

2604/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), R Ferguson, D Dickinson, J McAllister, P Ward, J Hayes, A Robertshaw, and Clerk (D Rutherford-Walshe)

2604/2 Apologies: County Councillor A Murday

2604/3 Declarations of Interest: None

2604/4 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 16th March 2026 approved.

2604/5 Public Statements: None

2604/6 Planning

- a. Planning Decisions noted:
 - 5/03248/FUL Springfield Farm, Langer Hill Lane, High Birstwith, North Yorkshire, HG3 2LL Erection of farm workers dwelling. **APPLICATION PERMITTED**
 - 26/00734/FUL Carr Farm Low Lane Darley North Yorkshire HG3 2QN Demolition of existing boiler room to side of existing house, erection of new lean-to style extension to house plant room with new retaining structure to garden on site of existing boiler room, adjustment to fenestration to front and rear elevations, formation of new patio doors to side and rear elevations, addition of roof lights, and increasing of height and pitch of roof to existing rear kitchen extension. Installation of 2 no. air source heat pumps. **APPLICATION PERMITTED**
- b. Planning Applications to consider: none
- c. Other Planning Matters: none

2604/7 County Councillors Report: This was deferred to the Parish Assembly which would follow the meeting

2604/8 Highways and footpaths:

- a. Agreed that highways will be contacted regarding remedying poor reinstatements following utility works around the junction of Main Street/ Stumps Ln (54.029801, -1.680669) and across Stumps Lane near Pine View. **Clerk to action**
- b. Agreed that Yorkshire Water will be contacted regarding poor repair to verge on Main Street, outside Bridge View, Darley, HG3 2QB (54.0297634,-1.6852875). **Clerk to action**
- c. Agreed to investigate damaged handrail to footpath 1 over railway embankment and carry out temporary repair if possible. **Clerk to investigate and report to PROW for repair**

2604/9 Village Maintenance:

- a. The creation of a path through the Stocks Green pollinator area was considered. It was agreed that this could form part of the Pollinator Project and a quotation would be sought. **Chairman to action**
- b. The offer of free plug plants from Nidderdale National Landscape (NNL) was discussed. It was agreed that the offer would be accepted, and that the Chairman would confirm quantities with Joseph Haywood after discussion with James Spencer. **Chairman to action**
- c. The replacement of the information board at Fringill Beck was discussed. It was agreed that a quotation would be sought regarding new artwork and board. **Chairman to action with Clerk**

2604/10 Reports:

- a. Nidderdale Community Partnership Wider Meeting, 21/04/2026: Cllr A. Robertshaw reported that the North Yorkshire Council Nidderdale Investment Plan was discussed. He will attend the next meeting of the Executive.
- b. YLCA Clerk Induction Training, 25/03/2026: The Clerk reported that he had attended the YLCA Clerk Induction Training.
- c. Darley Playing Fields Association: Cllr P. Ward discussed plans to update Darley Village Shop and immediate surroundings.

2604/11 Finance:

- a. Receipts and Payments noted: Receipts: £2,487.58 CIL received from North Yorkshire Council relating to Darley Mill. Payments: £480.00 renewal YLCA annual membership, D Rutherford-Walshe – travel expenses £27.99, Cllr Welch – expenses £18.70, Eon Next Christmas lights £17.76.
- b. It was confirmed that the Council's membership of YLCA be renewed.
- c. The budget for April 2026 had been circulated and was approved.
- d. Draft end of year finance statements were approved. The finance pack will now be passed to the Internal Auditor so that final approval of all finance matters can be completed at the Annual Meeting of the Council
- e. Resolved: that the Parish Council will not purchase a SumUp card machine for village events, as it may involve handling of funds not belonging to the council.
- f. It was agreed that a quote of £2,264.00 (excl.VAT) from Yorkshire Lighting & Electrical Services would be accepted in respect to the installation of new Christmas lighting.

2604/12 Correspondence received by the Clerk: Noted concerns raised by a parishioner regarding suspected Himalayan Balsam on waterway. Parishioner has been asked to seek advice from NNL and put forward a plan to the Council, to be discussed at future meeting.

2604/13 Items for information and next Agenda: Possible suggestions re Himalayan Balsam removal.

2604/14 Dates of next meetings: 18th May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (7.30pm) and Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council (8.00pm), 29th June, 27th July.

These minutes are published subject to their approval at the next meeting of the Council.