



Draft Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council
held on
29th June 2026 from 7.30pm at
Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

2606/1 Present: Councillors S Welch (Chairman), D Dickinson, P Ward, County Councillor A Murday (part), Clerk (D Rutherford-Walshe); two Parishioners.

2606/2 Apologies: Councillors A Robertshaw, R Ferguson, J Hayes, J McAllister

2606/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations: None

2606/4 Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held on 18th May 2026 were approved as a true and accurate record.

2606/5 Public Statements: None

2606/6 Planning

a. **Planning Decisions** to note: None to note.

b. **Planning Applications** considered:

26/02791/OUT - Land South of Main Street Darley North Yorkshire

Outline planning application for the development of one self-build residential dwelling and associated infrastructure with access, layout, and scale included.

The council **OBJECTS** the application noting the following:

1. The Council refers to previous applications HGT17/03058/OUT and HGT18/02248/OUT, wherein it was outlined by the Parish Council, and upheld by HBC and the Planning Inspector during a failed appeal that the erection of buildings on this land would eliminate one of the important remaining through views, as identified in the Village Design Statement. The Parish Council renews its objection on these grounds.

26/02698/DVCON - Darley Mill Darley Carr Darley North Yorkshire HG3 2QQ

Section 19 variation of Conditions No.2 (detailed drawings) and No.5 (Rooflight and smoke ventilator details) of Listed Building Consent 25/01619/LB to allow for alternate automatic opening smoke vents for the conversion and extension of Mill Building to form 9 Residential Units including removal / relocation of machinery, ladders and glazed screen, insertion of staircases and mezzanine floor, and new and replacement doors and windows.

NO OBJECTIONS

26/01972/TPO - Hall Field House Sheepcote Lane Darley North Yorkshire HG3 2RP

Fell 2 No (Sycamore) (T2 and T3) within tree preservation order 5/1970.

It was noted that the Council cannot comment on this application until it has seen the recommendation of the NYC arboriculturist.

c. **Other planning matters**

The Council noted the following planning enforcement cases:

26/00504/BRPC15 – Garage Blocks, Valley Road, Darley, North Yorkshire: Alleged breach of Condition 7 of planning reference 18/04355/RG3 in respect of dust.

26/00467/PR15 – Rookery Barn, Moke Hill Farm Track, Darley, HG3 2PP: Alleged unauthorised change of use of the property to a holiday let.

2606/7 County Councillor's Report

- a. It was reported that the issue of dust at the playing fields, exacerbated by recent dry weather, had been raised with North Yorkshire Council Environmental Health Officers. It was noted that previous investigations had identified no risk.
- b. The Council was advised that the new North Yorkshire Council Parish website would go live on 30th June 2026, with Clerks required to register for access.
Clerk to Action
- c. A road closure at Low Lane was noted, scheduled between 13th and 15th July 2026 to allow works to fibre infrastructure. Further details are available at: <https://one.network>.

2606/8 Highways and footpaths

- a. Feedback received from County Councillor A Murday regarding the blocked culvert affecting Fringill Lane was noted. It was reported that North Yorkshire Council is in discussion with the tenant, Darley Community Primary School, regarding

arrangements for the repair of the damaged culvert located on school property.

- b. The repair works to a leaking water supply pipe, which resulted in road restrictions on Crake Lane between 29 May 2026 and 4 June 2026, were noted.
- c. The making of The North Yorkshire Council (Prohibition of Waiting and Loading and Provision of Parking) (Various Roads, Darley) Order 2026, introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on sections of Main Street (C256) and Sheepcote Lane (U3289) with effect from 12 June 2026, was noted.
- d. Concerns regarding unsafe manhole covers reportedly left by Quickline on Main Street, between Stocks Lane and Meadow Lane, were considered. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the parishioner who raised the matter to confirm the precise location. Following this, the Clerk and Councillor D Dickinson would investigate the issue and seek an appropriate remedy. **Clerk to Action**
- e. Reports of poor road reinstatement at various locations, including Stumps Lane and Fringill Lane, were noted. It was resolved that County Councillor A Murday be requested to raise the matter with North Yorkshire Council. It was further resolved that the Clerk contact Chris Blackburn, Highways Customer Communication Officer, to pursue the matter on behalf of the Council. **Clerk to Action**
- f. Concern was expressed regarding the parking of vehicles at Nidderdale Hill View, which may present a hazard to road users. County Councillor Murday agreed to investigate the matter and report his findings to a future meeting.
- g. The Council noted concerns regarding overhanging trees on Sheepcote Lane above Walker Lane, which are restricting visibility. Responsibility for maintenance was believed to rest with North Yorkshire Council. County Councillor Murday agreed to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

2606/9 Village Maintenance

- a. The Parish Council noted that County Councillor A Murday had contacted the North Yorkshire grass cutting team on 1st June 2026 regarding damage to the Darley in Bloom flower boxes on Station Road and had requested recompense. It was confirmed that some had been replaced at the expense of Darley in Bloom
- b. The Parish Council noted that, following correspondence to residents of Daleside Park regarding overhanging vegetation affecting footpaths on Main Street, the vegetation had been cut back, and the affected footpath on Main Street was clear.
- c. The Parish Council noted that grass cutting had been carried out as instructed.

2606/10 Reports

It was noted that a successful Darley Fun Day took place on 7th June 2026. The event was relocated from Darley Playing Fields to Darley Memorial Hall due to the weather forecast.

2606/11 Finance

- a. Payments to note: Grants as agreed in the Annual Meeting dated 18th May 2026 (2605/6.H) Darley Memorial Hall CIO £500.00, Darley Playing Fields Association £1000, Focus on Darley £400, Printing Community Report £104.00, Eon Next CMas lights (June) £17.76, Defibrillator Pad £65.80, Printer subscription (May & June) £14.98, Clerks Salary (April – June) £896.15.
- b. The budget for June 2026 was approved.
- c. The Council reviewed the Financial Regulations (Main Items), Darley and Menwith Parish Council (July 2024), and was satisfied that they continue to meet requirements. No amendments were considered necessary at this time.
- d. Following the successful completion of a three-month probationary period, it was resolved that the Clerk's employment be confirmed and he be appointed as an authorised signatory to the Council's accounts.

2606/12 Correspondence received by the Clerk

- a. The changes to legislation under the Localism Act 2011, effective from 29th June 2026, concerning the publication of councillors' residential addresses were noted. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact all councillors to ascertain their wishes regarding the publication of personal details and update the Council's website accordingly.
- b. The invitation from North Yorkshire Council to attend an online briefing on the Wildfire Prevention Campaign on 9th July 2026 was noted. It was resolved that the Clerk would attend the briefing and circulate joining details to any councillors wishing to participate.
- c. Correspondence from YLCA following the Harrogate Branch meeting held on 8th June 2026 was noted, including guidance relating to planning terminology and schemes of delegation. It was further confirmed that the Clerk holds delegated authority in respect of Tree Preservation Order (TPO) applications.

2606/13 Items for information and next Agenda: none to note.

2606/14 Dates of next meetings Ordinary Meetings scheduled for 27th July, 28th September, 26th October, 30th November.

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