

Fountains Abbey Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Held on Monday 13th July 7.30pm at Studley Roger Village Hall

0-018-2026/2027

Present

Councillor Steve Byfield (Chair)

Councillor Charles Johnson (Vice Chair)

Councillor Jenny Atkinson

Councillor Vic Lawson

Councillor Derrick Slater

In Attendance

Divisional Councillor Felicity Cunliffe-Lister

Mr Justin Scully General Manager Fountains Abbey National Trust

2 members of the public

1-019-2026/2027 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Taylor Clerk.

2-020-2026/2027 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

3-021-2026/2027 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None were received

4-022-2026/2027 To APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING 8th SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLVED

Minutes approved

Chair Initials

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5-023-2026/2027 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Felicity Cunliffe lister presented to the Council the report Appendix 1 attached to these minutes

6-024-2026/2027 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM CHAIR

1. Signage on the B6265

The chair informed the council that Highways have informed him that the sign is in the process of being provided at the Aldfield Triangle however there is a short delay due to the possible need for Landowners permission.

2. Signage on The Close Studley Roger

Highways informed the Chair that the area on the close where a road sign has been requested to be placed is not on Highways Land and as such Highways are not responsible for the provision or funding of a sign. They would be able to assist in the design. Landowners' permission will be required.

3. White lines in Studley Roger

Highways will arrange a meeting in August and site visit to discuss the provision further. It was resolved not to have verge posts.

4. Placement of a mirror to aid pedestrians crossing the road B6265 at the Laver Caravan Site

Highways informed the Chair that mirrors can't be provided to aid pedestrian crossing as they represent a danger. Highways informed the Chair that consideration will be given for two pedestrian warning signs for motorists to warn of pedestrians crossing.

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5. Footpath progress relating to a letter sent to NYC

The Chair informed the Council that a holding response was given with no progress. The chair will send a follow up letter.

7-025-2026/2027 REPORT FROM THE CLERK

No report was provided

8-026-2026/2027 REPORT FROM NATIONAL TRUST

Justin Scully Reported that the Tea Room development will commence in September 2026 and will continue until December 2027. The vast majority for the building traffic will enter through St Marys Gate and only occasionally will they have to enter through Studley Village. The National Trust Project Manager Dan will contact the Chair to allow him to notify the village ahead of the delivery. Justin informed the Council that The annual Parish Picnic will go ahead July 25th 6.00pm.

9-027-2026/2027 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DESIGN OF A LOGO FOR THE PARISH

COUNCIL

The Chair informed Council that a resident of Studley who is a graphic designer has kindly offered to design a Council Logo and the design will show to the Council in September.

10-028-2026/2027 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. Mayor funding for Lloyds Tour of Britain
2. North Yorkshire Parish Liaison new website and Parish Update
3. YLCA Website update

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RESOLVED

Correspondence noted.

11-029-2026/2027 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT STUDLEY ROGER VILLAGE HALL TRUST GRANT by the power of Local Government Act 1972, S133 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, S19 (includes power to assist voluntary groups to provide recreational facilities)

RESOLVED

Approved payment of the first 50% or the £2500 2026-2027 grant as soon as possible

12-030-2026/2027 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE PERIOD TO

13th JULY AND TO RECEIVE SPENDING v BUDGET REPORT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR TO 13th JULY 2026

No approval was possible due to the absence of the above reports.

13-031-2026/2027 PLANNING NOTICES

4. Ref 26/00047/Houser

5. Ref 26/00039/NREFFP

Noted

14-032-2026/2027 Date of next meeting 14th September 2026 meeting closed 9.00pm

At The Ordinary meeting of Fountains Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 14th September 2026 It was resolved by unanimous vote to approve these minutes, copies which had been previously circulated to members, as a true and correct record. These Minutes were then signed by the Chair accordingly

Chair full signature C. J. Houser

Date 14.09.26

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APPENDIX 1

NORTH YORKSHIRE DIVISIONAL REPORT

Cllr F Cunliffe -Lister

Connectivity

- The digital officer at NYC has been liaising with Quickline to establish the extent of the current project's (Gigabit) delivery. They are assessing whether any additional dwellings can be included, those that might be very close to other dwellings that have a connection. Properties which are not included after this "change request" to the contract will then be passed to Openreach as part of what BDUK term a 'Type C' procurement. There is not yet a timescale for this next phase.
- Julian Smith has been liaising with the Minister for Digital Connectivity on my behalf about the need for further mobile masts in the area, and the alternatives that are being considered in way of providing mobile coverage. I am waiting for a further response.
- I have established that there might be CIL funding for mobile mast installation. I am liaising between the telecoms agent and the NYC officers to establish how this might be possible. What would first be required is a site with planning permission.

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- I am aware that a resident in Fearby has been provided with a smart meter connection using broadband connection, by Octopus. This is good news and worth pursuing if any residents are unable to get a connection via mobile.

Community Led Housing

The Mashamshire CLH Trust has been established, and we submitted a bid to purchase a derelict school outside Fearby. We are also investigating the option of developing council house garages into small housing units. There is one in Masham that might be a suitable pilot, and there is a new tranche of Mayoral brownfield funding that might assist with this.

Don't Spark Disaster

Both the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Parks have launched this campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of wildfires and how to avoid them. A link is here : <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/plan-your-visit/essential-information/fire-safety-in-the-yorkshire-dales/> In light of the current dry weather I thought this might be useful to share.

North Yorkshire Parish Council website

This has recently launched. Parish Clerks will need to register to gain access to it. It is hoped that it will be a more convenient platform for information and engagement between NYC and parishes. Please let me know how you find it.

Ripon Mobility Hub

The Uredale Transport & Connectivity Group met recently to review the principles of a mobility hub and to give feedback on what might be proposed. This mainly relates to the bus station area within Ripon.

Community Transport

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The Masham community project is now up and running. It provides transport, mostly to hospital appointments, with volunteer drivers. It's a popular service, supporting both residents in Masham and surrounding villages. The ambition is to purchase a vehicle in the future, and provide other trips such as school transport and social outings.

Access to Banking

This Mayoral Banking Fund has been recently announced. It supports projects that reintroduce or enhance physical banking and cash services on high streets. Approximately £1.2m available in total, individual grants of £30k to £400k. Capital, revenue, or a mix and match funding is required above £50k of total project cost. Capital schemes need a 3-year commitment to run services.

Ripon to Fountains Cycle Route

The report is now complete and the recommended route is the one we were hoping for. The Uredale Transport & Connectivity Working Group are meeting the NYC officer in September to review this and assess what funding is available for which element, and review the remaining LCWALP routes also.

Quarry Moor

I have attended recent Working Group meetings where I am a non-voting member. Work is in progress with regard to raising funding and managing the site.

Home to School Transport

I have submitted a motion for Full Council next week, to reintroduce catchment to Home to School transport. This would avoid children on the North Yorkshire boundary being denied transport to a county school if one outside the county is closer, and for children who live just a few metres closer to one school than another (such as the two schools in Ripon) not being provided transport to their school of choice. I

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am aware this has created costs for the county by way of new taxi routes, and costs for families (and the environment) who are now driving to school every day.

Uredale Transport & Connectivity Group

The Working Group have been asked to circulate the following consultation, please can you encourage everyone to submit their views :

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA) has been [awarded funding](#) to explore how to deliver better rural and coastal bus services and this study will help to shape approaches to future services.

YNYCA want to hear from people whose voices are often not heard or involved in decisions on transport, whether they use buses or not. Please fill out [this](#) survey and share with your friends and family in York and North Yorkshire: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/2ZQA1Y/>

Rocket Science are working alongside Haskoning UK Ltd as part of the commission for Rural Bus

Franchising Studies, commissioned by YNYCA.

If you prefer, we can offer phone calls and visits to groups, just call or text: 0191 3002587 or email:

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Usewem Modelling

I have had an update on this project from the NYC Officer. The report is complete but not yet in circulation, it will be presented at the ACC in October. She says the results are compelling, and although measures need to be on a fairly large scale the impact can be demonstrated in terms of preventing downstream flooding. This relates to the catchment areas of the rivers that flow into the Ouse, and the towns and villages that suffer from flooding.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

I am now a member of the board and attending their Full Authority Meeting last Tuesday, where their Local Plan for the next five years was approved.

Feast : www.northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast

FEAST is back this summer, offering holiday activities with a healthy meal for young people aged 16 and under across North Yorkshire. Better yet, if you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals then your place is fully-funded

What's happening when?

- From Monday 15th June – browse activities on the FEAST website or view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area.
- Midday, Monday 22nd June – vouchers go live. Eligible families will receive a text or email from Holiday Activities to redeem their voucher and request places.
- From Friday 24th June – activity providers begin allocating places.

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Funded places are available for children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals (or who are eligible by exception – see the FEAST FAQs for details). Each activity you book includes a free healthy meal for your child.

If you believe your child is eligible and do not receive your voucher on 22nd June, please contact your school office.

Families who are not eligible for funded places may be able to book paid places directly with providers.

Visit the FEAST website to explore what's on this summer.

Executive Meetings

The minutes from the June Executive meeting are here :

<https://edemocracy.northyorks.gov.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?CId=1147&MId=20911&Ver=4>

The project ensures that households have access to competitive deals through a hassle-free process. Suppliers compete for the opportunity to offer households the lowest energy tariff, and there is no need to compare different tariffs as everyone registered receives a personal offer.

Since 2012, the Big Community Switch has seen more than 2.1 million people register their interest in switching energy contracts.

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