



Parish Council of Bishop Wilton

Minutes to the meeting of Bishop Wilton Parish Council, held on Monday 26th January 2026, at 7.00pm, at Bishop Wilton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr P Warry (Chairman); Cllrs I Rickatson, R Sumpner, G Lonsdale and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)

Guests: Ward Cllr L Hammond; 1 member of the public

734. The Chairman welcome members and guests and advised on the protocol of the recording of meetings. The meeting was recorded for Parish Council purposes, and also by R Sumpner for his own personal use.

735. To receive apologies of absence - Cllr I Haywood, Cllr A North, Cllr Denton absent. Ward Cllrs D Carey and P West

736. It is with great sadness that the Council have received the news of the tragic death of a much respected councillor Stewart Berry. The chair extends his sincere apologies that he was unable to attend the funeral. Stewart will be sadly missed by both the community, fellow councillors and colleagues, and our thoughts go to his family and close friends. A one minute silence was held.

737.. Code of Conduct: To receive Declaration of Interests from members on any items on the agenda

- a) Pecuniary - Cllr P Warry Agenda item 17 Planning application 26/00019/TCA
- b) non-pecuniary - none
- c) granting of dispensations - none

738. Open Forum: To resolve that the meeting be temporarily suspended to allow for a period of public participation. The member of the public advised that the street light outside the school, had been out for several weeks, but now appeared to be fixed. Our attention was also brought to the overhanging tree that is being dealt with at agenda item 17.

739. Ward Councillors Report and update on any outstanding issues- The pot holes on Pocklington Lane, have now been filled. New grips are to be dug on Hatkill Lane in an attempt to alleviate the flooding issues. East Riding Council have had further budget cuts under the central government new formula, and the £11 million cut previously advised, has now been stepped up to £11 million in year one, to £27 million in the second year and £33 million in the year three. New police reforms announce by central government will reduce the number of police forces from 43 to about 12.

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The road between Youlthorpe and Gowthorpe need some repairs, and Ward Cllr Hammond is to pursue.

740. Minutes: To adopt minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 24th November 2025 and the extra ordinary meeting held on 15th December 2025. Proposed Cllr Rickatson seconded Cllr Lonsdale. Resolved.

741. Community and ongoing Issues for consideration and resolution

- a** To consider replacement of the defibrillator outside the village hall following receipt of correspondence from the Village Hall Committee, and quotes from AEDDonate. The defibrillator is old and no longer under warranty. The Parish Council have been advised that it should be replaced. The council have agreed to fund 50% of the cost. The clerk has again written to the village hall committee asking for their support but had no response. Proposed by Cllr Lonsdale and seconded by Cllr Rickatson that the clerk now approach some of the regular user clubs for contributions. Resolved,
- b** To agree on methods of promotion for the new defibrillator at the Fleece Inn. An article has been listed in the next addition of the Parish Pump.
- c** Update on the application for replacement of the bus shelter, and agree further steps. 3 Quotes have now been obtained, and a funding application has been submitted, Deadline for completion of the project is 28 Feb 2026. The parish council will need to install the new base, and remove the old shelter, although an alternative may be to leave the old shelter in situ and install bird boxes, as it has been reported that swifts nest there. Cllr Warry to secure contractors to install the base. Ward Cllr Hammond to contact planning/conservation team to ascertain if planning approval is needed.
- d** Follow up on request to support the 20 is plenty campaign – clerk to pursue with Cllr Hammond.
- e** The clerk reported that the grit bin at the junction of Gowthorpe Lane and Hatkill Lane has been listed on the East Riding Winters services maintenance rota.

742. To consider and resolve any issues relating to the outdoor gym and play equipment

- 1. To receive monthly inspection report on outdoor gym and agree any action that may be required. Cllr Sumpner advised that the instruction label had detached from the waist twister. Clerk to contact manufacturer/installer for replacement.
- 2. To receive monthly playground inspection report and agree on action that may be required. To Received, Rock salt needed to treat weeds.

743. Finance:

- a)** To approve accounts and bank reconciliation to date. Proposed Cllr Rickatson seconded Cllr Lonsdale. Resolved.
- b)** To review current years budget. Reviewed and no issues found, noted admin charges high due to unbudgeted procurement of Microsoft 365 (to comply with back up duties)
- c)** To approve payments as per schedule 1.- Proposed Cllr Rickatson seconded Cllr Lonsdale. Resolved.

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- d) To approve payments as per schedule 2. Proposed Cllr Rickatson seconded Cllr Lonsdale. Resolved.
- e) To agree procurement of rock salt for weed treatment at the playground . Agreed

744. Correspondence for consideration and action

- I. ERNLLCA December and January Newsletter - circulated
- II. To received road closure notice Gowthorpe Lane 2-6 March 2026- received and circulated
- III. To consider Invitation to join Vale Watch – Cllr Hammond advised this is an excellent and well run group. Proposed Cllr Warry seconded Cllr Lonsdale, that the Parish Council become a member. Cllr Sumpner agreed to be the contact point.
- IV. Worknest HR & H&S Guides and Webinars – circulated,
- V. ERNLLCA - National Planning Policy reforms training 24.02.2026 6.30pm via zoom, circulated.
- VI. Nominations now open for the Royal Garden Party 12.05.2026 . Noted.

745. To discuss and resolve proposal by the village shop committee that Bishop Wilton Parish Council adopt the new cycle rack once installed. Clerk to write to the shop committee for further confirmation that the bike rack will be installed to correct specifications and in line with requirements from East Riding Highways.

746. To consider and agree on implementation of ideas of nature recovery in line with our Biodiversity Policy to be deferred and discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting to allow community participation.

747. To consider implementation of a new disciplinary policy in line with update received from NALC, proposed Cllr Sumpner and seconded Cllr Rickatson that the NALC template be adopted in it's entirety. Resolved.

748. To consider and agree response to Planning Application 25/03385/PLB

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the installation of a log burning stove and flue liner terminating in a pot hanging cowl

Location: Bishops Garth, 38 Main Street, Bishop Wilton YO42 1RU

Applicant: Mr Benjamin Crossman

Application Type: Listed **Building Consent**

Proposed Cllr Rickatson seconded Cllr Lonsdale, no objections be raised. Resolved.

749. To consider and agree response to Planning Application 26/00019/TCA

Proposal: Fell 1No Cotoneaster Cornubia Tree as it is too large for the space and impacting neighbouring gardens

Location: 85 Main Street, Bishop Wilton, YO42 1SP

Applicant: Philip Warry

Application Type: Tree Works in Conservation Area

Cllr Warry declared a pecuniary interest in this application and withdrew from the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Rickatson seconded Cllr Sumpner, no objections be raised. Resolved.

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750. To approve request from Bishop Wilton Shop Committee to hold a barbecue on the village green on 24th May 2026. Proposed Cllr Sumpner seconded Cllr Rickatson to approve. Resolved.

751. To receive **agenda items** for the next meeting Monday 23rd February 2026 – notice for Parish Meeting and topics for discussion, and potential guest speakers.

Meeting closed 8.14pm

Signed

Date :