

Draft Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 18th May 2026 from 8.00pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2605/9 Present: Councillors S Welch (chairman), D Dickinson, J McAllister, A Robertshaw, County Councillor A Murday (part), and Clerk (D Rutherford-Walsh).

2605/10 Apologies: Councillors P Ward, R Ferguson, J Hayes.

2605/11 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations: None

2605/12 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 27th April 2026 approved.

2605/13 Public Statements: None

2605/14 Planning

a. **Planning Decisions** to note:

26/00788/FUL The Mill Race Fringill Lane Darley North Yorkshire HG3 2PY
The installation of an oak-framed orangery to the side elevation.

APPLICATION PERMITTED

26/00169/FUL Holly House Farm Holly Tree Farm Darley North Yorkshire
Conversion of two traditional barns to form two dwellings with associated extensions & alterations.

APPLICATION REFUSED

b. **Planning Applications** to be considered: None

c. **Other planning matters**

(i) Noted that North Yorkshire Council have re-opened the Call for Sites for the Local Plan for a period of 6 weeks.

2605/15 County Councillor's Report: The County Councillor presented a report, noting the following:

- a. A locality budget of £5,000 is available and now open for applications.
- b. A further consultation is underway regarding changes to parish council arrangements, including Thornthwaite and Padside Parish; details are available at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cgr-reviews>.
- c. Nidderdale Business Association has been awarded £80,115 to deliver events and activities across Nidderdale and support local businesses.
- d. A Nidderdale Investment Plan is being developed to support future funding bids and investment in the local economy and environment.

2605/16 Highways and footpaths

Noted concerns raised by a parishioner regarding a suspected collapsed drain at the bottom of Fringill Lane (Ref: CAMS 77952). Agreed that the Clerk would formally raise the matter with County Councillor Andrew Murday and update the parishioner. Cty Cllr Murday had knowledge of the issue and agreed to take it forward. **Clerk to Action**

- a. Noted that double yellow lines have been installed at the bottom of Sheepcote Lane. Positive feedback from a parishioner was noted.
- b. Noted that the Clerk has investigated a reported tripping hazard relating to a handrail on footpath route 15.91/1 and has taken interim measures to reduce risk. Cases have been raised with North Yorkshire Council (Refs: CAMS 76239 & 76240) via Public Rights of Way. The Clerk will monitor the matter and report any updates. **Clerk to Action**
- c. Noted issue with damaged stile outside of Parish between Darley and Dacre. Agreed that Clerk would confirm location and notify the relevant Parish. **Clerk to Action**

2605/17 Village Maintenance

- a. Considered an issue identified with a timber handrail on the path leading to Fringill Beck from Main Street, which is showing signs of deterioration. It was agreed that the handrail requires repair, and that options for carrying out the work should be explored, including potential involvement from volunteers or the Parish Caretaker. **Chairman & Clerk to Action**
- b. Considered a report from Darley in Bloom regarding overhanging branches along Main Street (Daleside properties). It was noted that volunteers had undertaken some trimming and clearance. In the interests of safety, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to affected residents requesting that vegetation be kept suitably maintained. **Clerk to Action**
- c. Considered a report from Darley in Bloom regarding damage to village flower boxes. It was noted that the damage is suspected to have been caused by North Yorkshire Council mowing operations. Agreed that the matter would be raised with North Yorkshire Council County Councillor Andrew Murday agreed to progress with NYC. **Clerk to Action**

2605/18 Reports

- a. Noted a report from Councillor J McAllister regarding the Charity of Isabel Day AGM, at which grants were awarded to Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association and Christ Church Community Centre Darley.

2605/19 Finance

- a. Receipts: 50% of Precept £8,434.12. Payments: J Dowson– Internal Audit £50.00, E.ON Next – Electricity (Christmas lights) May £17.76, M Pearson (ink) £8.98. Zurich Municipal – Annual Insurance £542.28.
- b. Budget for May 2026 was approved.
- c. Considered a proposal to approve print costs for the Organisations Report to be included with the village newsletter. Agreed that expenditure of £100 be approved.

2605/20 Correspondence received by the Clerk

- a. Considered information from North Yorkshire Council regarding the Household Waste Recycling Centre Registration Scheme. Agreed that publicity posters would be displayed. **Clerk to action**
- b. Noted correspondence regarding the resumption of the DalesBus Sunday and Bank Holiday service (routes 820 and 821) serving Darley. Agreed that the Clerk would request timetable leaflets. **Clerk to action**

2605/21 Items for information and next Agenda: Correspondence noted from a Parishioner regarding Himalayan Balsam. To consider subject to proposal being submitted to the Parish Council.

2605/22 Dates of next meetings Ordinary Meetings scheduled for 29th June, 27th July.

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