

# Carthorpe Parish Council

## MINUTES

of the Open Meeting held on Monday 11 May 2026  
in Carthorpe Community Hall

### Present

Mr Jonathan Jessop - Chairman (JJ)  
Mr David Foulds - Parish Councillor (DF)  
Mr Kevin Askham - Parish Councillor (KA) Mrs Maggie Haigh - Clerk (MH)  
Mr Nick Paterson - Parish Councillor (NP) 9 members of the public

### 26.34 Apologies for Absence

26.34.1 Mr Charlie Craggs - Parish Councillor (CC)  
Cllr David Webster – NY Councillor (DW)

### 26.35 Declarations of Interest

26.35.1 There were no declarations of interest.

### 26.36 Minutes of Previous Meeting

26.36.1 The minutes of the Open Meeting of 28 April 2025 were approved and signed as correct.

### 26.37 Matters Arising

26.37.1 Carthorpe to Burneston footpath to continue to be monitored and cleared by CC. CC

26.37.2 Blocked gullies continue to be an ongoing issue (as reported in all PC Minutes). The PC will continue to report.

26.37.3 Mr P Grant (PG) advised that he had planted some bulbs in the verges at the top of the village. The PC thanked him.

### 26.38 Chairman's Report

- 26.38.1
- The PC have met in person 8 times since 28/4/26. Average member of the public attendance at these meetings is 4.3 (1.75% of the village population)
  - Co-opted Nick Patterson on to the Council in place of Catherine Grant.
  - Commented on all planning applications presented and followed up on issues raised in these
  - We have dealt with some incidents of fly tipping down New Inn Lane
  - Continued to report infringements and issues with Public Rights of Way, Litter bins and Drainage. Unfortunately, responses from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) are even more inadequate than they were reported 1 year ago. We as a Council feel that almost everything that we report up the chain to NYC is either extremely slowly dealt with and requiring huge and repeated efforts to get results on or it is simply not acted on at all.
  - The village bus stop (west bound) has been moved to a safer position outside the Manor House. In this position is it not on a dangerous corner and is in a position where, if the requirement arises, a bus shelter could be built. Investigations into the need / desire for a bus shelter however have proved negative at this time. We are still waiting for NYC Highways dept. to put a sign in the bus stop indicating that the east bound stop is on the opposite side of the road.
  - CIL Projects
    - 30mph signs rotated & maintained

- Further Ideas for CIL Projects discussed including the potential to revive the village water pump area, to build a bus shelter and possibly assist with the cost of roof repairs on the School at Burneston.
- A VE-Day 80 Party with beacon lighting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- Defibrillator training was organised and held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 with 26 attendees all benefitting from the course.
- A Remembrance Service was held at the new village war memorial on 9/11/2025 – this is planned to be an annual event.
- NY Police Support Officer Alan Skilbeck visited 2/3/36 to introduce himself and highlight their work.
- Village infrastructure maintained & grass verge cutting (defibrillator, waste bin, salt bins, noticeboard, benches)
- Various donations to local institutions and charities maintained and increased.
- Asset Register has been updated and Insurance cover amended accordingly at no extra cost
- Attendance at NYC and other online seminars
- Circulation of correspondence from NYC & others
- Sound financial stewardship of funds. Precept remained at £3,000 for 2026/7 – same as 2025/6.

## **26.39 NY Councillor's Report**

### **26.39.1 JJ read the following on behalf of DW:**

- The Conservative and Independent group remains the largest single group by some margin, delivering stable local government, making sound financial and not knee-jerk decisions or chasing populist causes for headlines` sake.
- Demand continues to grow for services, especially our very high-cost social care for both children and the elderly.
- We are working with over 1500 children with SEND at any one time. 80% of children needing an assessment are assessed within the 20 week timescale
- Government grants have led to almost 500 new early years places and over 2000 new wraparound places; these programmes offer choice to working parents.
- We have received a good CQC inspection for Adult Services, 81/100, 3<sup>rd</sup> highest nationally.
- We are investing £60m in dedicated care and support hubs, and a new programme for prevention called Prevention Plus. These are Invest to Save initiatives, designed to save money in the long term.
- We are working with the NHS to reduce hospital stays and get people home sooner
- We have disposed of excess property exceeding our original target, but we will continue with more.
- This new government has little understanding of the costs of delivering services in rural areas, even saying there is no evidence for it. The loss of Rural Support Grant has hit us hard, over £14m pa.
- Fortunately, we have made £63m of savings from LGR. This could have been used to invest in services and facilities or reduce CT but has had to be used to prop up the revenue budget, along with £17m of reserves formerly prudently gathered up for one-off capital projects.
- We have had to raise CT by the maximum to maintain our core spending power as required by the government.
- All second homes CT premium is being allocated to housing initiatives. We are still the only council in England to do so.
- We will complete the Blubberhouses bypass scheme on the A59 so ending years of landslips leading to road closures, and we will introduce a lane rental scheme to speed up utility works
- We would welcome your views about the tourism levy.

- We continue to prepare the Local Plan to deliver the government-imposed target of 4200+ houses every year outside the National Parks
- Maltkiln will deliver 3000+ houses – we will need more Maltkilns
- There is still a national shortage of qualified planning officers. In planning enforcement, we dealt with over 1900 cases last year including some successful court cases, one resulting in a fine of £25k and all our expenses paid.
- We have started 23 out of 32 Neighbourhood Plans with positive engagement in Malton / Norton, Hawes, Selby and Richmond.
- We will maintain the locality budget scheme at last year`s level.
- We continue to pursue double devo initiatives, notably Knaresborough market and Ripon City Council`s property
- You are welcome to attend Area Committees and / or ask your elected Member to raise matters on your behalf.
- We have produced electronic material about the budget for PC members <https://youtu.be/rdbwjCcPiDM> and [www.northyorks.gov.uk/budgetPTC](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/budgetPTC)

## **26.40 Members Forum**

- 26.40.1 JJ thanked all members of the public for attending and invited questions or comments.
- 26.40.2 Residents asked how much CIL was available - £1238.09 currently (to be spent before October 2027).
- 26.40.3 Mrs J Grant (JG) asked, considering the Chairman`s report, how the PC communicated with NYC. JJ advised of the NY on-line system, direct emails and through DW. Discussions took place. JG suggested the PC demand either one NY Liaison person for PC`s or a meeting with the NYC Chief Exec, to get the communication issues and lack of action across. Dr C Grant (CG) suggested the PC approach Kirklington and Burneston PC`s, to see if they too are experiencing similar frustrations with NYC. This action was agreed. JG strongly suggested an annual meeting with NYC liaison, DW and other local PCs to put across all issues. JJ
- 26.40.4 JJ raised the telephone box issue – it had been intended as a swap shop but is in danger of becoming an unwanted item dumping area. DF advised that a polite notice had been pinned in the box, requesting any donations still in the box after 2 weeks be removed and disposed of by the doner. Ms T Lowry (TL) suggested themed months for donations to the box but was unable to organise and monitor on behalf of the PC. All agreed to monitor the phone box going forward.
- 26.40.5 JJ raised the issue of parking in the village. Discussions took place. Concerns were raised over parking which limited access for tractors. Agreed that the Chapel attendees be asked to park more considerably. JJ
- 26.40.6 Mrs B Collins (BC) asked the meeting for details of the potential funding required to replace Burneston School`s roof. A figure of £23k had been quoted. JJ advised that a second opinion had been sought (see minutes 26.33.1) but were still awaiting a copy of the original survey. DF explained that the school`s PTA have an obligation to raise 10% of the cost of replacement/repair but awaited the appointment of a contractor. All agreed that the village would and should assist in any fundraising efforts.
- ## **26.41 Date for the next meeting**
- 26.41.1 In closing the meeting, JJ encouraged all to come forward with any issues and asked all to encourage other residents to attend PC meetings.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.  
Date of the next Open Meeting to be held in May 2027.