

ALNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2025 AT 8.00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

25/50 **APOLOGIES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no apologies or declarations of interest.

25/51 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2025**

Minutes previously circulated and these were accepted.

25/52 **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no matters raised.

25/53 **CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. The noticeboard refurbishment at the Monk Green junction by Cllrs Fletcher and Price will be done in better weather. A replacement for the Alne Station noticeboard will be considered, the Clerk will seek an option similar to the one installed at the Village Hall.
- b. The Post Office had stated that they would not install a temporary post box until the new one was installed. It was agreed that a statement would be sent to the Easingwold Advertiser and York Press by Cllr McCrae once agreed by all Councillors.
- c. North Yorkshire Council had responded with the future CIL payment details.
- d. The Affordable Housing Survey had been requested from North Yorkshire Council.
- e. NYC Highways were investigating the possibility of changing the speed limit on Back Lane to 30mph.
- f. Further details of the trees on the Avenue requiring attention had been sent to NYC Highways.
- g. The form to add Cllr McCrae to the mandate had been submitted but nothing had been received back to date. The Clerk would chase this up.
- h. The donation to North Yorkshire Citizens Advice Bureau had been paid.
- i. The donation to Alne Parish Leisure Association has been paid.

25/54 **GRANT**

Jodie Roebuck and Siobhan Cliff from Friends of Alne School presented the request for a grant towards the resurfacing of the school playground. It was agreed to award a grant; the amount would be agreed once a reply had been received from Outwood Academy to FOAS stating their contribution.

25/55 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

A decision on approving the plan was deferred, Cllr Fletcher will contact Stuart Harlow to check on progress of the final draft.

Approved Chairman

- 25/56** **FOOTPATH TO TOLLERTON**
The Clerk had written twice to the Clerk of Tollerton parish Council regarding the footpath and a request to attend a Tollerton Parish Council meeting to discuss the matter. No reply had been received so the Clerk would now contact the Chairman at Tollerton.
- 25/57** **DOMAIN NAME**
It was agreed that following Government advice and the new assertion required in the 2026 Annual Return the Council would move to a .gov.uk domain, supply Council email accounts to members and move to a Council owned website.
- 25/58** **PLANTERS**
It was agreed to purchase three planters for the village, one large one at the bottom of the Avenue, two small ones at Forest Lane/Station Road junction and defer the decision to install one large one at Sand Bed Dyke until the others were installed. The planters would be maintained by the Alne Women’s Institute Gardening Club and the upkeep costs would be covered at an estimated £300.
- 25/59** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**
The planning applications considered are attached.
- 25/60** **PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**
The planning decisions are attached.
- 25/61** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- a. The receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
 - b. The attached payments were agreed.
 - c. The updated Financial Regulations were adopted.
 - d. The budget for 2026/27 was agreed.
 - e. The precept for 2026/27 was set at £8,800.
- 25/62** **CORRESPONDENCE**
No correspondence had been received that was not on the agenda.
- 25/63** **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**
- a. North Yorkshire Cllr Knapton reported on the budget setting process at North Yorkshire Council.
There were no reports from parish Councillors.
- 25/64** **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**
Footpath to Tollerton crossing the bends.
Emergency Plan approval.
Support submission of road closure request to NYC Highways for Alne Street Fayre 2026.
- 25/65** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 at 8.00pm.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm

Approved Chairman

Payments

Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£311.74
HMRC	PAYE	£70.00
Alne Village Hall	Room Booking	£15.00
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HMRC	PAYE	£70.00
Robert Brech	Expenses	£122.10

Approved Chairman

Aine Parish Council - Planning Application received from North Yorkshire Council

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB25/01796/FUL	18/11/2025	Application for change of use from shop to dwelling house	Post Office, Main Street	Richard Thompson	No objections
ZB25/01953/CAT	05/11/2025	Notification of proposed works to trees	Apple Trees, 6 Hallgarth	Dr Robert Brech	No objections
ZB25/01945/CAT	05/11/2025	Application for works to remove 4 trees	Church Orchard, Church Wind	Christine E Bentley	No objections
ZB25/01790/FUL	05/11/2025	Application for the construction of an agricultural building	Evergreen Farm, Main Street	Joanna Galtrey	No objections
ZB25/01915/FUL	03/11/2025	Application for minor alterations to fenestration	Orchard Close, Main Street	Mr & Mrs David & Emma Whittaker	No objections
ZB215/01948/FUL	03/11/2025	Application for works or extension to a dwelling	Post Office, Main Street	Richard Thompson	No objections

Alne Parish Council - Planning Decisions received from North Yorkshire Council

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
ZB25/01728/CAT	20/11/2025	Works to tree in a conservation area	Midsummer Cottage, Main Street	Ms Julie Howarth Pulleyn	Granted