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 15TH APRIL 2026 AT 7PM.

Chairman: Cllr C Chambers
Parish Council Manager (PCM): Mrs H Guest.
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Part 1

26019: Attendance:

1. Attendees: Cllrs Wood, Hawkwood, Morrison, Chambers, Evans and 4 members of the public.
2. Apologies: None.
3. All present were requested to sign the attendance book.

26020: Welcome: Chairman welcomed Councillors and electors to the meeting.

26021: **Interests**: Chairman reminded members of the need to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. None.

26022: Minutes: Deferred.

26023: Elector's Comments:

1. There are a lot of fallen branches on the Village Green – it was suggested that a working party could keep on top of it.
2. Suggestion that the willows are pollarded to reduce the size. Cllr Chambers again informed that advice received stated that pollarding would make the branch joints weaker and therefore more likely to fail.

26024: Reports:

1. County Councillor.
2. Police.
3. Other representatives:
    a. Chairman
    b. Parish Council Manager

26025: Planning:

Applications:

1. 26/01069/FUL: Single Storey Oak Framed Gable Extension at Orchard Cottage, The Green, Nun Monkton. No objections.
2. 26/01150/COU: Change of use of existing home studio for business use as well-being/personal development/yoga/meditation studio (Use Class E) at Sahastha, Pool Lane, Nun Monkton. No objections.

Decisions: None.

Other:

1. Update on application for Village Green lime tree reduction – this discussion may move to 'Maintenance' section below. The Tree Officer immediately put a TPO onto the tree. The tree has been measured and, despite the disease, a height reduction has been rejected. Apparently, a further tomography scan has been suggested. It was asked whether we could ask for a written acceptance of responsibility from Tree Officers if the the tree falls down.
2. Maltkiln Development Plan: No updates.

26026: Finance:

a) Account Balances: as at 31st March 2026

1. Current account	£63,354.25
2. Savings account	£3,977.50

b) Payments made under delegated powers: None.

c) Payments to be made:

1. Open Spaces Society	£45.00
2. Autela Payroll Services	£105.60
3. YLCA (subscription)	£159.00
4. C Chambers (defib pads)	£96.70
5. Bank charges (Feb/Mar d/d)	£11.00

Noted payment of Parish Council Manager's salary

d) Receipts:

1. Bank interest	£13.83
2. Burial plot and interment (Prudhoe)	£640.00

e) Other: None.

26027: Village Green and Maintenance

1. Cattle Collars: Consideration being given to graze the Himalayan balsam or to strim it.
2. Trees:
    1. Proposed work on the Lime near the Priory entrance – update on reduction works. Any quotes to be discussed during Part 2 session. Already discussed earlier in meeting.
    2. Storm Dave damage to willow at Buttery Pond and any other affected trees to discuss and resolve emergency actions taken and cost. In the process of obtaining quotes to remove dead wood.

    Tracks: Simon Dale has been out grading the tracks and drainage solutions were discussed to reduce the pooling of water.

    NYCC Cllr Warneken arrived at 7.45pm.
3. Pond maintenance: Weeds to be scraped out and grass seed to be applied.
4. Village signage: Item held on agenda for future attention (speed signs not included in this section).
5. Drains maintenance:
    a. Updates on culvert between Little Hollands and Mill Syke – The culvert has been inspected and it would seem to have dropped. Cllr Warneken to ask NYCC about responsibility.
    b. No other updates.
6. Maypole – No updates.

7. Village Green Maintenance:
    a. Posts to prevent damage of the Green near the School.
    b. Grass cutting plan – There are areas where the regular machinery cannot reach. Cllr Chambers to do a survey.
8. Burial Ground:
    a. Replacement of gates: quotes have been requested, but any discussion regarding quotes received should be moved into Part 2 for resolution. Carried forward.
9. Rabbits: Investigation into and management of rabbits on the Village Green – Agripest coming with heat seeking equipment to find out where the rabbits are.
10. Notice Board: The Parish Council notice board is in a poor state of repair. Replacement costs to be discussed in Part 2 session. Deferred.
11. Goal Posts: The goal posts on the Green were reported broken. These are currently being welded.
12. Water Pump at Moor End: This item was deferred from the last meeting for quotes to be obtained. Deferred again.
13. Defibrillator: Spare pads new received.

26028: Highways/speeding:

1. Proposed VAS sign at South View: Cllr Chambers stated that we are awaiting NYCC to do a consultation on limits and signs.

26029: Village Green Team: The Green Team is do to a walk through the Green.

26030: Increase in number of Councillors: It was resolved to remove this item for the present time due to the likelihood that NYCC could not progress it in the foreseeable future.

26031: Correspondence received:

1. Ripon Walled Garden event on 16th May 2026. Circulated to Councillors and Village.
2. Councillors invited to charity event to support the Air Ambulance at Harrogate Pavilions on 24th April 2026.

26032: Items for the next agenda. None at this time.

26033: Date(s) of next meeting(s): Dates for the forthcoming year: In 2026, 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.

Closure of Part 1 meeting.

26034: Confidential Business
It was resolved to exclude press/public on the grounds that the matter affects individual staff members/legal/procedural/finance issues.

26035: Items for discussion and resolution, where necessary:

1. Burial Ground gates: Deferred.
2. Refurbishment of Pump at Moor End: Deferred.
3. Work required to reduce Lime near Priory entrance: Already discussed.

4. Wording on plaque for Loades bench approved: ‘Too busy to sit’.
5. To discuss potential legal matters if necessary – none.

Closure of Part 2 meeting.

Signed …….. C Chambers
Chairman
Nun Monkton Parish Council
Date: