

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE OUSEBURN, KIRBY HALL & THORPE UNDERWOOD PARISH COUNCIL held on 12th February 2026 in the village hall, at 7pm

Present: Cllrs. D Smith (chairman), A Sheldon, J Slight, L Powell, C Bligh. A Kennerley (clerk).

26/01 To receive apologies for absence: County Cllr. A Warneken

26/02 To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest on any matters of business. None

26/03 The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2025 were approved and signed as a correct record.

26/04 Public Participation: No members of the public present.

26/05 To receive a report from the County Councillor. Not present.

26/06 Speedwatch update: Many thanks to the nine volunteers. LOPC is waiting to hear back from the police as regards risk assessment and suitable sites. Many thanks to County Cllr. Warneken for offering to help in the purchase of equipment needed (approx. £350)

26/07 Finance:

a) The financial statement was circulated prior to the meeting.

Date		Description	Paid In	Paid Out	Balance
		BALANCE 08.12.2025			4469.53
09.12.25	DPC	Farm and Land Services		144.00	
22.12.25	DPC	Clerks wages 3rd quarter		821.12	
22.12.25	DPC	White Rose Acc.		18.00	
31.12.25	CHG	Bank Charges		0.70	
30.01.26	CHG	Bank Charges		1.05	
		BALANCE 11.02.26			3484.66

b) LOPC will continue to cut the verges within the village, for which NYC will contribute £39.23

26/08 Planning: To note decisions made by LOPC and NYC since last meeting and those that need a decision.

25/00367/PR15 1 Meadow Gardens Moor Lane to Little Ouseburn, YO26 9AF Alleged Breach: Potential raising of land levels	On-going with NYC
25/04180/FUL. Same as 25/03211/FUL but now includes a front extension. The Paddock Main Street for Mr and Mrs David Hutchinson	NYC- Application granted
25/03804/FUL Link extension between main house and coach house to rear. The Old Vicarage Main Street for Mr Matthew Finn	NYC- Permission granted

26/09 To approve to move to a gov.uk website and email addresses. It is now considered best practice for a local council (because it is a local authority), to have a gov.uk domain for its e-mails (including council owned and controlled accounts for councillors) and for its website. It is necessary to go down this route if it is to satisfy external and internal auditors, and meet the principles of data protection and UK GDPR. Approved to go with Parish Online (£315 ex VAT), being one of the cheaper government approved providers.

26/10 Clerk's notes (need no approval)

1. Stream on Back Lane was re-reported to Environment Agency due to cloudy discharge 13.10.25. Agreed to monitor this when water levels had dropped.
2. Flooding of Main Street opposite the VAS due to blocked gullies was reported to NYC 05.09.25 and re-reported 1.12.25. Re-report.
3. Lighting concerns at Queens Ethelburgas have been addressed to villagers' satisfaction by Ms. Martin. QE has offered in the past to contribute to works at the B6265 junction to make it safer but NYCC and now NYC have said this is not possible due to underground cables (* apologies for the misinformation regarding this on the agenda).

Ms. Martin has also asked parents using the back road from TU to LO to be careful and reduce speed. The PC expresses its gratitude to QE for its support in these matters.

4. Subsidence and road cracking on Tippetts Lane was reported to NYC 1.12.25. This is now worse with gaping crevices of 150mm on one side. Low skirted cars have to go off road to avoid the cracks. Re -report.
5. Request for improved fencing made to farmers regarding loose cows on Moss Hill Lane.
6. Two open manhole covers, Lodge Corner/Moat Hall reported 18.12.25. Telecom cable was stolen.
7. Road erosion by gulley cover, Moat Hall, reported to NYC 5.1.25. Repaired but gulley still blocked.
8. LO Open Gardens will take place on Sunday 10th May.

In addition: Report overflowing gulley by bus stop Main Street and one at the junction of B6265.

Request Farm and Land Services to clean the village gates in spring and ensure all verges, green area outside Broomfield Cottages plus the playground are cut end of April to be tidy for the Open Gardens.

Ask NYC for signage outside the playground as many people are unaware of its existence.

26/11 The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 14th May at 7pm following the Annual Parish Meeting.