

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGHILL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ALL SAINTS CHURCH WIGHILL ON 7 JANUARY 2026**

Present:

Councillors: Mrs A Ward, Mrs L Richardson, Mr S Harvey, Mr T Parker
Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO)
2 Local Residents attended

Prior to the meeting commencing under standing orders, Richard Harrison a resident in Wighill who has attended many meetings as an observer, expressed an interest in filling the existing vacancy on the Council. After discussion, all existing Cllrs without exemption agreed to coopt Richard to fill the existing vacancy. The meeting then commenced under standing orders.

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> None
2.	<u>Public Questions and Statements</u> A resident with a property adjacent to the proposed development presented a 7 page document listing objections to the application.
3.	Cllr Mrs A Ward agreed to act as Chairman for the meeting and suggested that each Cllr should act as Chair in rotation at each subsequent meeting.
4.	<u>Matters Arising from the minutes of the Meeting held on 13 November 2025</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2025 were approved as a true record by all Councillors present with no abstentions.
5.	<u>Planning and Related Matters</u>
5.1	<p>Planning Applications received and to be determined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ainsty Farm - Erection of 2 new dwellings <p>Cllr R Harrison had spoken to local residents about the proposed scheme being considered. Many had objections to the details. The application appeared to be an over development of the plot with house No 1 being too big for the footprint and too close to the existing hedge. The massing of the dwellings was felt to be over bearing and not in keeping with the open rural setting of the current tranquil village street scene. Concern was expressed about the lack of 'on site' parking for visitors which would create additional 'on street' parking on the highways near the bend to Healaugh and this would restrict the visibility splay for vehicles. The existing highway is well used by vehicles and large farm equipment and additional 'on street' overflow vehicle parking would add to the problem. The proposed development will reduce the privacy for existing dwellings and cause lack of light which the existing properties currently enjoy. The access to the proposed dwellings is too close to the bend to Healaugh and is considered dangerous.</p> <p>The proposed development contravenes the requirements of many of the former Harrogate Borough Council's adopted policies.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed all the objections raised and asked the Clerk to respond to the Application:</p> <p>(B) The Parish Council Objects to the Application on the above Planning Grounds.</p>

Next Meeting

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