

NUN MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF NUN MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BARN AT THE ALICE HAWTHORN, NUN MONKTON, YO26 8ES ON THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026 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

26001: Attendance:

1. Attendees: Cllrs Chambers, Evans, Morrison, Wood and one member of the public.
2. Apologies: Council received apologies from Cllr Hawkwood – it was resolved to accept reason given. County Cllr Warneken also sent his apologies.
3. All present were requested to sign the attendance book.

26002: Welcome: Chairman welcomed Councillors and electors to the meeting.

26003: Interests: Chairman reminded members of the need to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. None received.

26004: Minutes:

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

26005: Elector's Comments: None.

26006: Reports:

1. County Councillor. None.
2. Police. None.
3. Other representatives:
 - a. Chairman – Cllr Chambers reported that a blockage at Mill Syke had been reported and cleared. Also that a request has been made to Highways to reinstate the grips (channels between the road surface and verge) which had been blocked off as a result of the resurfacing works on Pool Lane.
 - b. Parish Council Manager – PCM reported that permission has been given for a skip on the Green outside Burnsey House for approximately 8 weeks. Also that she was able to confirm that an easement existed for a property going up for sale, avoiding the need to go through the process of setting one up. Information has been received from NYCC to confirm the existence of a TPO on one of the trees on the Green.

26007: Planning:

Applications: None.

Decisions: None.

Other:

1. Maltkiln Development Plan: No updates.

26008: Finance: The following were approved/noted:

a) Account Balances: as at 31st January 2026

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| 1. Current account | £63,802.42 |
| 2. Savings account | £3,963.67 |

b) Payments made under delegated powers:

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| 1. Bank charges Nov/Dec 25 and Jan 26 (d/d) | £27.00 |
| 2. JD Plant (York) Ltd (digger hire) | £216.00 |
| 3. GH Brooks (Harrogate) Ltd (pipe/gravel for tracks) | £424.67 |
| 4. GH Brooks (Harrogate) Ltd (stone for tracks) | £359.92 |
| 5. Autela Payroll Services Ltd | £87.00 |
| 6. Barnes Associates Ltd (tree RA) | £561.00 |
| 7. Information Commissioner | £52.00 |
| 8. GH Brooks (stone for tracks) | £162.50 |

c) Payments to be made:

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| 1. SJH&V Jackson (telehandler) | £300.00 |
| 2. C Chambers (reimburse defibrillator pads) | £91.14 |
| 3. C Chambers (reimburse more defibrillator pads and comfort kit) | £93.69 |
- To note payment of Parish Council Manager's salary

d) Receipts:

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| 1. Bank interest | £14.38 |
| 2. Easement (Apple Tree Farm) | £19,600.00 |
| 3. Rural Payments Agency | £2,288.97 |

e) Other: None.

26009: Village Green and Maintenance

1. Cattle Collars: No updates.
2. Trees: Cllrs Evans and Chambers met with the arboriculturist ahead of the recent tree survey and discussed proposed work on the Lime near the Priory entrance. It would seem that the disease in the tree has got worse. Cllr Evans to request permission for reduction works on the tree, which is the subject of a TPO. Advice was that the Willows were not taking all the water out of the Pond and that pollarding them would make them more brittle and prone to falling branches. Some of the younger trees have tree guards around them which, because the trees are growing, are biting into the wood – this to be addressed and reported back to the Council. The survey noted that one of the Willows near the Tessymans Cottage track has broken branches and a Sycamore near the Gowthorpes which has some bark has come off it, then there's another Sycamore near Woodside which has many broken branches. To look at the quotes already received for tree work in the Part 2 session and consider adding maintenance works to these for further quotes.
3. Tracks: Councillors have carried out a walkthrough of the Village Green tracks. Some grading work has been carried out and some more is planned, particularly where there has been a lot of stone added over the years and the track is higher than the Green. The French drain which has been dug seems to be making a positive difference to the pooling of water. The verges outside School are being damaged on the side nearest the School by vehicles using them as parking or passing places. A lengthy discussion took place which incorporated many areas where damage had

occurred, including New Lane and more posts will be considered. It was clear that more detail was needed in order to work out a plan of works.

4. Pond maintenance: Rushes at Moor End Pond need some clearance. Cllr Chambers to deal.
5. Village signage: No updates.
6. Drains maintenance: The culvert between Little Hollands and Mill Syke has been partially cleared and a video of the culvert shows a collapsed pipe. The metal to make a new grate is held and to be discussed further in due course.
7. Maypole – Nothing to report.
8. Village Green Maintenance:
 - a. Complaints of dog poop on Village Green which will directly affect the health of the cattle if ingested. Various deterrents were discussed and it was decided that the issue would be raised in the next Village newsletter in the first instance.
9. Burial Ground:
 - a. Replacement of gates: Deferred to next meeting.
10. Rabbits: Cllr Chambers suggested that a heat-seeking drone could be deployed to identify rabbit warrens around the Village Green area as a first step. It was resolved to progress this at an expected cost of approximately £400.
11. Notice Board: The Parish Council notice board is in a poor state of repair. It was resolved that the PCM obtain quotes for a replacement and pass these onto Councillors. Subject to responses from Councillors, the PCM is authorised to purchase a board up to the value of £1500.
12. Goal Posts: The goal posts on the Green were reported broken. Deferred until the next meeting.
13. Water Pump at Moor End: This item was deferred in order that further quotes could be obtained.
14. Defibrillator: It was resolved to purchase a spare set of pads for the defibrillator at a cost of approximately £90 to ensure that there is always a spare set. This will be an ongoing maintenance action that does not need prior Parish Council approval. Cllr Chambers to deal.

26010: Highways/speeding:

1. Proposed VAS sign at South View: It is understood that a sign will cost in the region of £4-5000. Cllr Warneken has stated that he will be able to donate £1000 towards this. Cllr Chambers dealing.
2. 20MPH speed limit: Cllr Chambers advised that this would be approved, but that there is a process to be followed ahead of this, starting with a public consultation.

26011: Village Green Team: Nothing to report.

26012: Increase in number of Councillors: It has been established that there will be a delay to this process due to the number of other Councils asking for the same thing. It is hoped that it can be put in place during 2027.

26013: Updated policies: To consider and resolve whether to approve updated policies.

1. Burial Ground Fees. Deferred.
2. Standing Orders. Deferred.
3. Code of Conduct. Deferred

4. Skips on the Village Green. Resolved as unnecessary.

26014: Correspondence received:

1. Yorkshire In Bloom awards – invitation received to participate. Noted.

26015: Items for the next agenda. None at this time.

26016: To note date(s) of next meeting(s): Dates for the forthcoming year: In 2026, (possible meeting on 15th April if it is thought necessary nearer the time) 20th May, 15th July, 16th September, 18th November and 9th December (budget meeting with no public session), then in 2027, 20th January and 17th March.

8.20pm: Closure of Part 1 meeting.

26017: Confidential Business

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

26018:

1. Burial Ground gates: This item deferred.
2. Refurbishment of Pump at Moor End: This item deferred.
3. Work required to reduce Lime near Priory entrance: Quotes received and authority given to Cllr Chambers to decide up to a cost of £1200
4. Planning Enforcement notification – this for information only. Noted.

8.45pm: Closure of Part 2 meeting.

Signed:

C Chambers

Chairman

Nun Monkton Parish Council

Date: 15th April 2026