



## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6.00pm at White Rose House,  
Wheldrake

### **MINUTES**

In the absence of the Chair of Wheldrake Parish Council, Cllr Nelson, the meeting was chaired by Cllr Reed.

Present: 16 residents

**APM26/01** Welcome  
Cllr Reed welcomed everyone to the meeting

**APM26/02** Minutes  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 as a true and accurate record  
The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record

**APM26/03** Chairmans Report  
Wheldrake Parish Council Chairman to provide a report on Parish Council activities across 2025/26  
Cllr Reed read the report provided by Cllr Nelson on Parish Council activities over the preceding year. The report is attached at Appendix 1.

**APM26/04** Resident questions about the report  
**Residents raised the following questions:**  
In response to a question from a resident regarding the breakdown of reserves at the end of the 2025/26 financial year, details of the allocation of funds within the reserves were provided.

<b>Speeding projects:</b>	<b>£8000.00</b>
<b>Village Enhancement</b>	<b>£1200.00</b>
<b>VAS signs</b>	<b>£3900.00</b>
<b>Defibrillator</b>	<b>£500.00</b>
<b>Bus Subsidy</b>	<b>£5750.00</b>
<b>Community Grants</b>	<b>£2299.57</b>
<b>General Reserve</b>	<b>£25338.37</b>

**APM26/05** Public Forum  
Electors present at the meeting to raise any comments or issues.  
**Residents raised the following matters:**

- Concerns regarding lighting emanating from the nursing home.
- Blocked street gutters requiring attention.

**APM26/06** Closure of Annual Parish Meeting  
The meeting closed at 6.22pm

## **Appendix 1**

Chair's Report Wheldrake Parish Council

### **Introduction**

This report covers the period between May 2025 and May 2026. Its purpose is to offer a snapshot of the council's top-line activities and how they benefit the community.

### **Key achievements and highlights**

A new chair of the parish council was appointed in September 2025 - Sue Nelson - who joined the council in July 2025 following the death of her husband, Aidan Nelson, who was the vice-chairman of the council at the time of his passing. Her purpose in joining was to carry on the work of her husband who had been with the council since 2017.

Continuing dialogue with City of York Council and North Yorkshire Police has resulted in a thriving Community Speedwatch Team led by Cllr Batchelor. The team came into being in 2024 and since then has increased its speedwatch points in the village from 2 to 8. On average more than 100 motorists are logged in each 1 hour session with up to 10% - or often considerably less - failing to comply with the 30mph speed limit. There is a feeling that the team activities are having a noticeable impact as at the last session in April no speeders were logged.

The council has also got agreement from City of York Council for the installation of 2 VAS speed signs - one on Church Lane and one on industrial estate end on Main Street. While this is good news, the council continues to be frustrated with the slow progress from City of York Council in getting the signs installed, and will continue to pursue this with vigour.

As in previous years, the council organised a residents' Christmas lights competition which has proved to be popular. Christmas trees were also installed at 2 locations in the village. Since then a Christmas lights sub group has been set up in the council to explore additional ways for the village to be lit up at Christmas time.

### **Financial overview**

The Clerk provided the following figures:

Opening Balance	£49,360
Receipts	£46,304
Payments	£48,676
Closing Balance	£46,988

### **Consultations and community engagement**

In January the council organised an online village questionnaire in a bid to understand the key issues in the village. Although less than 100 people responded - which was disappointing - two messages were clear: residents would like to see more input into the village bus services and a more inclusive dialogue with Wheldrake Recreation Association. In relation to buses, the parish council continues its dialogue with bus providers and continues to support the late evening bus service on Fridays which is well used.

In relation to the WRA, representatives from the parish council met with WRA trustees in March, and there was a strong presence of councillors and villagers at the WRA AGM in April. As a result new trustees have been appointed and the WPC custodian trustee role on the WRA has been confirmed. We look forward to a closer dialogue with the WRA as a result.

### **Acknowledgements**

The Chair welcomes new councillors Adam Atkinson and Hayley McCaie, and offers thanks to Beverley Southern who has left the council after 10 years, and Shelley Cranfield who has also resigned after serving 8 years. Both councillors have had a significant impact on the council and we thank them for their service. In addition, the Chair thanks all councillors for their loyalty and input into life in the village, with particular thanks to the Clerk Jessica Bradford whose knowledge, hard work and support are appreciated by all councillors.

### **Looking ahead and conclusion**

As stated previously the council will continue to pursue the installation of the VAS signs with CoYC, and is also in continuing dialogue around the proposed installation of the Wheldrake cycle path into Fulford. The use of Broad Highway as the lead in to the cycle route has raised some concerns from Broad Highway area residents and the council will address these with the appropriate authorities in the coming months. The council also looks forward to a closer relationship with the WRA within governance guidelines.

Finally, the Chair thanks all Wheldrake's residents for their involvement in the life of the village and looks forward to a continuing dialogue to ensure the parish continues to have a bright future.

Sue Nelson

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