



Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council (TWWPC) held at 7pm on Monday 26 January 2026 at Tockwith Village Hall, 1 Marston Road, Tockwith, YO26 7PR.

Present: Cllr Arnold Warneken (Chairman), Cllr Simon Blake, Cllr Alex Marsh, Cllr Debra Cumming, Cllr Stuart McHenery, Cllr David Cunningham.

Apologies: Cllr Kriston Wright

Guests: County Councillor Andy Paraskos.

In attendance: Fiona Vicary, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

MINUTES

160. Apologies

i) To note any apologies received

Apologies had been received from Cllr Wright.

ii) To approve any reasons for absence submitted for consideration

RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence submitted by Cllr Wright be accepted.

161. To Note any Declarations of Interest

i) To note declarations of interests not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) in the business to be transacted at this meeting

None declared.

ii) To approve any dispensation requests received

None received.

162. Public Open Forum

Two members of the public were in attendance. Concerns were raised about the potential development at the airfield and the impact on the village. Cllr Warneken and Cllr Marsh declared an interest in the call for sites process. Cllr Warneken stated that this is not yet a planning application and is currently at the scoping stage. Cllr Warneken reported that he has met with local GPs and will meet with the school to discuss concerns. Cllr Warneken confirmed that the community will be informed if a planning application is submitted.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

163. County Councillor Reports

- i) To receive reports from North Yorkshire County Councillors Warneken and Paraskos

County Councillor Paraskos reported that NYC council tax is likely to increase by 4.99%. There is an extraordinary meeting to be held on 11 February to discuss the Home to School Transport policy.

164. Minutes

- i) To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 18 December 2025

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 18 December 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

165. Finance

- i) To approve payment of invoices

Payee	Description of goods/services	Total Value:
Fiona Vicary	Clerk Salary & WFH Allowance	£1,173.40
Fiona Vicary	Clerk Expenses	£38.70
Village Hall Management Committee	Utility Grant	£74.76
MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd	Grass Cutting 2025	£1440.00
SLCC	Annual Subscription	£158.00
Nest Pension	Employer Pension January	£30.76
O2	Mobile Phone	£16.45
Unipass	Village Hall locking system maintenance	£9.00
		£2,941.07
Receipts		
Lloyds Bank	January 2026 Interest	£70.02
Monta	EV Charger Income	£74.46
NYC	Inspire grant held on behalf of Tockwith Community Energy	£790.00

RESOLVED: To approve the payments with immediate effect.

- ii) To approve a bank reconciliation to 31/12/2025 (as evidenced by bank statement and ledger/cashbook)

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation to 31/12/2025 be approved. The PC's bank balance as at 31/12/2025 is £119,588.35.

- iii) To note receipts and payments against 2025/26 budget

Noted.

- iv) To consider parish grant applications for a village hall fire alarm maintenance system and for a solar powered defibrillator

Tockwith Village Hall Management Committee – **RESOLVED:** To pay a grant of £753 for the cost of a village hall fire alarm maintenance system.

Solar powered defibrillator – **RESOLVED:** To not award a grant. Initial investigations suggest that currently there are adequate provisions in place.

- v) To approve training requests

None received.

166. Planning

- i) To consider planning applications received

APPLICATION NO: 25/04591/FUL

PROPOSAL: Two storey side and single storey front and rear extensions.

LOCATION: 3 Fleet Lane Tockwith North Yorkshire YO26 7QD

RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no objections

APPLICATION NO: 26/00163/FUL

PROPOSAL: Proposed entrance lobby and porch extension

LOCATION: Niddway Kendal Gardens Tockwith North Yorkshire YO26 7QR

RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no objections

APPLICATION NO: 26/00121/FUL

PROPOSAL: Conversion and alterations to agricultural building and outbuildings to form 1.no dwelling with linked residential annex. Demolition of outbuilding, alterations to fenestration and landscape works.

LOCATION: Hillfarm Cottage 19B Westfield Road Tockwith North Yorkshire YO26 7PY

RESOLVED: The Parish Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make comments or seek safeguards as set out below:

This application could lead to an increase in traffic movements which could lead to a loss of amenities to neighbouring properties.

- ii) To note all planning decisions received

None received.

- iii) To consider any planning enforcement related matters

None received.

- iv) To consider any other planning related matters

FORMER WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE AREA 2 DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT
BRIDLEWAY No.15.135/5 TOCKWITH AND BRIDLEWAY No.15.69/6 KIRK HAMMERTON, AT
THE LOCATION OF THE FORMER SKEWKIRK BRIDGE
MODIFICATION ORDER 2014 – NOT CONFIRMED

RESOLVED: To support this bridleway

- v) To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

An initial meeting was held on 22nd January 2026 between the TWWPC, Design Yorkshire (NDP consultants) and members of Tockwith Together. Notes were circulated in advance of the meeting. A Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee will be set up. The Terms of Reference are to be agreed at the next meeting. All Parish Councillors will be members of the committee with Cllr McHenry, Cllr Cumming, Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Marsh to be regular attendees.

167. Tockwith Together

- i) To receive an update from Tockwith Together

Cllr McHenery circulated a report in advance of the meeting (see Appendix 1). Interpretation boards are the current focus. Cllr McHenery to write a section on Neighbourhood Development plans for Tockwith Together's newsletter.

168. Tockwith Sportsfield Trust

- i) To receive a report from the TWWPC representative on the Sportsfield Trust

Cllr Cumming circulated a report in advance of the meeting (see Appendix 2). It was noted that considering different peak/off peak MUGA charges are under discussion.

169. Tockwith Village Hall

- i) To receive a report from the TWWPC representative on the Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Blake circulated a report in advance of the meeting (see Appendix 3). Cllr Blake reported that the Village Hall Management Committee has agreed in principle with Tockwith Community Energy that solar panels can be installed on the Village Hall's roof.

170. Highways and Transport Matters

- i) To receive an update on the village gateways

No update received. County Councillor Paraskos to follow up with Highways.

171. Public Open Spaces

- i) To receive reports on play and gym equipment inspections

Cllr McHenery circulated a report in advance of the meeting (see Appendix 4). A quote to replace the gate posts at Bert's Garden had been received and it was agreed to proceed as the cost was within the limits of the Clerk's delegated powers. Clerk to source end caps for the outdoor gym.

Cllr McHenery reported that separate solicitors are required to support the legal element of the land transfer of the community open space. Costs to be confirmed.

- ii) To consider the offer of urban highway grass cutting for 2026/27

The offer of a payment for £442.15 from North Yorkshire in lieu of an urban grass cutting service was considered.

RESOLVED: To ask North Yorkshire to continue to provide the urban grass cutting service in 2026/27 and to decline the payment.

172. Allotments

- i) To consider any findings from the monthly allotment inspections (Cllr Wright)

Cllr Wright circulated a report to confirm nothing to report with respect to both allotments.

- ii) To consider quotes for the Church Row allotment improvements

To be considered at the next Allotments, POS & Playgrounds Committee meeting.

Cllr Warneken and Cllr Cunningham to meet to discuss the Westfield Green Management Plan before the next Allotments, POS & Playgrounds Committee meeting.

173. Future Footprints

- i) To receive an update on the Community Green Energy Project

Cllr McHenery circulated a report in advance of the meeting (see Appendix 5).

- ii) To receive an update on the EV Chargers (Cllr Marsh)

Cllr Marsh circulated a report in advance of the meeting (see Appendix 6). It was noted that the signs at the car park are too high. Cllr Blake confirmed that these can be lowered if required.

174. Media/Press releases

- i) To consider any matters for press release or community news.

To upload EV charger photo and information on resident rates to Facebook and the website. Cllr Marsh to send to Clerk.

175. Correspondence

- i) To note list of correspondence received and circulated

Noted.

176. Next Meeting

- i) To confirm the date for the next Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED: That the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 23 February 2026.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:07

Appendix 1 – Tockwith Together

DLM 29.11.25

DNM 14.02.26

So essentially NTR. However, TT were in attendance at the session with the NDP consultant Mon 22nd, engaged and made pertinent and supportive contributions.

Appendix 2 – Sportsfield Trust

Meeting: 19th January 2026

Representatives from Tockwith Community Energy delivered a presentation about a project. In brief: they hope to obtain funding for solar panels which could go on the roof of the sportsfield trust building. This is the early stages and there are still further details needed before the trust will consider this as an option.

Following from last months report about utilising the tennis courts; Angela Crossley Tennis Coaching, who provide regular coaching, lessons and team support at Rufforth, Boston Spa & Wetherby Tennis club are keen to be involved. The initial aim is in help to get more children & adults active and playing tennis. They have suggested they could offer introduction to tennis sessions and ad-hoc sessions. This is something we hope can start around April 2026.

There were discussions about the costs of hiring the MUGA pitch/tennis courts and whether the costs need to increase and should there be an off-peak charge, where it could attract more people to use the facilities. The outcome was it isn't viable to offer off-peak charges due to the booking system and the MUGA committee have to agree the charges and any increase.

Next meeting 9th March 2026

Appendix 3 - Tockwith Village Hall

VHMC update

I've met with a second local builder now regarding the outside carpark and wall project so should be getting a second quote through in early February. We might only have the two quotes as we've struggled to get anyone else.

We are also looking at getting an internal door fitted in the entrance corridor to help with retaining heat if the outer door needs to be left open or ajar.

We had a joint meeting with the beer festival committee last week and are planning a 'beer n burger bash' in the summer now we have more capacity.

We have an Easter fair which is already getting booked up with stall holders.

We have booked Secom to do the fire safety & maintenance inspections as we need this in place now. There is a grant application to cover the costs.

Appendix 4 - Playpark inspections, equipment and Defibs

- Marston Road PP all fine.
- Drs surgery and PRD Defibs both OK.
- SFT outdoor gym - One end cap on the 'ski movement' machine missing exposing the fixing screw - Clerk has report.
- Berts Garden. 2 issues, both reported to the clerk and action in progress.
 1. The RH gatepost (as entering, the one not supporting the gate) has almost rotted through at the base and will need to be replaced.
 2. The wooden 'cage' surrounding the litter bin has all but disintegrated and will need to be removed or replaced.

Appendix 5 – Tockwith Community Energy

- DLM 12 Jan
- DNM 18 Feb

As above the last meeting was on 12 Jan. Minutes were circulated. Since then a pitch has also been made to the Sportsfield Trust.

Appendix 6 – EV Chargers

Good news - we seem now to have overcome the teething troubles that beset the EVCPs in the first couple of months.

Oval have also now fitted 2 signs (attached): one on the roadside wall drawing attention to the publicly available chargers, and the second on the wall above the chargers explaining how to use them. This link:

<https://youtu.be/VVJXrvXsUc>

(which is also available via the QR code on the wallsign) takes users to a video of Sam from Oval demonstrating how to carry out a successful charge.

My next job is to finish off the flyer to be distributed to residents who are potential users of the chargers.