

SNANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 13th July 2026 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Mainprize (Chairman); Cllr M Stockill; Cllr H Tyson; Cllr C Fox J Ingham
CPFA (Clerk & RFO).

Apologies for absence: - Cllr N White;

Absent: -

1680 Cllr Paul Mainprize opened the meeting and thanked members present for their attendance.

1681 Apologies had been tendered by Cllr N White and these were accepted.

1682 Declaration of Interest; None

1683 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 8th June 2026 were received and approved.

1684 Matters arising: none

1685 Open Forum –

- The Council discussed the reply sent to a parishioner from Yorkshire Water. The parishioner's view was that in a long letter YW absolved themselves from responsibility.

1686 Reports from NY Council member, Cllr D Jeffels

- NY Council has a sum of £80,000 to restore the access road to the Olver's Mount Motor Racing circuit.
- An additional £45m for improving North Yorkshire roads.
- 100,000 gulleys have been cleaned.
- The Combined Authority of York & North Yorkshire has some £5.4m to improve job creation opportunities including apprenticeships, and grants to businesses.

1687 Planning issues

- 26/02718/FUL; removal of existing garden structures and formation of a new garden room and separate hot tub enclosure at Brookfield, Pickering Rd. East, YO13 9AF

The Council has no objection to this application. There were some concerns raised over Airbnb use in the future.

1688 Village Maintenance

The clerk gave reports on various activities within the parish: -

- i) The Clerk gave an update on the response from planning re the Council's desire to undertake works on the tree in the north/south wall in the cemetery. In essence the works are now postponed sine die.
- ii) The Clerk reported on progress with the installation of wildflower zones working in conjunction with the Council's grass cutting contractor. In essence the hot dry weather has defeated this project for 2026.
- iii) The clerk reported that the refurbishment of the two bus shelters is now complete.
- iv) The Chairman reported on the progress with the acquisition of trees to replace the dead one that has been removed.

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1689 Financial Matters

The Clerk presented the Schedules of cheque payments for July 2026.

❖ *The Council resolved to approve the schedules of cheque payments for July 2026:-*

i) Administration etc.	£	638.83
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	0.00
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	660.00
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	156.00
v) Grants & Donations	£	0.00

The Clerk reported to the Council the initial email received from NY Council re the precept arrangements in respect of 2027/2028.

1690 Correspondence

- The clerk reported on a web-contact from the Pickering branch of the Newcastle Building Society who've offered public courses/advice etc on financial matters. The Clerk reported the they'd passed this on to the Village Hall Cttee, who seemed very interested.
- A variety of information has been received from the usual sources and circulated by the Clerk to Councillors.
- No other material correspondence received.

1691 Attendance at Outside meetings: -

Report Back:

- ❖ 1st July; YLCA Branch meeting at Scalby & Newby Hub. Clerk attended. The Clerk advised that the presentation by NYCouncil on highways matters was, in their opinion, an internal presentation, recycled for this meeting. It was, in the Clerk's opinion, not really suitable for the YLCA branch meeting. In it they (NYCouncil) asserted that, following a specific question, that there were no potholes outstanding, pending repair. This was somewhat breathtaking.

Scheduled

- ❖ NYMNPA; Joint Parish Forum, Wednesday 29th July; 5:00pm at Danby Lodge National Park Centre and Observatory. The Clerk was authorised to attend this meeting.

1692 Matters raised by Councillors for consideration at future Council meetings: -

- It was suggested that the northern hedge in the cemetery needed attention, specifically that section inside the cemetery that cannot be reached from the outside using a tractor and flail mower. A contractor was suggested for the Clerk to approach, in the autumn, when the hedge can be cut.

Date and time of next meetings:

Monday	Sept 14 th	7:30 pm
Monday	Oct 12 th	7:30 pm
Monday	Nov 9 th	7:30 pm

N.B. Remembrance Sunday is 8th November

1693 The Council resolved to exclude members of the press and public due to the nature of the business to be transacted at agenda below, being prejudicial to the public interest.
(Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act 1960)

1694 Volunteers for Village Maintenance

- The Council considered the proposal submitted from a parishioner to undertake works in the village on a volunteer basis. After some discussion the Council resolved that it did not want to use volunteers, but to continue working with and through paid contractors, of any size.

1695 St. Stephen's Church; Closed Churchyard; Scarborough Model Agreement moneys.

- The Council received a further update from the Clerk on the DRAFT agreement supplied by NY Council for moneys for 2026/2027 and the likelihood of this agreement going forward into future years.
- This update represents a complete Volte Face to the previous version, and NY Council have now specifically said that their moneys can be used to maintain the active (Snainton Parish Council) cemetery, and is not for the 'closed churchyard' as had been believed.
- Therefore, in the light of this new offer; the Council resolved to rescind the resolution made in June 2026: -

June resolution: - *"The Council resolved to not accept the offer, nor the moneys associated with it, and responsibility for maintenance would stay with the principal authority, now NY Council."*

- The Clerk will report back with the revised Agreement once the wording has been finally agreed and present the agreement for signing.