

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 21st October 2026

MINUTES

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

In Attendance: Alex Ashworth (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) & 7 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies

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 16th September 2026 as a true and fair record

*The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes as presented 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.

The Meeting **RECEIVED** updates on actions from the September 2026 meeting. One outstanding action, relating to planning enforcement regarding the lodges at Clapham Station.

5. To receive the Police Report

4 incidents reported between 13.09.26 & 18.10.26

19.09.26 – Abandon call

09.10.26 - Concern for safety/welfare checked in order

10.10.26 & 11.10.26 - Road Related offence – manner of driving A65 – area searched no gain passed to other force

6. Highways, Streetlight, Road Signage and Boundary Markers

6.1 To receive requests and decide further action on:

- i) No new requests were received.

6.2 To receive updates and decide further action on outstanding issues

- i) **Newby Streetlights:** The meeting **RECEIVED** notification that further works have been instructed to install a timer unit and a physical splash shield on the streetlight at the East end of Newby village. These additions will deliver compliance with the specification agreed at the June 2026 meeting.
- ii) **Clapham village bins:** The meeting **RECEIVED** notification that North Yorkshire Council had installed larger capacity public bins. A discussion was held and the Council **RESOLVED** to request further upgrades to the bin outside St. James Church, and the bin outside Sawmill Café, on the grounds that these are regularly overflowing. **Clerk** to submit the request to North Yorkshire Council.
- iii) **Rubbish left on Old Road Clapham:** The meeting **RECEIVED** a correction from the Clerk on the previously reported position (September 2026) that North Yorkshire Council have denied liability for clearance. The Area5 team has acknowledged Council responsibility, and the Clerk has chased the Council multiple times in relation to the clearance works. Cllr Dawson will consider potential measures to prevent future recurrence of fly tipping in this location and update in the December meeting.
- iv) **Toll Bar Wood:** The meeting **RECEIVED** notification that Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has committed to produce a Woodland Management Plan in communication with Ingleborough Estate, which will open funding options for Toll Bar Wood.

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

7.1 Parish Maintenance Matters

- a) **Non-drinking water fountain beside Clapham Beck** – Members discussed the non-drinking fountain's flow, water levels, leakage, and regular work undertaken by residents to maintain the cleanliness of the area. No final repair decision was recorded; the matter is to remain on the future agenda.

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

CLlr Elphinstone **ADVISED** that there are no related matters since the September meeting.

7.3 Climate Emergency

The Sustainability Group reported that it will discuss its future at the November meeting. It shared updates on a recent waste recovery visit, blister-pack recycling and the Clapham Curlew project, which is seeking funding and support of the RSPB to continue next year. Members also reminded residents to report suspected Asian hornets and dispose of batteries and vapes safely.

8. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications

- i) **26/05450/FUL - Land To The West Of Keasden Road** - Full planning permission for erection of agricultural livestock buildings. – The Council **RESOLVED** to oppose this application, on multiple grounds including unclear access provisions, existing planning restrictions, waste, drainage and environmental concerns, and the timing of site notices. **Clerk** to respond to accordingly.
- ii) **CA7 015 – Burn Moor (CL 211) and Burn Moor (CL 305) – Commons Act 2006 – Section 13** – Application to surrender registered rights of common and application for the removal of the rights from the register of common land. – No action or input required of the Council.
- iii) **26/05110/FUL** – Full planning permission for demolition of garage and erection of one self-contained holiday lodge and associated landscaping and parking – High Hazel Hall Farm, Clapham, LA2 8HN – The Council **RESOLVED** to respond with no Objection. **Clerk** to respond accordingly.

9. The Council RECEIVED the following planning decisions / information

- i) **North Yorkshire Local Plan update for Parish, Town and City Councillors** – Scoping consultation briefings underway and engagement information shared with Councillors.
- ii) **Yorkshire Dales National Park** – On-line Autumn Parish Forum – 17th November 2026. Attendance and items for discussion.
- iii) **York and Yorkshire Combined Authority draft Local Transport Plan** – Consultation
- iv) **C/18/641** - Householder planning permission for installation of an EV Charger at 2, Sunnybank Cottages, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8DY – **Approved – Conditional**
- v) **C/18/176B** - Householder planning permission for erection of a single storey rear extension and to build above the existing side extension to form a two storey side extension and for the installation of integral solar panels, at 3, Old Road, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8JH – **Approved - Conditional**

9. Employment Matters

No matters raised

11. Financial Matters

11.1 The Council **RECEIVED** the detailed bank statements as at 30th September 2026 of;

HSBC1: £8,587.73

HSBC2: £13,505.95

11.2 The Council **RECEIVED** the Bank reconciliations as at 30th September 2026

11.4 The Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

- i) September invoices/Payments for approval
 - a) Clerk's October Salary - £351.40
 - b) Clapham Cum-Newby Village Hall – Payment for October Meeting - £18
 - c) Harrison and Cross – Invoice for works to Newby Streetlight - £804
- i) Requests for donation:
 - a) Contribution to maintenance (including strimming) of Toll Bar plantation - £300 – **Not Approved** pending YDMT Woodland Management Plan.

11.4 The Council **RECEIVED** notification of receipt of the 2nd instalment of the 2026-27 Precept, £3950

11.5 The Council **RECEIVED** notification the YCLA and NALC Membership Subscription fee increases of 2.3% for the forthcoming financial year.

11.6 The Council **RECEIVED** the first draft budget for financial year 2027-28. The year end forecast for 2026-27 is £9,488, and the suggested budget for 2027-28 is £9,683. The current precept amount of £7900 will see a depletion of reserves in 2026-27. The Council considered three options: (1) hold the Precept at £7900 and continue to deplete reserves, (2) increment the Precept by 10% to £8690, drawing less from reserves, and (3) increment the Precept by 22% to cover the operating costs of the Council maintain reserves. The Council noted the healthy position of existing reserves, but also the potential liabilities, including the Church Yard at St. James' Church. On balance, the Council **RESOLVED** to increment the precept by 10% to £8690. The Clerk will notify North Yorkshire Council.

12. Matters for Consideration.

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

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- i) **Trees on beck side opposite The New Inn** – The Council deferred this matter in consideration of the closure of the New Inn.
- ii) **Home to School Travel Policy Post Implementation Review** Consultation – Members discussed concerns that North Yorkshire's Home to School Travel Policy has reduced transport eligibility for some pupils, contributing to falling enrolment at Settle College (financially impacting the school), and affecting families in Bentham and Ingleton. The Council considered that the current consultation by North Yorkshire Council does not address the policy's impact on local schools, such as Settle College. The Council expressed support for representations seeking a fairer approach, such as transport to a child's nearest school, or nearest school within North Yorkshire. Cllr Farrer will work with the Clerk to draft wording in response to the current consultation.
- iii) **A65 Austwick to Clapham Public Bridleway Improvement Project** – Members noted that this is underway, and that work is outside the boundary of Clapham cum Newby Parish.
- iv) **Request for support to retain and reopen Newby and Scalby Community Hall** - Members noted that this is a substantial distance from Clapham cum Newby Parish, and wishes impacted communities all the best in this endeavour.
- v) **Statement from Andy Scott regarding Clapham-cum-Newby Village Hall** - The Committee of the Village Hall reported that despite the strong financial and operational health of the Village Hall, the Committee has been unable to recruit the full complement of Officers required to run the establishment. An extraordinary general meeting is planned for January to seek new officers or else the Committee must consider closure of the facility. Members discussed publicising the appeal and meeting in the December newsletter.
- vi) **Have Your Say on North Yorkshire Council's Budget: Let's Talk Money 2026** - Noted as an opportunity for individuals to respond.

13. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting – None raised.

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

14.1 No further items raised.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 16th December at 19:30