

**ALNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**ON TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2025 AT 8.05PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Dr Robert Brech (Chairman), Ian McCrae, John Price, Colin Fletcher & Eddie Edwards.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Nigel Knapton (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

**25/32 APOLOGIES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no apologies. Cllr Price declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 25/35/e and 25/37.

**25/33 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2025**

Minutes previously circulated and these were accepted.

**25/34 PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no matters raised.

**25/35 CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. The Clerk was still to find new plastic signs for the millstones.
- b. The noticeboards were still not refurbished. It was agreed that Cllrs Fletcher and Price would undertake remedial repairs to the Monk Green junction board and a replacement would be considered for the Alne Station board.
- c. NYC had replied that the potholes on Mitchell Lane and Gale Lane had not yet reached the intervention threshold and would be monitored.
- d. The Post Office had stated that a new post box would be installed on Main Street. This was still awaited. The Clerk was requested to advise the MP on 31October if the box had not been installed.
- e. The National Gardens Day parking had been satisfactory.
- f. The Local Government Boundary Commission review of NYC divisions would conclude in January.
- g. The work done to the public right of way at the racing stables was now adequate.
- h. The diversion signage for the Yorkshire Water sewer upgrade had been amended at the time.
- i. Once the correspondence details were received the Clerk would send a letter of thanks regarding the grass cutting of Sandbed Dyke.
- j. The Community Infrastructure Payments (CIL) schedule would be checked with North Yorkshire Council.

**25/36 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

It was agreed to ask North Yorkshire Council to undertake a housing needs survey.

Approved ..... Chairman

**25/37**      **EMERGENCY PLAN**

Mr Stuart Harlow gave a report on the status of the development of the emergency plan including rest centres, medical personnel, and the creation of a WhatsApp group and outreach team. It was agreed to make this a standing agenda item.

**25/38**      **ALNE PARISH LEISURE ASSOCIATION GRANT**

A grant of £500 was agreed towards the cost of an outdoor table tennis table.

**25/39**      **NORTH YORKSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE & LAW CENTRE**

It was agreed give a grant to the NYCA&LC of £250. A recorded vote had been requested and is recorded below.

Cllr Edwards    For  
Cllr Price        Against  
Cllr McCrae     For  
Cllr Fletcher    For  
Cllr Brech        Against

**25/40**      **DOG FOULING**

Following a letter from a resident requesting additional dog fouling signs it was agreed that these were not required as the existing signage was adequate.

**25/41**      **SPEEDING**

Following a complaint from a resident it was agreed to ask NYC Highways to make the Back Lane a 30mph zone.

**25/42**      **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Two residents had been clearing pathways in the village. Letters of thanks would be sent by the Clerk. They had also volunteered to help maintain the street furniture. Cllr Fletcher would invite them onto the Path Keeper group. A Tollerton resident had been kindly clearing the paths of the Avenue and a letter of thanks would be sent.  
An offer to maintain planters at the village entrances had been received and the Clerk would ascertain from NYC what the criteria was for their installation.

**25/43**      **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

The planning applications considered are attached.

**25/44**      **PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

The planning decisions are attached.

**25/45**      **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. The receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. The national pay scheme for Clerk's salaries was not adopted.
- d. The Internal Auditor's Report was discussed and the recommended actions taken.
- e. It was agreed to add Cllr McCrae to the bank mandate.

Approved ..... Chairman

**25/46      CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence had been received that was not on the agenda.

**25/47      REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- a. North Yorkshire Cllr Knapton reported on the proposed divisional boundary
- b. Several trees on the Avenue were of concern. The Clerk would contact NYC Highways. The issue of the path to Tollerton crossing the road would be raised with Tollerton Parish Council. Cllr Fletcher and the Clerk would attend Tollerton PC if they were amenable.

**25/48      MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

Footpath to Tollerton crossing the bends.  
Emergency Plan approval.  
Adoption of updated Financial Regulations.

**25/49      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 8.00pm.

The meeting ended at 10.00pm

## Payments

Information Commissioner	Registration	£47.00
EuroPC	Laptop	£186.00
Alne Village Hall	Wifi	£163.17
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£311.54
HMRC	PAYE	£70.20
Alne Village Hall	Room Booking	£10.00
Zurich Town & Parish	Insurance	£227.72
APLA	Grant	£1,800.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£311.54
HMRC	PAYE	£70.20
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£311.74
HMRC	PAYE	£70.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£311.74
HMRC	PAYE	£70.00
Jane Bentley	Internal Audit	£180.00

Approved ..... Chairman

**Ale Parish Council - Planning Application Received**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
ZB25/01728/CAT	03/10/2025	Works to a Tree in a Conservation Area	Midsummer Cottage, Main Street	Ms Julie Howarth Pulleyn	
ZB25/01006/FUL	16/09/2025	Replacement of 3 front/north facing windows and 2 velux windows	Post Office, Main Street	Mr Richard Thompson	No objections
ZB25/01551/MBN	08/09/2025	Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling	Shire Oaks Farm, Forest Lane	Mr Robert Wright	No objections
ZB24/02250/FUL	13/08/2025	Construction of a 14m x 10m steel framed building	Far Shires Farm, Forest Lane	Mrs Lisa Harrison	No objections
ZB25/01409/CAT	01/08/2025	Proposed work to fell an apple tree in a Conservation Area	Ale Croft, Main Street	Mrs Hannah Pilling	No objections
ZB25/01231/FUL	14/07/2025	Single storey extension with pitched roof	Rosend, Gale Road	Amy Shields	No objections
ZB25/01188/CAT	17/07/2025	Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	Post Office, Main Street	Richard Thompson	No objections
ZB25/01234/CAT	04/07/2025	Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	Avon Garth, Main Street	Mrs Helen Gilmore	No objections
ZB25/01220/CAT	02/07/2025	Sycamore tree in front garden.	Fir Tree House, Monk Green	Mrs Claire Young	Objection
ZB25/01054/FUL	11/06/2025	Application for the addition of front porch extension	4 Thornhill Wind	Mr David Hewison	No objections
ZB25/00865/FUL	27/05/2025	Application for the permanent retention of classroom	Outwood Primary School	Mr David Brown	No objections
ZB25/00839/FUL	09/05/2025	Erection of domestic outbuilding	Ale Croft, Main Street	Mr & Mrs Pilling	No objections

**Alne Parish Council - Planning Decisions Received**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Decision</b>
ZB25/01409/CAT	02/09/2025	Notification of proposed work to fell a tree	Alne Croft, Main Street	Mrs Hannah Pilling	Granted
ZB25/01231/FUL	26/08/2025	Single storey extension	Rosend, Gale Road	Amy Shields	Granted
ZB25/01188/CAT	14/08/2025	Proposed works to trees in a conservation area	Post Office, Main Street	Richard Thompson	Granted
ZB25/01234/CAT	08/08/2025	Proposed works to trees in a conservation area	Avon Garth, Main Street	Mrs Helen Gilmore	Granted
ZB25/01054/FUL	30/07/2025	Application for the addition of front porch extension	4 Thornhill Wind	Mr David Hewison	Granted
ZB25/00839/FUL	09/07/2025	Erection of domestic outbuilding	Alne Croft, Main Street	Mr & Mrs Pilling	Withdrawn
ZB25/00865/FUL	02/07/2025	Permanently retention of prefabricated classroom	Outwood Primary Academy	Mr David Brown	Granted
ZB25/00485/LBC	04/06/2025	Reinstallation of two piece front gates and posts	White House, Main Street	Mr Christian Taylor	Granted
ZB24/02322/FUL	03/06/2025	Replacement of a traditional farm building with a new dwelling	Shire Oaks Farm, Forest Lane	Mr James Wright	Granted
ZB25/00670/FUL	27/05/2025	Conversion of garage to living accommodation	Hawthorn House, Main Street	Mr J Hutchinson	Granted