

## **EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, 7:30pm at the Methodist Hall Embsay.

**PRESENT:** Chair: Cllr Judith Benjamin, Cllrs, Brian Shuttleworth, Stella Kirkbride, Andrew Ayrton, David Hill, Paul Peppiate.

**Also, in Attendance:** County Councillor David Noland, The Parish Clerk. **Members of the Public:** 2

**Welcome:** Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Briggs

#### **1.1 Councillor Smith Resignation.**

The Chair informed members that as a result of Cllr Smith's resignation a vacancy notice had been advertised. If 10 parishioners request it, then an election would have to be called. If no such request is made by the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, the Parish Council is allowed to fill the vacancy by co-option (until the next Annual Meeting in April 2026). Only one candidate application has been received to date. Formal acceptance of a co-option will take place at the next Parish Council meeting in February 2026.

### **2. DECLARATION OF ANY PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INTERESTS:** None

### **3. APPLICATION FOR ANY DISPENSATIONS:** None.

### **4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The last Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The minutes of this meeting had been circulated previously. **Approved and signed.**

#### **MATTERS ARISING –**

- Grit Bin Pasture Road – Locations will be identified and exact positions sent to NYC Highways. **A.A/Clerk to Action.**
- Letter of thanks to Michael Wallbank Intake Farm for cutting the hedges on Pasture Road. **Clerk to Action**
- Allotment lease negotiations – Ongoing **Clerk to Action**
- Christmas Lights Maintenance – **BS** reported that the landlord of the Elm Tree had contacted the electrician to repair the lights by December 1<sup>st</sup>, ready for 'switch on'. **Resolved**

### **5. REPORT NY COUNTY COUNCILLOR NOLAND:**

County Councillor Noland spoke briefly to the following points:

1. Lighting at the reservoir – Clerk informed NYC Cllr Noland that this issue had been reported to YDNP and was now in the hands of YDNP Dark Skies team.
2. Changes to planning applications – Response to planning regarding amendments information not being sent to the Parish Council. The Chair informed NYC Cllr Noland that communications were ongoing with planning officers, the Parish Liaison team, and the Chair.
3. Locality Budget-last call. There are still monies available. It was suggested that the Community Noticeboard could be replaced, The Chair will contact David Allison with a view to putting in a request - deadline end of January 2026.
4. NYC budget shortfall will result in a Council Tax increase of 4.99% in 2026.
5. Gritting of Pasture road -Area Manager agreed to consider providing a grit bin on pasture road *PC will need to supply provide W3W or point a mark on a plan. (See matters arising)*
6. YDNPA housing consultation - a decision will be made by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. The hearing is open to the public and developers will have the opportunity to challenge on potential sites. Currently Brackenley Lane still appears to be exempt.
7. Buses-a) 8.10am from Embsay b) Afternoon return from Skipton at 4pm - Under negotiation. Starting in April 2026.
8. Parking on Embsay Main St will be subject to traffic enforcement patrols due the increase in people parking on double yellow lines.

**SK:** Asked, again, why no changes can be made to the speed limit from 60 to 40mph on Skipton Road approaching Embsay?

**DN:** Highways still insists that 60mph is a safe speed on Skipton Road as no fatalities or serious accidents have occurred. -A discussion took place on various instances where near misses had taken place on both Skipton Road and Kirk Lane. Particular concerns for pedestrians attending church services.

**DH:** When will the results of the 20mph consultation be implemented?

**DN:** had no information on this but would ask the question.

**AA:** Asked if anything could be done about the leaves outside the Church on Kirk Lane and Elm Tree Square as at this time of year they become a slip hazard. **Report on Parish Portal Clerk to Action**

**PP:** Asked for a vote of thanks to the Clerk on swift repair of the BT utility hole cover on Skipton Road.

## 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident reinforced and agreed with Cllr Kirkbride that the speed on Skipton Road, by the entrance to Overdale Park, was confusing and dangerous with warning signs of a pedestrian crossing set next to a 60mph road sign.

The Chair asked C. Cllr Noland if Skipton Town Council had raised this issue with NYC Highways as this area of road falls within their boundary.

**DN:** agreed to ask the question.

## 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Planning Updates – Circulated Recommendations: - (Pending since last meeting).

ZA25/27248/FUL	NYC	LAND SOUTH SHIRES LANE DEVELOPMENT	RETRO CHANGE OF USE GREEN SPACE TO OVERFLOW CARPARK	OBJECTION	PENDING
C/26/822	YDNP	21 DALES AVE EMBSAY	SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION	OBJECTION	APPROVED
ZA25/27327/VAR	NYC	Land West Of Cricket Club, Shires Lane	ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING SPACE	OBJECTION	PENDING
C/26/38K	YDNP	KIRK COTTAGE KIRK LANE	Condition 2 (approved plans) of C/26/38J	NO OBJECTION	PENDING
ZA25/27365/HH	NYC	28 WEST LANE	2 storey side extension gable, single storey rear living room extn.	NO OBJECTION	PENDING

## 8. REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS, COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES & OUTSIDE BODIES

### 8.1 Village Maintenance – JLB points raised:

- Draft 'contact notice' for the Recreation Ground awaiting approval. **PP and Clerk to Action**
- Update on 'weed control project': email received from Ian Summerson requesting further information... no further update.
- Street lights at rear of Rockview Terrace and Baynes Way/ Bridge are both in need of repair. The Clerk has contacted an Electrician and is awaiting the result of inspection.
- East Lane Traffic mirror: needed repositioning after storm (thanks to DH/SK). Reported that the post needed replacing. This has been completed. **Resolved**
- Report regarding stock fence/wall repair needed at Aldhams Croft. **AA to Action**
- Update from Friends of the Recreation Ground - The Charity is no longer active due to lack of trustee numbers. The two bank accounts holding funds raised are in the process of being closed and the proceeds will be transferred to the Parish Council bank accounts. These funds will be ringfenced for use in the recreation ground.
- Overhanging branches - reminder to be published. **PP to Action**

### 8.2 Road Safety/ Speed-watch – Nothing to Report.

- Chair read a request from Monk Fryston Parish Council. asking for Parish Council support regarding changing North Yorkshire Council's Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) protocol The Members all agreed that this would be a proactive exercise. **Clerk to Action**

### 8.3 Allotments – written report from **Cllr Briggs** to the Chair:

A meeting of the Allotment Committee took place on the 30th of October to discuss rent increases in 2026. The Committee agreed that it would raise the rents by 15% for the next four years with a review at the end of four years. This proposal was put to members at the AGM on 6th of November (26 members attending) after a lengthy discussion a proposal from the floor of 50% increase should be applied to cover costs of rent and water charges for the first 5 years and revised for the next 5 years. This was voted on and carried 24 to 2 against. Motion carried

Another item on the agenda was a problem with tenants who do not keep their plots tidy and productive. A suggestion from the floor was to implement a joining fee of £20 a vote was taken with 24 in favour and 2 against. Motion Carried. The waiting list for vacant plots now stands at 10.

8.4 Communication – **PP** had been contacted by Skipton Youth Action Group who would like to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss ways they may help strengthen youth involvement across the parish. Clerk to include on February Agenda **PP to Action Invitation.**

8.5 Fair Trade/ Village Institute – **SK** reported that the Fair-Trade Group would be meeting on the 13th of November to plan 2026 calendar of events.

- Clerk was asked if PC still got minutes from Village Institute? Clerk replied not from the new Chair Peter Creek or Peter Hargreaves Secretary. **SK will raise at the next VI meeting.**

8.6 Nature Reserve – A meeting has been requested with John Olfield and volunteers date tbc.

- Repairs needed to path fencing: costed and contractor appointed.

### 9. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK (Clerk Admin report circulated)

- No questions raised
- Thanks, expressed to parishioners for assistance with no parking for Remembrance Service

### 10. PC ADMINISTRATION (Proposals):

- 10.1 Budget Approval **£38594** for 2026/27 **Proposed PP Seconded BS All Agreed Resolved**  
Chair asked that a Vote of thanks to the Clerk be recorded.
- 10.2 Village Maintenance Agreement – Adopted. **Proposed PP Seconded BS All Agreed Resolved**

**DH:** What was the amount of the increase in this year's budget? Clerk replied 10%.

**BS:** Has NYC contribution to grass verge cutting increased? Clerk replied not at the moment. The amount calculated for this budget was based on last year's contribution.

**BS:** Commented that with the new Council Tax increase in February it would be prudent to ask for an increase. Clerk replied that she would ask the question.

### 11. POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWS:

- 106 Allocation – Procedure for Adoption. **Proposed JB Seconded PP - All Agreed Resolved**

### 12. FINANCIAL MATTERS (Detailed Invoices approved for payment circulated)

\*The Council has met its employment contract obligations in terms of paying the clerk for hours worked and has dealt with liabilities such as NI and Tax.

Other monthly Invoices & Bank Reconciliations **November £6697.97**

**Approved & Signed Chair**

- **Grant Application** – St Mary's will be applying for a 106 Allocation grant - to be presented at February's Parish Council Meeting

### 13. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Future Working Parties and Outside Bodies Representatives.

Due to vacancies and numbers of active Councillors the Clerk asked members if all working parties were still deemed necessary, A discussion took place, and a full list of outcomes will be circulated. This will include essential working party meetings or written reports from individual Council Members.

- **DH:** Asked if any provision had been made for the stewardship of the defibrillators. Clerk replied that the Clerk would become the main point of contact and would share the checks with Cllr Aryton when Cllr Hill was ready to handover.
- **DH:** Continuation of Speedwatch would need to have more volunteers willing to be trained in the process and procedures of reporting. This is not necessarily a Councillor role and can be a community involvement action. **PP to advertise for volunteers.**

Meeting closed at: - 9.15pm

- Next ordinary meeting 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 7.30 pm **Village Institute Main Street Embsay.**  
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