Cowling Parish Council

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Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Cowling Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 05 October 2026 at The Village Hall, Cowling. Minutes subject to confirmation at the meeting of Cowling Parish Council to be held on Monday 02 November 26

Linda Whitehead, Clerk, RFO and Proper Officer, 06 oct 2026	L.A.Whitehead

90) Apologies:

a) To approve and receive apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.
   i) Apologies received from Cllr E.Hall prior to the meeting. The PC approve reason for absence.

91) Present:

a) To note attendees: Cllr A.Brown, Cllr.P Weatherhead, Cllr C. Zeyrek, Cllr C. Emmott, Clerk L. Whitehead, Lengthsman S. Mason, 1 x RGMC member, 1 x member of the public.

92) Declaration of Interests:

a) To record any Councillors disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) or other interests in relation to items on this agenda. **None received.**
b) To consider any Councillor requests for dispensations. **None received.**

93) Minutes:

a) To approve minutes of the Parish Meeting of CPC held Mon 7 September 2026.
   i) **Resolved:** that the minutes of Cowling Parish Council are a true and accurate record of the above meeting.

94) 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.

95) Invited Guest:

a) PCO Thornton, Councillor A.Brown, RGMC representative(s)
   i) Cllr Brown attended Lidl planning meeting on Skipton bypass.
   ii) He met the Mayor of North Yorkshire who is 100% in favour of the speed campaign in Cowling, but it is the responsibility of police and local authorities to install speed cameras.
   iii) Very few planning applications that Cllr Brown can approve now, due to process changes. He hopes more council houses will be built.
   iv) Elections in May 2027 for Parish Councils too. Need some adverts to recruit.
   v) Cllr Brown has been able to pass members of the publics comments through to the planning officer for Fold lane.

96) Report from Clerk & Lengthsman:

a) To receive a report from Cowling Parish Council Lengthsman.
b) The Clerks report will be reported throughout the agenda.

97) Planning:

a) Planning applications below:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Date of return	Parish Council Comments
26/05905/PIP	Land Off Fold Lane Fold Lane Cowling North Yorkshire	Permission in Principle for the construction of residential dwellings (minimum of 9 and maximum of 9).	07 Oct 2026	Do not support this. Due to access, on top of additional plans in same area. And a number of complaints from residents.
26/04633/PIP	Land Off Nan Scar Ickornshaw Cowling North Yorks BD22 0DL	Permission in priniciple for the erection of single dwelling	06 Oct 2026	Do not support this. Due to access, and a number of complaints from residents.

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26/04268/FUL	Lower Summerhouse Cottage Lumb Lane Cowling North Yorkshire BD22 0NJ	Proposed change of use of garage/storage building to the storage of vehicles for online sales only with ancillary office.	11 Oct 2026	Support
26/03497/FUL	Shay Bank Farm Colne Road Cowling North Yorkshire BD22 0NJ	Change of use of ancillary accommodation (used as unauthorised hol. let) to form self-contained dwellinghouse and associated works (part retrospective)	05 Oct 2026	Support

98) Finance

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

Payee	Inv.Date	Inv. Number	Details	Total £
Cowling Village Hall	14/09/2026	CPC26003	Room hire Jul & Sep	48.00
Business Stream	11/09/2026	11682960	Water services 10 june to 10 sep	55.03
Playsafety Limited	15/09/2026	101878	Play equipment inspection	427.20
Bradford Payroll	16/09/2026	3485	Est. oct to Dec 26 inc fees	5,645.70
S Bolton	18/09/2026	mtg sep 80)a	Cowling Rounders team donation	500.00 *
L Whitehead	30/09/2026	TBD	Macafee Subs26/27 &anti tracker	84.98
Cloudy IT	14/08/2026	D12758	Sharepoint Training	78.00

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

c) Donation request from Cowling Village Hall for new website/booking system the sum of £600.
   i) **Resolved:** that the PC approve this donation for £600

d) Donation request from Citizens Advice, North Yorkshire region. Clerk to read letter to meeting.
   i) **Resolved:** the Parish Council support this valued organisation and agree to donate £300

99) Streetlight survey for NYC

a) Clerk to update meeting.
   i) The clerk has been requested by NYC to survey lampposts in Cowling that have 'furniture' attached such as xmas lights or VAS monitors. Survey to be complete by Nov 13.

100) Recreation Ground

a) Firework/Bonfire cancellation.
   i) Unfortunately, the decision was made to cancel the event on 31st October due some core members on holiday and not enough volunteers. All monies paid will be refunded, except for fireworks which may only be 50% of cost unless they can be sold. The RGMC offered to refund the PC for fireworks.

b) **General update.**
   i) The lights in the park have been adjusted to make dark sky compliant. Nearby residents invited but did not attend. Still working on final adjustments.
   ii) CCTV pole planning application to be drafted by PC/RGMC.
   iii) Weed controls to be arranged in the basket-ball area, memorial garden and edges of paths. A qualified company will be hired.

101) Tree Planting

a) Cllr Emmott to notify the meeting.
   i) Councillor Emmott is liaising with White Rose Forestry to plant young trees around the Cowling Parish.

102) Cowling Primary School Drainage

a) Discuss recent quotes.
   i) One company provided quote for new drainage to playing fields, two more required before price can be presented to the PC

103) ROSPA report on play areas

a) Summarise urgent actions from report.

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i) Clerk summarised the important ROSPA results for all parks. The Main Recreation ground and Pump Track will also be discussed at the RGMC meeting on 6 Oct 26.

104) Middleton Park Play Equipment

a) Update from Clerk.
   i) The slide/play frame requires repairs, the bridge part may be removed until a replacement play frame can be provided.

105) New StreetlightUpdate for Middleton & West View

a) Clerk to provide update
   i) The Clerk informed the meeting that NYC Lighting are to install new lights at West View and Middleton on 9th October. Clerk to keep residents informed.

106) Bin Requests

a) Clerk to provide update for Nan Scar Amenity site.
   i) The clerk asked NYC for a green bin at this site. NYC refused as there is not a litter problem in the area. Clerk to continue discussions.

107) Training

a) Clerk to attend digital Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)one day training.
   i) This training is required as the system updates to a digital shared database.

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

a) Clerk informed the meeting that NY police will be on the television 'Biker Cops' on Monday 5 October at 8pm Ch 5 and subsequent Mondays for 8 weeks.
b) NYC have asked the Parish Council if they would become the trustees for the Annie Driver trust. The PC will look into this.

109) Next Meeting:

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

Meeting closed at 20.47pm. Next meeting will be Monday 02 November 2026 at 7pm, Cowling Village Hall.

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