

SICKLINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SICKLINGHALL VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH 2026 AT 7.30PM

Present: John Leahy (Chair), Adrian Dent, John Reeves, Mike Thomson, Carol Warrington (Councillors), Julie Clegg (Clerk)

In attendance: Andy Paraskos (North Yorkshire Council) and 1 resident

1. Note apologies and reasons for absence

None noted.

2. Approve and sign the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of 20th November 2025

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th November 2025 and these were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Note matters arising from the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of 12th November 2025

None noted not already addressed in the agenda elsewhere.

4. Note any declarations of interest

None noted.

5. Planning applications

a. To consider new applications

i. None

b. To note updates

- i. 25/03300/FUL: installation of 4x camping pods 4.9mx2.4m and associated water tank to the rear of car park at The Scotts Arms Public House, Main Street – REFUSED – the applicants have appealed against the decision
- ii. 25/03658/FUL: proposed EV charges x2 in existing car park at Wood Hall Hotel, Trip Lane – PERMITTED
- iii. 25/02710/FUL: single storey extension, demolition of porch and garage canopy, erection of boundary wall, gates and fences, external works and alterations to fenestration at Hillrise Cottage, Main Street - PERMITTED
- iv. 25/02211/FUL: demolition of existing barn and stables and erection of 1no. self-build dwelling at Orchard Cottage, The Crescent - PERMITTED

There were no other Planning Applications to consider.

6. Finance

- a. Bank balances as of 31st January 2026 - £2,877.92 in the Business Current Account and £3,926.50 with Santander.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to amend the details held by the Bank on the Mandate for the Treasurer's account held with Santander as follows:

- i. To remove as authorised persons or signatories – Richard Moon, Stephen Blaney, John Patrick Brady and Carol Warrington; and

- ii. To add as authorised persons or signatories – John Reeves and Michael Thomson

SIGNED:

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- b. The following invoices were approved for payment:
- c. To approve invoices for payment
 - i. £240 – Really Warm Co – Christmas tree [PAID]
 - ii. £23 – Sicklinghall Village Hall – venue hire November [PAID]
 - iii. £285.60 – Vision ICT – webhosting [PAID]
 - iv. £48 – Farm & Land Services – pond maintenance [PAID]
 - v. £52 – Information Commissioner’s Office – data protection [PAID]
 - vi. £390 – David Perry – handyman services [PAID]
 - vii. £23 – Sicklinghall Village Hall – venue [PAID]
 - viii. £TBC – Julie Clegg – clerk’s wages

7. To note correspondence received

The Clerk had received an anonymous formal complaint against a councillor which was investigated by the Monitoring Officer at North Yorkshire Council who concluded that the complaint did not meet the threshold for further investigation and no further action was required.

The Clerk had received a letter from Planning Enforcement at North Yorkshire Council regarding a possible breach of planning control in land adjacent to Farfield House, Main Street. There is no action for the Parish Council.

8. To consider highways matters

The Clerk has reported the various potholes and road erosion along the length of Stockeld Lane, together with the perennially problematic drain at the bottom of Longlands Lane.

9. To consider cemetery matters

There has been a complaint from a resident about dog fouling.

ACTION: Cllr Thomson to research signs to keep dogs on a lead

10. To consider Ponds matters

The Clerk has asked Farm & Land Services to assess both Top and Bottom Flush for maintenance works before growth begins in earnest.

11. Other matters

- a. Internet banking
Ongoing.
- b. New Assertion 10 – Annual Governance Statement – to ensure digital and data compliance
In order to comply with new governance requirements of the AGAR procedures the Parish Council RESOLVED to adopt an IT policy.
- c. Defibrillator
IT WAS RESOLVED to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for the supply and maintenance of a new defibrillator to be situated at The Scotts Arms with Defib Machines in Leeds.
ACTION: Cllrs Thomson and Dent to progress this project
- d. Phone box
No further action at this time.

12. To note agenda items for the next meeting

Highways
Ponds
Cemetery
Strategic Planning

13. Date of next meeting

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday, 12th March 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. These are draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2026 which are due to be approved at the next meeting on Thursday, 21st May 2026.

John Leahy
(Chairman)