

ALNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 8.00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk), No members of the public.

26/1 APOLOGIES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no apologies or declarations of interest.

26/2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2025

Minutes previously circulated and these were accepted.

26/3 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no matters raised.

26/4 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The noticeboard refurbishment at the Monk Green junction by Cllrs Fletcher and Price will be done in better weather. It was agreed to purchase a new noticeboard for Alne Station at a cost of £1,298.
- b. No information had been received from FOAS regarding Outwood Academy's contribution to the playground funding so no grant would be made to FOAS until this information is received and considered.
- c. Cllr Fletcher and the Clerk had met with Tollerton Parish Council and then a site meeting with NYC Highways to discuss the installation of a footway. NYC agreed to calculate a costing for the proposed footway.
- d. The .gov.uk domain registration and new website development was ongoing.
- e. The installation of the planters is ongoing but may be reduced in scale.
- f. Following an inspection of the trees in the Avenue by NYC Highways, who reported no issues, two branches fell into the road and blocked it. NYC Highways would be asked to redo their survey in light of this incident.
- g. The new post box had been installed and was awaiting a collection plate before opening. The Clerk would chase up Royal Mail.

26/5 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Following an option given by North Yorkshire Council to expand the survey to neighbouring parishes it was agreed to just survey the need within Alne parish.

26/6 ALNE STREET FAYRE

It was agreed to support the usual road closures.

26/7 LITTER PICK

It was noted that the annual litter pick would take place on Saturday 28 February 2026.

Approved Chairman

- 26/8** **MAIN STREET & MITCHELL LANE VERGES**
 The Clerk would write to NYC Highways to ask for the verges on Main Street and Mitchell Lane to be reinstated by Quickline after their fibre installation. Councillor Edwards would also obtain quotes from local contractors as this may be quicker and more efficient.

- 26/9** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**
 The planning applications considered are attached.

- 26/10** **PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**
 The planning decisions are attached.

- 26/11** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

 - a. The receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
 - b. The attached payments were agreed.

- 26/12** **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**
 The overgrown hedges on Main Street obstructing the footway would be mentioned by the Chairman in the Parish Newsletter.
 The streetlight in Jack Hole just outside the village hall is not working and would be reported to North Yorkshire Council.
 Trees blocking street lights (particularly on the opposite corner to the Village Hall) would be reported to North Yorkshire Council.
 Cllr Fletcher will inspect all the litter bins and benches in the village and report to the next meeting any repairs required.
 The depression in the road in Monk Green would be reported to NYC Highways.
 The flooding on the corner of Mitchell Lane and Main Street despite NYC gully cleaning would be reported to NYC Highways and a camera survey requested as root ingress was suspected.
 Potholes in the middle of the Avenue to the north of the bridge would be reported to NYC Highways. Afternote – these have now been repaired.

- 26/13** **CORRESPONDENCE**
 No correspondence had been received that was not on the agenda.

- 26/14** **REPORTS FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE AND PARISH COUNCILLORS**
 North Yorkshire Cllr Knapton reported on the budget setting process at North Yorkshire Council.
 Councillor Brech reported that it was his intention to stand down from the Council at the next elections in May 2027. He was aware of at least one person interested in joining the Council so the change could hopefully be seamless.

26/15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Emergency Plan approval.

26/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There were insufficient councillors to form a quorum for the next meeting on the planned date of 12-May. It was therefore agreed that the next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 May 2026 at 8.00pm.

The meeting ended at 9.17pm

Approved Chairman

Payments

Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£311.54
HMRC	PAYE	£210.20
Robert Brech	Website domain and hosting	£122.10
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£311.74
HMRC	PAYE	£70.00
Alne Village Hall	Room Booking	£14.00
Geosphere Ltd	Parish Online mapping	£90.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£311.74
HMRC	PAYE	£70.00

Approved Chairman

AIne Parish Council - Planning Application received from North Yorkshire Council

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB26/00060/FUL	03/02/2026	Retention of an existing agricultural building	Shire Lodge, Forest Lane	Mr Andrew Sheard	No comment
ZB25/02106/FUL	10/12/2025	Conversion of integral double domestic garage	Amber House, Main Street	Suzanne Coning	No objections
ZB25/02175/FUL	17/12/2025	Application for loft conversion including dormer to the rear	9 St Mary's View	Alana Knighton	No objections
ZB25/01796/FUL	19/12/2025	Application for the respective change of use of the building	Post Office, Main Street	Richard Thompson	No objections
ZB25/02291/FUL	14/01/2026	Retrospective application for removal of four windows	Sundial, Main Street	Ms Martine McCaffrey	No objections

Alne Parish Council - Planning Decisions received from North Yorkshire Council

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
ZB25/01796/FUL	26/01/2026	Application for retrospective change of use of building	Post Office, Main Street	Richard Thompson	Granted
ZB25/01948/FUL	26/01/2026	Replace existing asbestos garages with a pitched roof double garage	Post Office, Main Street	Richard Thompson	Granted
ZB25/02106/FUL	27/01/2026	Conversion of integral double garage	Amber House, Main Street	Suzanne Coning	Granted
ZB25/01790/FUL	22/12/2025	Application for the construction of an agricultural building	Evergreen Farm, Main Street	Joanna Galtrey	Granted
ZB25/01915/FUL	16/12/2025	Minor alterations to fenestration	Orchard Close, Main Street	David & Emma Whittaker	Granted
ZB25/01953/CAT	09/12/2025	Notification to proposed works to trees	Apple Trees, 6 Hallgarth	Dr Rovert Brech	Granted
ZB25/01945/CAT	08/12/2025	Application for works to remove four trees	Church Orchard, Church Wind	Christine E Bentley	Granted