

ALNE PARISH

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
IN ALNE ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2026 AT 8.00PM**

PRESENT: Dr Robert Brech (Chairman)
Clerk: Not present.
3 members of the public were present.

26/1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
There were apologies Colin Fletcher & Nigel Knapton.

26/2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2025**
Minutes were circulated and these were accepted and signed as a correct record.

26/3 **CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT**
I am Robert Brech and I welcome you to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish meeting is held each year as required by the Local Government Act 1972. Under the law, the Annual Parish Meeting consists of “the local government electors for the parish” who meet for the purpose of “discussing parish affairs”. The law requires me to preside over this Annual Parish Meeting because I am the current Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Annual Parish Meeting follows the traditionally established format. I will give a brief summary of Parish Council activities over the past year, and then any elector who wishes to raise any wider parish affairs is free to do so. To ensure that the meeting runs in an efficient and timely manner, the standard rules applicable to Parish Council meetings will, as usual, also apply to the Annual Parish Meeting, including that the total contribution of any individual elector shall be for no more than three minutes.

Our main activities this last year can be summarised as follows:

- While responsibility for footpaths rests with North Yorkshire Council, we have continued our new initiative on footpaths and are working with local landowners and North Yorkshire to ensure that all existing footpaths are clear and safe. Our thanks to Councillor Fletcher who has taken a dynamic lead on these issues.
- The possibility of providing a safe pedestrian passage through the double bend between the footpaths from Alne and Tollerton has moved forward and all of Alne PC, Tollerton PC and North Yorkshire Council are working together on this. This would enable a complete 5-mile circular walking route to be put in place.
- The 2026 litter pick was held at its traditional spot in March when the rubbish is more visible. A good turnout of volunteers ensured that this was a successful event with significant quantities of rubbish being collected, bagged and removed.

Approved Chairman

- The usual round of planning applications were considered and responded to. There was nothing major to report,
- Alne Parish Council has given grants this year of £320 to Alne Village Hall, £2,300 to the village playground and £250 to the local Citizens' Advice Bureau
- The Parish Council requested an Affordable Housing Survey be carried out and this is currently in progress by North Yorkshire Council.
- The Emergency Plan has been completed with the excellent assistance of an interested individual in the village.
- The village noticeboards have either been renewed or repaired,

My thanks are due to all the councillors and to our hard-working clerk, Nigel Knapton.

Dr Robert Brech,
Chairman, Alne Parish Council.

26/4 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no discussions.

26/5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

26/6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 May 2027 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm