Annual Parish Meeting Cowling Parish Council
11th May 2026 7pm

Agenda

1, Chairmans opening remarks.
The Chairman thanked fellow councillors, clerk and Lengthsman for all the work throughout the year, their time, effort and committment enable the Parish Council(PC) to serve the community effectively. He also thanked Councillor Andy Brown (representative for the Aire Valley) for his dedication and support to the Parish Council.

He also thanked residents for their continued support, engagement and feedback, through meetings, volunteering and raising concerns, this involvement plays a vital role in shaping the parish.
Over the past year, we have worked together to address local issues, support community projects, and represent the interests of our residents. While there are always challenges, it is through cooperation and shared purpose that we continue to make progress.

The PC remains committed to working openly, responsibly, and in the best interests of everyone in the parish.

The Chairman lists the main achievements below:

- *Continued development of the Rec. including new equipment, support for local events and sporting activities.*
- *Speeding related issues in North Yorkshire have finally been recognised at the highest level to the extent they made a statement stating that speed cameras will be fitted within the County for the first time in history.*
- *Development of the new allotments at Middleton*
- *Upgraded play equipment on Collinge Rd.*

The PC we will continue to support this community and encourage involvement from the community, **he would especially like to make a point that we currently have 4 vacant seats on the council to which interested members of the public from this Village may want to consider taking up a position,** Personally the Chairman has found the position very rewarding and considers it a privilege engaging with the small but close knit community, helping to grow the community spirit.

The Chairman quoted the current bank details which are: **A current balance of £138,519.39 at 11th May 2026 this includes £44k precept on 30th April 2026, part 1 of 2 payments.**

2, Open Forum. (Residents are invited to Address Councillors with Questions and Ideas.
- **No questions or Ideas received.**

Attendees: Cllr Paul Weatherhead (Chairman) Cowling Parish Council cllrs: Owen Lewis, Chris Emmott, Caz Zeyrek, Ernest Hall, Clerk:Linda Whitehead, Lengthsman: Scott Mason and three members of the public.

Signed by:……Paul Weatherhead……..Date:…18 May 2026…….

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