

Wombledon Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WOMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD on Tuesday, 4 November 2025 at Wombledon Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Marion Cleland (Chair); Cllr Alex Dodson (Vice-Chair); Cllr Eileen Howell; Cllr Barrie Grice; Cllr Jim Gurling; J Boulton (Clerk), Cllr Greg White of North Yorkshire Council and 12 members of the public.

1.	There were no apologies.
2.	Cllrs Cleland and Howell declared an interest in item 5.1 because they both live in close proximity to the site of the proposed development.
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 September were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4.	<p><u>External Reports: North Yorkshire Council</u></p> <p>Cllr White said that the new recycling bins had generally well received, but that anyone who feels the standard two wheelie bins are not working for them should get in touch with him. He had raised the issue of cars being damaged, by culverts when pulling into the side on Aerodrome Road, with the local Highways Officer. He had pushed back, accepting that the culverts' design was not ideal but suggesting that damage was from drivers traveling at inappropriate speed for a narrow road. Kirkbymoorside roads and paths are currently undergoing a programme of repair. Proposed changes to the NYC ward boundaries will mean that, following the May 2027 election, Wombledon will be part of Helmsley Division and not Kirkbymoorside and so will definitely have a new NYC councillor.</p>
	<i>Cllrs Cleland and Howell left the meeting for the discussion of item 5.1, declaring an interest. Cllr Dodson (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting.</i>

	<p>Planning</p> <p>5.1 Pre-application planning consultation by Yorkshire Land Limited for the proposed construction of 24 dwellings, landscaping, and associated infrastructure on land at Main Street & Hungerhill Lane, Wombleton. Members of the public made a number of comments about the proposed development, including that it was in a Conservation Village, that the land had been cleared of 24 trees in a Conservation Area without permission from NYC, and that NYC failed to respond when a resident raised a complaint; that there were thousands of empty homes in North Yorkshire and brown belt land that could be developed instead; there was a lack of benefit/justification for the village from such a development; the road, access and sight lines were unsuitable; there were newts and bats on the land, and that the land was particularly rich in newts; that the owners had tried to secure planning in the past. There was concern about sewerage and the potential for flooding. One resident said it would be good to have affordable housing for local people. The Clerk recommended that the public send comments to planning.rye@northyorks.gov.uk as well as to the developers. The parish council thanked the villagers for their comments, noted the consultation, and agreed that it would wait until the planning application had been submitted to North Yorkshire Council before making any formal comments.</p>								
	<p><i>Cllrs Cleland and Howell returned to the meeting. Cllr Cleland replaced Cllr Dodson to chair the remainder of the meeting.</i></p>								
6.	<p>To receive updates and reports on Council Business and correspondence:</p> <p>6.1. The parish council agreed to sign a contract with YLCA for the provision of a new website/email service at a cost of £300 plus VAT for the first year with annual renewal fees of approx £200 plus VAT. The email service would be £44 plus VAT annually. 6.2. IT policy: the parish council agreed to adopt the model IT policy once the website and emails were up and running. 6.3 Online banking: dual control could not yet be established until more forms had been filled in and sent off. Cllrs Cleland and Dodson, and the Clerk, signed another form to be sent to HSBC. 6.4 Streetlights: the Chair said she was still waiting for quotes to fix a number of lights in the village. The Clerk said the total cost of energy and maintenance for 2024-5 was under £3,500, so this was the budget she recommended for 2026-2027, as she had been advised by NYC that both power and maintenance should not cost as much as that. 6.5 waste site contract: the parish council agreed to sign a new contract for the rental of the waste site to NYC. 6.6 grass cutting: the Clerk said she had received an invoice for grass cutting of £1,110, which was a bit more than last year but included the cutting back of growth over the footpath. She had budgeted £1,000 for next year's grass cutting, which should be sufficient if the parish council continued to receive a grant from NYC of £200 or so.</p>								
7.	<p>Chair's Report: the Chair reported on a meeting at Ryedale House, at which there was some discussion about the provision of streetlights and funding. The Chair said she would attend a Service of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday, and lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. She had delivered another newsletter to villagers.</p>								
8	<p>Finance 8.1 The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation from September to November 2025, showing a bank balance of just over £17,000, which was noted. 8.2 To note receipts: there was a VAT reclaim of £633.93 and a grass cutting grant of £216.93. 8.3. To approve the following accounts and invoices for payment:</p> <table><tr><th>To whom paid</th><th>Purpose</th><th>VAT</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>8.3.1 HMRC (PAYE)</td><td>PAYE</td><td>-</td><td>£199.80</td></tr></table>	To whom paid	Purpose	VAT	Total	8.3.1 HMRC (PAYE)	PAYE	-	£199.80
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	8.3.2 North Yorkshire Council	Streetlighting maintenance 2024-2025	202.50	£1215.00
	Clerk	Expenses	-	£159.50
	P&A Gospel Landscapes	Grass cutting	-	£1110.00
	Chair	Expenses	-	£15.00
	8.4 To consider the budget for 2026-2027: the Clerk presented a draft budget which was accepted. The proposed precept of £7,000 for 2026-27 was confirmed.			
9.	9.1 To receive new correspondence and decide upon action where necessary. There was an email from Monk Fryston Parish Council about vehicle activated speed signs. 9.2 Information exchange. There was none.			
10	To consider agenda items for the next meeting: proposed housing development at Main Street/Hungerhill Lane.			
11	The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 2 December.			

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Council meeting.