

NUN MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF NUN MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BARN AT THE ALICE HAWTHORN, NUN MONKTON, YO26 8ES ON WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7PM.

Chairman: Cllr C Chambers

Parish Council Manager (PCM): Mrs H Guest, 40 Linden Way, Thorpe Willoughby, YO8 9ND.

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Part 1

25081: Attendance:

1. Attendees: Cllrs Chambers, Wood, Hawkwood, Evans, Morrison, County Cllr Warneken and 5 members of the public.
2. Apologies: None.
3. All present were requested to sign the attendance book.

25082: Welcome: Chairman welcomed Councillors and electors to the meeting.

25083: Interests: Chairman reminded members of the need to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. None received.

25084: Minutes:

1. It was resolved to accept the Minutes of previous meetings.
2. Chairman signed minutes as approved.

25085: Elector's Comments:

1. The edges of the road on Pool Lane seem to be cracking. It was recommended that this is reported online NYCC.
2. The water level in Buttery Pond is very low now, so it would be the best time to clear the edges of sticks and stones.
3. Willow trees near pond in Wiggington has been felled – it was suggested that the ones in our Village are very large and need management. The discussion about trees further on in the agenda was brought forward to this point of the meeting and a range of options was discussed from felling, to a percentage reduction of the canopy to pollarding. It was raised that work on the willows could potentially cost thousands of pounds and the money that the Parish Council currently has is due to fund other equally important projects. A quote for reduction has been received.
4. A resident reported that a report has been made to the NYCC footpath team regarding an unsafe stile and bridge at Moor End and that there is another stile which is also unsafe and which has been reported.

25086: Reports:

1. County Councillor.
 - a. The NYCC budget will be in a £72m deficit this year.

- b. Boundary changes: Cllr Warneken confirmed that Nun Monkton will stay in the group with the Hammertons and within the natural river boundaries.
 - c. The Maltkiln inspectors report is now out with modifications and should provide 3 to 3.5 thousand homes over the next 30 years. It is hoped to approve the DPD. He explained the considerations and difficulties involved in ensuring an appropriate level of infrastructure and facilities in such a development.
 - d. With recent legislation, it anticipated that there will be an increase in fly tipping. Cllr Warneken asked that any incidences of fly tipping are reported directly to NYCC and that those discovering it do not remove anything from the site. Previous examples where members of the public have removed evidential items from the scene to put personal information on social media to name and shame offenders have resulted in the fly tippers being exonerated because the evidence has been tampered with.
 - e. Pool Lane/A59 visibility splay – this is an itemised later in the agenda, but discussed at this point because Cllr Warneken was limited for time. He said that if the issue is the hedges, the landowner is responsible, but if it is grass, it should be reported to NYCC.
- 2. Police. None.
 - 3. Other representatives:
 - a. Chairman:
 - (i) Cllr Chambers said she had joined in a webinar from the Deputy PFCC.
 - (ii) She asked whether the area at Moor End which had been closed off for the demolition of a building has been reopened yet, as people were questioning the right of way through there. To ascertain this.
 - b. Parish Council Manager: None.

25087: Planning:

Applications:

- 1. 25/02777/FUL: Single storey rear kitchen extension, replacement rear porch, replacement fenestration (retrospective), Vicarage Cottage, The Green, Nun Monkton. No objections.
- 2. 25/02677/FUL: Proposed single storey rear extension at Tessymans Cottage, New Lane, Nun Monkton. Extension of time for comments applied for. No objections.
- 3. 25/03092/FUL: Erection of 2x dormers to the rear of Burnsey Cottage, The Green, Nun Monkton. No objections.

Decisions:

- 1. 25/02055/FUL: Proposed Erection of Single Storey Side Extension, Front Porch Extension, Boiler House and Lawnmower Shed at Alderbrook Cottage, Moor End to Mill Syke, Nun Monkton. Approved. Noted.

Other:

- 1. Maltkiln Development Plan: Final inspectors report completed. See brief discussion during public session.
- 2. Knaresborough Town Council and Terrington Parish Council have submitted Neighbourhood Plans and have asked for any feedback. Councillors resolved no comments.

25088: Finance: Approved/noted.

- a) **Account Balances:** as at 31st August 2025
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| 1. Current account | £42,564.45 |
| 2. Savings account | £3,933.70 |
- b) **Payments made under delegated powers:**
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| 1. Bank charges Jul/Aug 25 (d/d) | £28.00 |
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- c) **Payments to be made:**
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| 1. Vision ICT | £175.76 |
| 2. C Broadley (burial ground) | £530.00 |
| 3. Autela Payroll Services | £87.00 |
- Payment of Parish Council Manager's salary was noted.
- d) **Receipts:**
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| 1. RPA (delinked payment) | £350.62 |
| 2. Maypole account (this to be ring-fenced) | £2,853.73 |
- e) **Other:**
1. Confirmation from the external auditors that NMPC is exempt from external audit for the year 2024/25. Noted.
 2. It was authorised for the PCM to pay expected invoice for grass cutting, once received.

25089: Increase in number of Parish Councillors: Because meetings are often rearranged due to the availability of sufficient Councillors, it is believed that the Council would benefit for an increase in numbers. Cllr Chambers to contact Cllr Warneken for advice.

25090: Village Green and Maintenance

1. Cattle Collars: No updates.
2. Trees:
 - a. Following a query as to whether the Parish Council should fell the Lime tree near the Priory entrance because of the disease it has and because the Lime outside the school was blown over, it has now been made the subject of a TPO (Tree Preservation Order). A root survey is to be requested.
 - b. Willows: Discussed in public session.
3. Tracks: With the recent rain, some potholes are appearing. Some grading is planned and there is a stock of chunky gravel which can be used. It was believed that so a vibrating roller, or similar would be of benefit. Drainage is often an issue and a discussion was held regarding ways to improve this. Any proposals will be brought to a future meeting.
4. Pond maintenance: It was discussed that advice would be needed to establish how clearing up Buttery Pond whilst it is nearly empty.
5. Village signage: It was suggested and agreed that the priority should be the 20MPH signage, with anything else being considered in due course.
6. Drains maintenance: Culvert between Mill Syke and Little Holland has been inspected and report awaited
7. Maypole: No updates.
8. Village Green Maintenance:
 - a. Cllr Chambers reported that the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has been testing a type of rust that naturally kills Himalayan Balsam in the area that it originates. This has apparently been very successful and formal results are awaited.

- b. It was noted that whole Village Green grass has now been cut.
- 9. Burial Ground:
 - a. Grounds maintenance have asked whether sealed bags of refuse could be put somewhere for refuse collection. Cllr Chambers to deal
 - b. Report from grounds maintenance that holes in the ground around headstones and elsewhere have appeared over the summer because of the dry weather and rabbits – these really should be filled in as a H&S issue. Cllr Chambers to deal.
 - c. Review of burial ground fees – Cllr Evans to review this.
- 10. Annual bonfire: Chairman only received a risk assessment last night and so an extraordinary meeting will now have to be arranged. A plan should be available and residents should be notified ahead.
- 11. Phone Box Library: A volunteer is required to take care of the Phone Box Library as the current person is moving away. Cllr Chambers to add this to the next newsletter.
- 12. Water Pump at Moor End: This is now in need of refurbishment. Cllr Wood to deal and bring proposal to next meeting.
- 13. Tidying up the verges at South View: Moved to speeding item below.
- 14. New bench for Village Green: New bench received and ready to install. David Armitage has financed a bench to be donated to the Village in memory of Gilly Armitage. The bench has arrived and is ready to install – it is from the supplier of benches to Natural Trust properties and will be placed in the area where the old Jubilee bench was. The old concrete base will be removed and the area reseeded. Cllr Chambers dealing.

25091: Highways/Speeding:

- 1. Pool Lane/A59 junction – this was discussed earlier in the meeting with Cllr Warneken.
- 2. Speeding – Since the speed testing tubes were used, we do fit the criteria for the 20MPH speed limit starting on South View. Cllr Warneken has said that it is also very useful to demonstrate that there is strong community support for the limit with a petition. A meeting of local representatives over the summer agreed to put together a leaflet with stats from the speeding monitoring, as well as the change.org petition which has had a lot of signatures, but there seems to be an issue with this and a paper version will also be circulated for those who have had difficulty online. Ways to help drivers understand that they are entering the Village, such as tidying up the verges on the way in may help and it was suggested that the children at the school might create a sign for the start of the Village to illustrate that there are children playing. Other options were discussed as possibilities.

25092: Village Green Team: No update.

25093: Correspondence received:

- 1. Request from North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre: request for donations. Noted.

25094: Items for the next agenda.

- 1. Buttery Pond – the weeds need management.
- 2. A further new bench has been requested.
- 3. Volunteer for someone to raise flags on national days.

25095: Date(s) of next meeting(s): 19 November, 10 December (budget/precept – no public participation), then in 2026, 21 January and 18 March.

8.45pm: Closure of Part 1 meeting.

25096: Confidential Business

It was resolved to exclude press/public on the grounds that the matter affects individual staff members/legal/procedural/finance issues.

25097:

1. Quotes for Burial Ground gates received, but further quote awaited.
2. Apple Tree Farm update: documents have been sent to developers solicitors.
3. Informal offer to replace one of the Village Green benches – this will need a formal proposal and can then be discussed/approved at a future meeting.

9.05m: Closure of Part 2 meeting.

Signed:

C Chambers

Chairman

Nun Monkton Parish Council

Date: 19 November 2025