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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Cowling Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 07 Sep 2026 at The Village Hall, Cowling. Minutes subject to confirmation at the meeting of Cowling Parish Council to be held on 05 October 2026.

Linda Whitehead, Clerk, RFO and Proper Officer, 13 Sep 2026 L.A.Whitehead

72) Apologies:

a) To approve and receive apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.
   i) Apologies from Cllr C. Emmott , Cllr E.Hall, Lengthsman S.Mason, send their apologies.
   ii) Apologies received by the Clerk prior to the meeting. The Parish Council approved the reasons for absence.

73) Present:

To note attendees: Chairman Cllr P Weatherhead, Vice Chair Cllr C Zeyrek, Cllr O.Lewis, Clerk L.Whitehead, 1 x RGMC member and 3 members of the public.

74) Declaration of Interests:

a) To record any Councillors disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) or other interests in relation to items on this agenda. **Note:** Cllr Emmott was not present at the meeting due to pecuniary interest at section 87).

b) To consider any Councillor requests for dispensations.
None received.

75) Minutes:

a) To approve minutes of the Parish Meeting of CPC held Mon 6 July 2026.
Resolved: that the minutes of Cowling Parish Council are a true and accurate record of the above meeting.

76) Public Participation:

a) Members of the public may address the council on matters within the council's remit; maximum total time allowed of 15 minutes.
   i) Mr Barnes is passing on the role of looking after the hedges on the Chapel House side at Middleton Park to Mrs Barker. Mrs Barker has asked if the PC can arrange for the trees to be trimmed to a manageable size, then she will take over. **Action:** the Clerk to arrange with a tree surgeon.
   ii) A member of the public asked what is the PC's view of the 9 new houses which are provisionally to be built at Woodside. Cllr Brown informed the meeting that planning decisions will now be decided by planning officers at NYC. If the public do not agree they can appeal, the mayor can overwrite a decision and drive the application through. Planning committee will not have the same powers as previous.

77) Invited Guest:

a) PCO Thornton, Councillor A.Brown, RGMC representative(s)
   i) Councillor Brown informed the meeting that Kexgill bypass near Harrogate is open but still not totally completed.

78) Report from Clerk & Lengthsman:

a) To receive a report from Cowling Parish Council Lengthsman.
   i) Nothing to report from Lengthsman
b) The Clerks report will be reported throughout the agenda.
To approve any action required arising from the afore mentioned reports.
c) **Planning:** Planning applications: None current at 02 September 2026

79) Finance

a) To approve payment of the following invoices presented for payment: *to be ratified.

Payee	Inv.Date	Inv. Number	Details	Total £
C Emmott	01/Sep/2026	Inv 000079	Grass cut plus extra Rec cut	1520.00*
L Whitehead	13/07/2026	gecaeui	ink cartridge colour	21.35*
Optimum Fireworks	07/07/2026	2026-088	Fireworks and demo	4,200.00*
C Emmott	27/07/2026	INV 0077	Grass cut, strim & paths	1,425.00*
Royal Mail	17/07/2026	1802972411	PO Box delivery fee 6 mths	276.60*

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Acorn Lights	27/07/2026	ref 899	repair / test xmas lights	644.70*
Clerk	13/07/2026	gecaeui	ink cartridge colour	21.35*
Lanc. convenience	13/07/2026	11788	Toilet hire for Bonfire Event	708.00*
C. Emmott	04/09/2026	INV 0079	Grass Cutting and extras	1520.00

80) Resolved: that all invoices be approved for payment as soon as possible.

a) Donation requested from Cowling Rounders Team.

i) The PC were asked to consider a request of £500 donation for equipment. **Resolved:** that the sum of £500 be approved.

b) **Locality funding of £1000** received from Cllr A. Brown for Middleton streetlight.

i) The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Brown for the donation of £1000 towards a new streetlight.

81) Allotment

a) Water & shed update.

i) The shed now has a doors and windows and a working water butt. A lock and padlock will be added soon and allotment holders will be given the combination.

82) Recreation Ground Updates

a) There are a damaged swing and bench. Clerk to contact insurance company insurance.

b) CCTV Pole, PC/RGMC to apply for planning permission.

83) Middleton Park

a) The slide/climbing frame is decaying and becoming unsafe. **Action:** to arrange removal and clerk to price a replacement.

b) Residents are encroaching onto the field with their bins, trampoline etc. **Action:** Clerk to send letters to residents asking for removal.

84) New StreetlightUpdate for Middleton & West View

a) Clerk to provide update. The Clerk has chased again by email, no response from NY Lighting, so will contact by phone.

85) Defibrillator

a) Faulty defibrillator update.

i) All working now and back in correct locations.

86) Bin Requests

a) Cllr Lewis requests a bin at Woodside**. Action:** Clerk to ask NYC for new one like tin toilets to be placed by post box.

b) Clerk has contacted NYC to empty a green dog waste bin at Nan Scar Amenity site**.** The PC will purchase a bin if NYC approve collection.

87) Review Tenders received for Grass Cutting Contract

a) Councillors to review applications and select a contractor.

i) All members of the public and RGMC were asked to leave the meeting. **Resolved:** The PC reviewed all three tenders. The tenders were all suitable and well presented, so the PC chose the lowest quote. The PC would like to thank everyone who showed an interest in the grass contract.

88) Miscellaneous issues including information and items for next meeting agenda

a) Clerk informed the meeting that Highways have now approved yellow lines and will be placed around the junction of Acre Road by the Village Hall.

89) Next Meeting:

To confirm date, time and venue for the next meeting of the Cowling Parish Council.

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 5th October 2026 at the Village Hall, Cowling.
Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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