 2025-26. Noted. LOPC is exempt from external audit as its annual turnover does not exceed £25,000.
- To note the Annual Audit Report for 2025-26 of the Annual Governance Accountability Return (AGAR) Noted.
- To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2025-26 of the AGAR. Approved and signed accordingly.
- To approve the Accounting Statements 2025-26 of the AGAR. Approved and signed accordingly.
- To approve the publication of documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations (2015), the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. Approved.
- The financial statement was circulated prior to the meeting. To pay: Internal Audit £50 plus insurance.

Date		Description	Paid In	Paid Out	Balance
		BALANCE 11.02.26			3484.66
24.03.26	DPC	Parish Online (website and emails gov.uk)		378.00	
31.03.26	DPC	Defib Store		82.80	
31.03.26	DPC	Clerk's wages Q4		821.12	
31.03.26	DPC	White Rose Acc		18.00	
31.03.26	DPC	Clerk's expenses 2025/26		211.13	
23.04.26	BAC	HMRC Vat refund	304.56		
23.04.26	DPC	Farm and Land Services		170.40	
30.04.26	BAC	Precept 1st half	3000.00		
30.04.26	CHG	Bank charges		1.75	
		Totals	3304.56	1683.20	
		BALANCE 12.05.26			5106.02

- g) To approve the Council Insurance Policy renewal. Approved @ £358.93 for one year with Zurich Insurance.
- h) To approve the Risk Assessment. Approved
- i) To review the Council Asset Register. Approved.
- j) To re-appoint John Gawthrope as internal auditor. Approved.

26/20 Planning: To note decisions made by LOPC and NYC since last meeting.

26/00234/FUL Erection of a replacement carport style garage structure, to form ground floor garage and ancillary accommodation with first floor office space within the roof pitch. Erection of a replacement enclosed porch to the main dwelling. Installation of two conservation style rooflights to the main dwelling. Hillcrest Barn, Back Lane for Mrs Tamsin West	A: The parish council has no objections.
26/01027/FUL Erection of a Barn Including Stables, hard standing and landscaping. Land Comprising Field At 444900 458692 Rudgate, Whixley for Mr Thomas English	B: the parish council objects on the following grounds: The Parish Council objects on the planning grounds set out below: 1. This planning application is for a 60' x 36' barn which is a huge barn for such a small field. it questions the necessity for excessive buildings and on an elevated location. 2. Little Ouseburn Parish Council is concerned that this application is the first part of an attempt to get planning permission for a future residential property, which it opposes. 3. Entrance to field is close to junction on a very small lane which gives access to the well-used cricket field. 4. LOPC notes that hedging has already been planted around the field and hopes this will not intrude on sightlines for the junction with Boroughbridge road.
26/01287/TPO Lateral reduction of 1 Oak tree (T43) shown as (T001 on plan submitted with application) by 0.5 -1 metre of Tree Preservation Order 23/1996. Queen Ethelburgas College, Thorpe Green Lane, Thorpe Underwood	A: The parish council has no objections. NYC-Application refused
25/02498/LB and 25/02497/FUL Conversion of barns to 5 no. dwellings with associated works and infrastructure. Kirby Hall Farm Elwick Lane to Thorpe Green Lane Little Ouseburn for Mrs PD Crowther Farm.	NYC – Application permitted
25/03324/FUL and 25/03325/LB Replacement front porch, new gate and wall, new timber windows and external doors, internal remodelling and new lean to roof to rear with roof lights. Sloethorne Farm, Main Street.	NYC – Permission granted
26/01681/FUL Erection of agricultural storage building with associated hardstanding and improvements to existing access, Northlands Boat Lane Great Ouseburn for Mr Melvin Parker	A: The parish council has no objections.
26/02120/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two storey replacement self-build dwelling. Construction of outbuilding for bike storage. Moss Hill Farm, Moss Hill Lane Thorpe Underwood for Ms Taylor	A: The parish council has no objections.
26/02137/FUL Single storey detached garden room, formation of extended hardstanding areas with retaining walls and new external garden access. Twyford, Main Street for DMAC Group Ltd.	A: The parish council has no objections.

26/21 to approve to adopt the Local Government Association Model Standing Orders 2025 (updated) Approved.

26/22 Clerk's notes (need no approval)

1. LOPC has completed a re-declaration of compliance 6 February 2026 with The Pensions Regulator.
2. Stream on Back Lane – agreed to keep monitoring over the summer.
3. Flooding of Main Street opposite the VAS due to blocked gullies was reported to NYC 05.09.25 and re-reported to include gully by bus stop Main Street and one at the junction of B6265 in Feb. NYC response: The highway officer will check the gullies and if any need cleaning or jetting, the necessary order will be raised and this will be completed as soon as is possible.
4. Subsidence and road cracking on Tippetts Lane. There will be a complete carriageway repatching along Tippetts Lane for 166m2 starting on the 15th June.
5. All gullies on scheme of works with Highways.
6. Clerk requested NYC for signage outside the playground. This will be in place presently.

26/23 To agree the next meeting will be on 10th September at 7pm in the village hall. The meeting closed at 7.40pm