

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 18th February 2026

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Colin Price, John Dawson, Diane Elphinstone, Maria Farrer

In Attendance: Steven Culver (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer), Cllr David Ireton (NYC), Sustainability group representative, 4 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies Cllr Ann Sheridan

2. Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

2.1 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests **None**

2.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation **None**

3. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 21st January 2026 as a true and fair record

*The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes should be approved and signed by Cllr Price as a true and accurate record.*

4. To receive updates on actions from previous meetings not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Meeting 19-03-2025

vi) *The Clerk to contact YDNPA regarding their view on FM Antennas for SMART meters. Contact now made with YDNPA Planning. Response received stating "no in-principle objection, particularly if the technology Proposals are only likely to be more problematic where the host properties are listed buildings or in prominent locations within the Conservation Area". **COMPLETE***

Meeting 16-04-2025

iv) *Cllr Sheridan to obtain a quote for ditching work on Keasden Road. – Superseded by action raised in Parishioner Participation – Quote received for £700 +VAT; it was **RESOLVED** that further quotes should be obtained. **ONGOING***

Meeting 18-06-25

viii) *The Clerk to see if the CRO would consider removing the Piri-piri burr on Church Bridge as part of a training exercise. Potential Site visit beginning of March. **ONGOING***

Meeting 21-01-2026

i) *The Clerk to write a letter to the New Inn regarding the car park lighting requesting they consider replacing with "downlighters". Letter sent 28th January, no response to date – **COMPLETE***

ii) *The Clerk to examine the damage to the display board in Platinum Toll Bar Wood. Re-attached 23rd January – **COMPLETE***

iii) *The Clerk to log the Fly tipping at the end of the cycle path to Austwick on A65. **COMPLETE** This item had been removed; however, a TV has now been dumped in the same location. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk report the latest Fly-tipping to NYC.*

iv) *The Clerk to write to NYC Highways requesting further remedial work be undertaken on Keasden road edges. **COMPLETE***

v) *The Clerk to send a stronger response of support to the application to turn Ingleborough Hall into a residential dwelling. **COMPLETE***

vi) *The Clerk to send a letter to Messr Mark James regarding the burning of material in their incinerator. Letter sent and detailed response received advising that only off cuts of wood were burned, a notice will be placed by the incinerator advising staff not to overfill the unit prior to lighting. **COMPLETE***

5. To receive the Police Report

4 Incidents logged between 20/1/26 & 16/2/26.

26.01.26 – Road Related Offence – manner of driving – A65

26.01.26 – RTC – vehicle via sheep – Clapham Road

03.02.26 – Concern for welfare – Tent on Newby Moor – checked in order – male living in tent

10.02.26 – Highways – deceased sheep – A65 Newby

6. Highways, Streetlight, Road Signage and Boundary Markers

6.1 To receive requests and decide further action on:

i) *Newby Street light Consultation*

The Clerk advised that as well as further representation from one of the residents who spoke at the last meeting there had been 2 e-mails received opposed to the lights and 1 e-mail and one verbal representation in favour. The main issues discussed in the meeting in favour of repair related to safety and security whilst those against refuted such claims. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would look to obtain pricing for upgrading of the lights to part night downlighters rather than simply replace to bulbs such that a fuller picture of alternatives was available.

- ii) It was reported that there were trees overhanging the road on Lawsings brow, both from the railway embankment and also the other side of the road. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would report the issue to Network Rail and Cllr Farrer would advise the Ingleborough Estate.

7. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

7.1 Parish Maintenance Matters

None

7.2 The community emergency plan, community defibrillator training and other topics related to the emergency services

Cllr Elphinstone advised that the pads for the Station defibrillator were due to be replaced at the end of the month.

7.3 Climate Emergency

The sustainability Group representative advised the Council of the following;

- Curlew Cluster – The seasonal worker will be employed from 7th April to 31st July
- Wildlife Corridors – researching what could be done to link the North and South sides of the A65
- NYC are updating the Warm Home Plan to look at households with income of <£36,000 and properties with EPC of Band D or below.

8. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications

- i) **C/18/640** Erection of an accessible garden structure to be utilised as a home office within the current private garden, with a ramped access from the existing house via the existing masonry opening (window to be enlarged to a door). *Barn House, Riverside, Clapham, LA2 8DS*. The Council were in favour of the application and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would respond accordingly.

9. To receive the following planning decisions / information

- i) **ZA25/27552/VAR** Section 73 application to vary condition no 2 (Approved Plans) of planning approval referenced 2019/20915/HH for installation of windows and rooflights. *Rantree Farm, Keasden Road* **GRANTED**

10. Employment Matters

- i) To consider the advertisement of the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk
The Council **RESOLVED** that adverts be placed in the Clapham, Bentham, Austwick & Ingleton newsletters for the April editions, along with posts on Clapham & Keasden Facebook Groups with an “apply by date” of the end of April & interviews to be held early May.
- ii) To receive the repayment of £13.50 from HMRC re overpaid PAYE in light of Clerk’s Tax Coding change

11. Financial Matters

11.1 The Council **RECEIVED** detailed bank statements as at 31st December 2025 of;

HSBC1 £ 5,686.58

HSBC2 £13,373.31

11.2 The Council **RECEIVED** the Bank reconciliations as at 31st January 2026

11.3 The Council **RECEIVED** the 2026 Asset Review. Insurance cover exceeded the value of assets on the register. All assets were in good repair other than the wooden benches. The Clerk had requested that Paul Hudson look to see if he could repair the WWII memorial bench (which is missing some slats) and potentially oil all other wooden benches over the summer period.

11.4 The Council **APPROVED** the following payments

- i) Village Hall (February Meeting) - £18.00
- ii) St James PCC (Repayment of erroneous receipt) - £39.00
- iii) Matthew Holroyd (Repair to Cap Stones A65 underpass) - £350.00
- iv) Clerk’s February Salary - £341.80

12. Matters for Consideration.

12.1 To receive and respond to items of correspondence received prior to this meeting

- i) Consultation on NYCs draft Local Planning Enforcement Plan – It was **RESOLVED** that the Council had no comments to make
- ii) YDNPA Spring Parish Forum It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would respond suggesting using Clapham Village Hall and also requesting that Planning policies especially around Solar Panels be added to the agenda.
- iii) Consultation on NYCs Landscape Character Assessment - It was **RESOLVED** that the Council had no comments to make
- iv) Clapham Play Park Landscaping views. The Council **NOTED** the maintenance day on 28th March and **RESOLVED** to consider any views on landscaping the park in advance.
- v) Yorkshire Dales National Park – Planning Event 18 March It was **RESOLVED** that the Council did not wish to send a representative
- vi) North Yorkshire Local Plan and the Third Public Release of ‘Call for Sites’ Submissions. The Council **NOTED** the Plan.

12.2 To receive and respond to items of correspondence received too late for inclusion on this agenda

- i) Skipton & Ripon Parish Liaison Meeting **Tuesday 24th February** at Kettlewell Village Hall. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council did not wish to send a representative
- ii) Great British Spring Clean will take place from 13 to 29 March 2026. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would arrange a litter pick in April rather in the suggested window.

14. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

Lodges at Clapham Station

15. Parishioner Matters Arising – Items not raised at start of the meeting but now relevant because of previous discussions.

Thanks were expressed from the Council to the individuals who had been litter picking around Clapham Station

16. To confirm the dates of the next meeting as Wednesday March 18th 2026 at 19:00 (to include the Annual Parish Meeting).