

GREAT AND LITTLE BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN GREAT BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026

PRESENT: Councillors - Martin Coady (Chair), Robert Jones, David Smith, Chris Tyerman and Cathy Williamson.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk to Great and Little Broughton Parish Council: Angela Livingstone, Cllr Griffiths - North Yorkshire Councillor. 4 residents.

26.46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Apologies for absence had been received from Helen Eldabe and Deborah Towler. The reasons for absence were approved by the council.

26.47 TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026, MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2026, AND MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2026

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 9th February 2026, Monday, 9th March 2026 and Monday, 23rd March 2026 had been circulated and Parish Councillors had no amendments. These were Approved. There were no matters arising.

26.48 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - Two residents who had previously attended to request the removal of trees tabled a report prepared by an ex-Parish Councillor and asked for future discussions on this matter. *1 resident left the meeting.*

Two residents stated disappointment that the Parish Council were still looking at changes to the playground area, and queried the intentions. They stated concerns with increased levels of anti-social behaviour (ASB) over the past few years and felt that additional seating would further increase this. A further concern was voiced for the lack of respect for the norms with parking. The Chair stated that the Parish Council had been taken aback by the strength of feeling from the residents last visit and this had been discussed fully with a difference of opinion in the council. At the time a decision on the already submitted planning application was awaited and any decisions on the next steps had been held until a meeting with a larger number of councillors present.

It was agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda and *1 resident left the meeting* after being advised that the only discussion on trees was that there would be as per the schedule a review on a small number of trees in June followed by a 18 monthly review towards the end of the year.

26.54 Future Plans and Projects -Picnic area development at Playground

The Chair stated that there had been a decision to progress additional seating and statutory seating for disabled children. The Parish Council had realised planning permission was needed and submitted an application in September 2025, the matter had been on the agenda and minutes many times prior to this. The strength of feeling on the matter had been underestimated. Councillors gave mixed views on the project with comments of fully supporting the project and no concerns of ASB, the requirements of additional seating/table and hardstanding to support parents needs and support to continue the long term plan from when the disabled swing was included and the path dug out for disabled use. It was queried if other benches needed removing across the village if they caused a congregation area. It was commented that a lesser scheme may be better supported by adjacent residents. Residents again commented on their concerns of increased urbanisation which would result from the paving. The councillor who took an active part in monitoring the play park on behalf of the council had seen no evidence when he attended of ASB or even any littering and felt that the proposal was beneficial to the community. It was commented that the project had a low level of benefit when the lives of residents may be affected. It was questioned if the ASB levels could be monitored but residents were not willing to undertake this action. The Chair proposed that the project was abandoned. It was APPROVED that the project would be paused to enable a meeting with residents to discuss their needs and any alternative options. To be progressed over the coming months.

2 residents left the meeting.

26.49 POLICE REPORT - 1-31 March - 1 Arson/Criminal damage.

26.50 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Cllr Jones declared an interest in ZB26/00260/MPN and ZB26/00487/FUL.

- 26.50.1 Planning applications - ZB26/00278/MBN Buildings To North Of Grove Hill Back Lane - Change of use of agricultural buildings to create 3no. dwellings (Use Class C3) together with associated building operations - an additional meeting was held on 23rd March and this application was discussed.
ZB26/00260/MPN Grange Farm Barns OS Field 1944 And Farm Buildings High Street - Prior approval for development consisting of the change of use of an agricultural building to a flexible commercial/business space (Use Class E) - It was discussed that this application was a class R application for conversion of barns and a proposal to convert to class E commercial/business. Concerns were voiced regarding assumed office buildings on site which were not shown on the planning application and the various daily agricultural and other apparently industrial/transport related uses of the site. It was RESOLVED to question the office space and object to the application on the grounds of impact on transport and discrepancies within the documentation submitted especially the mention of a different road not in the village, a lack of impact noted from traffic and the existing new build office space not shown on the submitted plans. Concerns were voiced that this could be the first phase of a larger development plan which residents were not consulted on.
ACTION: Cllr Williamson/Clerk
- ZB26/00487/FUL 4 Kirkby Lane - Application for the Conversion of a garage to provide a guest annexe with a link corridor connecting it to the detached residential property - No concerns.
- 26.50.2 Planning decision:- ZB26/00286/FUL 7 Manor Grove - Application for proposed rear Dorma extension. The decision on this proposal was: Granted.
- 26.51 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS** - Cllr Griffiths informed that as mentioned at the previous meeting, the issue of overflow parking at the Wainstones was being considered by the Highways engineer who was looking at three options, if there was a decision to proceed there would be a full consultation. It was advised that North Yorkshire Council had a dispensation on the food waste collection until 2040 as Allerton Waste site were already splitting some waste.
- 26.52 VILLAGE MATTERS Updates**
- 26.52.1 Village Green application - Cllr Eldabe reported that the committee meeting was expected. However training was needed for the officers prior to this.
- 26.52.2 Wainstones Wood - No update.
- 26.52.3 Footpath top of The Holme subsiding and concerns of loose old posts on footbridge - A resident had enquired regarding the plan for the footpath which is slowly subsiding. Councillors believed that Highways were already aware of the issues as they had been and repaired the fence. RESOLVED: Clerk to request Highways to assess the surface and the fence. There had been some concerns regarding an old post on the eastern side of the footbridge, this had been checked and found to be loose. RESOLVED: Works with concrete to be completed when the new bench is being installed. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 26.52.4 Speeding / Parking in the Village - Speedwatch ongoing. 20mph limit outside of school statutory consultation expected late April.
- 26.52.5 Litter picking - Cllr Williamson advised that two residents had been litter picking themselves and doing a good job using some equipment the village had borrowed from NYC. She added that new bags were needed which she would collect. A resident had approached, questioning if the Parish Council would run litter picking events. Previous events were discussed where 60 bags of rubbish had been collected and Cllr Smith advised that he had a contact in the Scouts/club/beavers who had offered to do a litter pick. The NYC streetscene website showed information on safe litter picking. RESOLVED: It was agreed that this would be supported. Cllr Smith agreed to organise and to look at progressing for a twice annual event using the litter pickers stored in the village hall. **ACTION: Cllr Williamson / Cllr Smith**
- 26.52.6 Offer of daffodil bulbs donation made to a Councillor - The Chair advised of contact from Cllr Jones who had informed that there was an offer of daffodil bulbs to be planted on the Village Green and the Chairs email was passed onto Carlton Power. Discussions between councillors agreed that this could be seen as a conflict of interest due to the planning application submitted. It was ratified that the council approved the decision to refuse the offer but it was agreed that there was the need for transparency to enable Councillors to explain to residents why the offer was not taken. RESOLVED: In future any time sensitive adhoc items will be discussed by the full council outside of a meeting and be ratified at the next meeting.
- 26.52.7 North Yorkshire Council Local Plan - Cllr Griffiths informed that there had been a Government change to the process. All work to date was still valid but there would be another round of calls for additional sites to meet latest government requirements.

26.53 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- 26.53.1 Village benches - The Chair informed that the bench opposite the Bay Horse had been repaired, the wood had been costly for the project and the likely cost would be £300, invoice awaited. He had discussed the bench at the bottom of Backers Walk with Mr Ward and this was being progressed. Councillors discussed the potential of moving or re-moving damaged benches in future rather than repairing them, if these were in poorly frequented areas. The new bench to be installed at the top of The Holme had an estimate discussed of £150 for concrete plus installation fee, further invoice expected from Mr Ward, including materials of around £250-£300. Excess from the bulk bag of ballast was expected. Planting would be looked at once the plinth was installed. Cllr Smith suggested making contact with Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust who had emailed regarding sites to develop. Cllrs discussed possible plans and planting along the riverside. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Smith to discuss with Chair and apply for the scheme. **RESOLVED:** Bench expenditure approved. Chair to inform Mr Ward. **ACTION: Cllr Smith/Chair**
- 26.53.2 Open Spaces / Trees throughout the village - There had been some discussion earlier in the meeting. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to book the seasonal review for these 4 specific trees for June and add the 3 sycamores. The 18 month cycle would then follow for all trees later in the year. The Chair informed that he had been watering the new Yew tree donated by the Womens Institute weekly and had personally thanked the group for the donation. They had requested that they install a 5x8 inch plaque under the tree. Approved. Chair to inform. Cllr Jones suggested that all trees which the Parish Council were responsible for should have a tagged number to better identify them. **RESOLVED:** Chair to research. **ACTION: Clerk / Chair**
- 26.53.3 Risk Management - spreadsheet circulated to be updated - No progress at present. The Chair reminded of the need to individually look at the spreadsheet inform of any amendments and look at individual scoring for approval at the May meeting. **ACTION: Councillors**
- 26.54 **DEVELOP FUTURE PLANS / PROJECTS** - Picnic area development at Playground – discussed earlier. Cllr Tyerman stated that the Parish Council could look at planting on the green as a future project and look at a planting plan. Agenda item- bulb purchase and planting plan across the village. **ACTION: Agenda**
- 26.55 **PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT** - Cllr Smith informed that wood from the broken rear fence needed removing, he had already taken nails out of this. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Smith to remove. He added that he felt that a fence to the front suggested previously was not achievable and informed that additional wood chippings would be required later in the year. Councillors discussed possibly adding signage stating do not access the field. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Smith to remind the school regularly not to have unsupervised children in the play park. Cllr Tyerman stated concerns of dog walkers using the play park, this was despite signage stating no dogs allowed. **ACTION: Cllr Smith**
- 26.56 **CORRESPONDENCE TO DISCUSS/NOTE** -
Climate Action Stokesley & Villages - Management of Himalayan Balsam. No concern within the village. Flytipping reports from residents. NYC Planning - Jubilee House, case closed. Tees Rivers Trust meeting 17.3.26, Cllr Williamson reported on the meeting. Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust - search for 10 sites to develop. Cllr Smith progressing.
- 26.57 **ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER** - To include the date of the next meeting and information on the Management of Himalayan Balsam and the links to contact Climate Action Stokesley & Villages. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 26.58 **FINANCIAL MATTERS** Financial Report – The Clerk gave information on the financial position which was approved by the Parish Council. Payments from account:- Clerks monthly salary, Bank service charge. Payments to approve: YLCA membership £471.00. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 26.59 **GOVERNANCE** - Audit assertion requirements including gov.uk domain and email addresses. Quote awaited for migrating the website and developing email addresses. Cllr Jones to forward email contact details for Clerk. **ACTION: Cllr Jones/Clerk**

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 11th May 2026 at 7pm. Commencing with the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed that due to Councillor availability the June meeting be amended to Monday 1st June 2026.

Adopted: _____ Date: _____ Chair of Great and Little Broughton Parish Council