NUN MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF NUN MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE BARN AT THE ALICE HAWTHORN, NUN MONKTON, YO26 8ES ON TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST 2026 AT 7PM.

Chairman: Cllr C Chambers
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Part 1

26078: Attendance:

1. **Attendees:** Cllrs Chambers, Wood, Hawkwood, Evans, Morrison, County Cllr Warneken and 10 members of the public.
2. **Apologies:** None.
3. All Councillors and guests were requested to sign the attendance book.

26079: Welcome: Chairman welcomed Councillors and electors to the meeting and explained that this was an extraordinary meeting to deal with pressing matters which could not wait until the September meeting.

26080: Interests: Chairman reminded members of the need to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. The Chairman declared that she was friends with the applicant of the first planning application. No other declarations were received.

26081: Minutes:

1. It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the June meeting.
2. Chairman signed minutes as approved.
3. Minutes of the May and July meetings to follow.

26082: Elector's Comments: Chairman asked how many electors wished to speak during the public session. Only a couple of people indicated that they wished to speak and therefore no additional time was required.

26083: Planning:

Applications:

1. **26/04252/FUL: Demolition and rebuilding of existing barn to provide domestic garage and storage facilities at Warren House Farm, The Green, Nun Monkton.**

The application was reviewed and the Parish Council had **no objections**.

The Council noted the extensive bat survey and the plans and measures relating to protected species. Cllr Wood noted that the planning drawings appeared to have been annotated incorrectly. Cllr Chambers confirmed that both the protected species matters and the drawing annotation issue would be covered in the Parish Council's planning submission.

2. **26/03576/FUL: Development of New Kitchen Garden, Kitchen Garden Room, Extension & Re-Arrangement of Car Park, and construct new Padel Court with associated infrastructure and works at the Alice Hawthorn Inn, The Green, Nun Monkton.**

The Chairman explained that the application from Richard Harpin / Harpin Ltd was an important matter and that the Parish Council would have a full discussion on all aspects of the proposed development.

The Parish Council held an extensive discussion regarding the application. The Chairman thanked villagers for completing the Parish Council survey, which was considered representative of almost all households in the Village. Cllr Evans provided an overview of the survey results, with the majority of respondents indicating that they strongly objected to the proposed Padel Court. The majority of respondents also indicated that they would have no intention of using the facility.

Cllr Evans agreed to send the results of the village questionnaire to Cllr Warneken. The Parish Council also agreed that the Chairman should write to Cllr Warneken to request details of the specific surveys which the Council considered were missing from the application.

The discussion covered noise, lighting, residential amenity, heritage impact, the design of the Padel Court, car parking and the use of the Village Green, the proposed change of use of land forming part of The Bungalow plot, the lack of traffic analysis, ecological impacts including the potential impact of lighting and noise on protected species, habitat loss, and the proposed use of the Garden Room.

The potential impact on other wildlife and local livestock was also discussed, including the risk to cows grazing on the Village Green.

Following extensive discussion, the Parish Council confirmed its **overriding objection to the proposed development**. The Council considered that this was not the right development for this area of the Village and that the cumulative impacts were unacceptable.

In particular, the Council considered that:

- the heritage impact was too great, given the Grade II listed Alice Hawthorn and Nun Monkton's Conservation Area status;
- the impact on residential amenity from noise and light was unacceptable;
- the development would have an unacceptable impact on the rural character and way of life of the Village;
- the ecological impact and loss of habitat were unacceptable;

- the potential impact of lighting and noise on protected species and other wildlife was of concern;
- the proposed change of use and lack of clarity regarding the Garden Room were unacceptable;
- there were concerns regarding the impact on local livestock, including the risk to cows grazing on the Village Green; and
- the additional traffic associated with the development was unacceptable.

Cllr Chambers agreed to prepare and submit the Parish Council's response to the planning application, incorporating the matters discussed and making reference to the relevant sections of the Harrogate Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

26084: Finance:

Brave the Shave: County Cllr Arnold Warneken attended the meeting and confirmed that he had completed the Brave the Shave challenge to raise awareness and funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Cllr Warneken spoke about the work of the charity and explained that other Parish Councils had made donations under Section 137.

The Council had discussed the matter at its previous meeting but had not reached a conclusion. A discussion was held regarding the prevalence of cancer and the valuable support provided by Macmillan not only to those living with or affected by cancer but also to their families and loved ones. Examples of local people who had received support were shared.

Cllr Hawkwood asked for clarification regarding the legislation. Cllr Warneken explained that Parish Councils are able to make donations under Section 137, subject to the applicable statutory expenditure limit.

Cllr Evans proposed that the Parish Council make a donation of **£400 to Macmillan Cancer Support**, which was agreed by all Councillors.

26085: Items for the next agenda: None noted.

26086: Date(s) of next meeting(s): The forthcoming meeting dates were noted as 16th September, 18th November and 9th December 2026 (budget meeting with no public session), followed in 2027 by 20th January and 17th March.

Cllr Chambers to check whether the Alice Hawthorn Barn is available for the forthcoming meetings.

Closure of Part 1 meeting.

26087: Confidential Business

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

26088: Items for discussion and resolution, where necessary:

Clerk's resignation: The Council formally noted the Clerk's resignation, which had been communicated verbally at the previous meeting. The Parish Council agreed to delegate the day-to-day administration required to complete the formalities associated with the current Clerk's resignation, together with the advertising and recruitment process for a new Clerk/RFO.

Closure of Part 2 meeting.

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

Date: …….