

SNANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 14th September 2026 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies for absence: - Cllr N White; Cllr H Tyson;

Absent: -

1696 Cllr Paul Mainprize opened the meeting and thanked members present for their attendance.

1697 Apologies had been tendered by Cllr N White, and Cllr H Tyson; these were accepted.

1698 Declaration of Interest; None

1699 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13th July 2026 were received and approved.

1700 Matters arising: none

1701 Open Forum –

- The Council received a written note from a parishioner raising the following issue: -
 - i) Repairs to the Reading Room following the traffic collision.
 - ii) That the village is looking untidy, and asking when the footpaths will be swept, and comments on the generally deleterious state of the village.
 - iii) When will the Reading Room be redecorated/renovated?
 - iv) Concern that the much anticipated Wild Flower zones did not appear this year and would a councillor volunteer to make this happen in 2027?
- Concern was raised about a delay by the Clerk in dealing with a resident's wish to inter their relative's ashes. [This is now being resolved by dialogue between the Clerk and the resident].
- Concern was raised about the works being done, or not being done in the closed cemetery and the languishing of the skip in the cemetery car park, seemingly ad infinitum.
- Concern was raised again over the compliance with the conditions in the application for the development on the A170. Residents were outraged that there was a proposal to put a footpath on the south side of the A170 when a perfectly good one exists on the North side. The extension of the 30 mph limits should enable the creation of a pedestrian controlled crossing, similar to that at the school.

1702 Planning issues

- 26/03849/L; Reroofing existing barns and repositioning of access gates at 54 High St. Snainton. YO13 9AN
The Council has no objection to this application.
- 26/03684/LB; Install an Air Source Heat Pump at 58 High St. Snainton. YO13 9AL
The Council has no objection to this application.
- 26/03307/FULMAJ; Erection of 16 no. dwellings; the extension and conversion of existing dwelling to form 2 no. dwellings, associated access and works to Green Lane, drainage and landscaping and the demolition of an agricultural building at Land off Carr House north of Green Lane and east of Station Rd. Snainton
 - i) There was a long and fulsome discussion on this application. The general, overwhelming view, of those residents present was that this was unsuitable, unwanted, and damaging to the local environment.

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- ii) Residents were concerned that this would be ‘bulldozed’ through without proper consideration by a committee as last time when it was rejected both on application by the committee and on appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. Not enough has changed.

The Council has many objections to this application. These having been discussed at length; the Council resolved to object to the application. The Clerk would submit the Council’s objections, together with a copy of the similar objections from the last application on this site. The Council’s overriding concern is that this application is set as an ‘officer’ decision, when clearly as last time. The Council resolved that this application must be determined at a full planning committee.

1703 Village Maintenance

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

- i) The Clerk reported that they have been offered a Christmas Tree from Wykeham Estates. Cllr P Mainprize will liaise with the Estate Manager.
- ii) The Chairman reported on the progress with the acquisition of trees to replace the dead one in Lairs Crescent that has been removed.
- iii) At the last meeting it was raised 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. Following a discussion, the Clerk was authorised to approach two residents who have already expressed an interest in undertaking grounds maintenance work for the Council. Specifically, to set out the Council’s clear view on the way this working relationship should be undertaken.

1704 Reading Room

- The Clerk reported on progress with the repairs to the Reading Room following the traffic collision. In essence works are being scheduled, and the contractors are awaiting delivery of the requisite stone.
- The clerk reported that the insurers, following correspondence, have agreed to the funding of 3-way traffic management. They have paid the Council the agreed amount. Furthermore, they have agreed to meet any reasonable additional uninsured costs (e.g. clerk’s additional hours).
- The Clerk reported on the urgent repairs required to the roofing components of the Reading Room, following an alert from a user of water, dampness etc in the kitchen. An anticipated sum would be less than £2,500.

1705 Financial Matters

The Clerk reported on the change in payments system for the Parks & Open Spaces (POS) component of the former Scarborough Model Agreement moneys. That was paid in two parts as a simple lump sum, with any accounting being after the year end. NYC have changed this, and have issued a Purchase Order and asked that the Parishes send invoices with some detail and these will be paid. *The Council resolved that the Clerk was authorised to undertake this and submit invoices up to the sum available (£1,571.63).*

The Clerk reported on a notice received that the AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return) would be moving to a digital only basis from 2029, with voluntary participation from 2027.

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The Clerk presented the Schedules of cheque payments for August & September 2026.

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

i) Administration etc.	£	1,444.24
ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	201.50
iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	3,538.00
iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance)	£	387.00
v) Grants & Donations	£	0.00

The Council considered their annual donation to the Royal British Legion and resolved to pay £175 as in recent years.

1706 Correspondence

- A variety of information has been received from the usual sources and circulated by the Clerk to Councillors.
- No other material correspondence received.

1707 Attendance at Outside meetings: -

Report Back:

- ❖ NYMNPA; Joint Parish Forum, Wednesday 29th July; 5:00pm at Danby Lodge National Park Centre and Observatory. The Clerk attended and the discussion was on The Village Enhancement Scheme, The Park's Local Plan, and the REConnect project on the River Esk.

Scheduled

- ❖ NYMNPA ~ Southern Area Community Forum; 8th October in Helmsley; *The Clerk was authorised to attend this meeting.*

1708 Matters raised by Councillors for consideration at future Council meetings: -

- The Council reflected on whom to invite to lay the second wreath at the War Memorial at the Act of Remembrance. It was proposed that the Clerk should contact Fergus Court.

Date and time of next meetings:

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

N.B. Remembrance Sunday is 8th November