

**Minutes of the Bubwith Parish Council meeting held in the Community Rooms on  
Thursday 15 January 2026**

Present: Sandra Hills (Chair), Richard Falkingham, Helen Gregory, Liz Hayes, Malcolm Henson, Richard Moore, Allen Shepherd, Mike Suddaby, John Watkinson

Apologies: Barry Carpus, Shaun Thompson

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**Co-option of a Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy**, no one has come forward seeking co-option so held over until the February meeting

Public session, no business

**01/26** Minutes of the previous meeting dated 11/12/25, approved and signed by the Chair

Declaration of Interest. To record any declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interest by any Member in respect of items on this agenda, Sandra Hills, Richard Moore, non-pecuniary in Leisure Centre matters.

**02/26** Matters arising

- ✓ Bubwith Surgery proposed change to opening hours, report on meeting between Ward Councillor Victoria Aitken, Sandra Hills and the Surgery. Sandra reported that the practice had problems in recruiting dispensary staff hence the reduction in opening times. The Surgery emphasised that there were no plans to close Bubwith Surgery and various plans for picking up prescriptions were being put into place. These were based on research into how prescriptions were currently being handled. There will be no change to provision of medical staff. Parish Councillors were not satisfied with the response from the Surgery and posed further questions which Sandra would pass on to the Surgery
- ✓ Community Centre, report on residents meeting plus “Warm Space Café”. Allen Shepherd and the Clerk attended the residents meeting which dealt with parking issues on Brighton Road plus the removal of the garages on Vicarage Close. There were no plans to close the Community Centre. The Parish Council run café was working well and it was designed to bridge the gap whilst the Church run café had a break over winter.
- ✓ Honey-pot trees TPOs, report on site meeting, Ward Councillor Victoria Aitken plus residents met with officers of East Riding Council, it was agreed to discuss this further at the February meeting
- ✓ Yorkshire Water, no sewage issues reported
- ✓ State of Clay Lane Brighton, the overrun of grass verges was causing a mess which will block drains. Clerk to follow up on promised work by East Riding Council
- ✓ Allotments and orchard, currently there are three vacant plots
- ✓ Public Rights of Way, issues of dog faeces were again reported
- ✓ Bubwith Leisure Centre, a new door is to be fitted between the bar lounge and main hall in early February. New healthy initiatives are pickle ball, walking football and a new Pilates group. The recent Volunteers Event had been well attended and was well received
- ✓ Bubwith Bugle and Facebook page, nothing to report

- ✓ Youth Club has started back after the Christmas break
- ✓ Carbon footprint of Bubwith parish, a repair café is planned
- ✓ Parking issues for bungalow residents on Brighton Road, waiting for update
- ✓ Funding availability to employ a School crossing person, funding not available
- ✓ Bubwith School, nothing to report
- ✓ Anti-social behaviour, nothing to report
- ✓ Boats moored on the Derwent and unauthorised road made from Brighton Road to river, nothing to report
- ✓ Noticeboards grant from Spaldington £1,190.10 has been awarded and now applying to Commuted Sums for the second half of the money needed, so the purchase will be budget neutral
- ✓ Christmas 2025, review was positive for the carols night and letters to Santa

### **03/26 Planning applications, nil**

#### **04/26 Planning decisions as advised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council**

25/02953/PLF Erection of single storey extension to rear at Goodwood House, 6 Manor Fields Brighton for Mr Nigel Good, granted

25/03111/VAR Removal of Condition 2 (agricultural/forestry occupancy) of planning reference 0.1343(c) (Erection of a bungalow and integral double garage for use as a private dwelling and private double garage respectively and the carrying out of alterations to an existing means of vehicular access) at Burr Croft, Clay Lane Brighton for Mr Fernley, granted

24/03400/PLF Siting of caravan and formation of links with existing twin unit caravan to provide additional owner/manager living accommodation (retrospective application) (re-submission of 24/00494/PLF) at Lodge 65 Fine Country Lodges Street Lane Bubwith for Mr & Mrs Mitchell and Kate Baum, refused

#### **05/26 Accounts**

Balances £5,724.48 current, £3,628.46 saver (includes £601.85 Youth Club running total)

Bank statements were considered without comment

Payments confirmed, £412.80 Grant to Leisure Centre paid end December for employee, £120.00 M Richardson cleaning bus shelters, £3.09 bank charges, £356.40 Grenke copier lease, £2,400.00 Selby Glass for door in BLC, £8.40 Liz Hayes Youth Club spend

Payments approved, P Clark social media work £60.00 (due for payment end of January), Salaries end of January Clerk £521.12, Youth Club leaders £192.50 and £132.27, Litter picker £211.64, Bugle delivery £75.26, HM R&C tax on salary £174.29, Sapphire copy cost £41.36, BLC Youth Club rent £147.00

Precept 2026/27, research had shown that the precept was much lower than parishes of a similar size, grants achieved have supported the precept for some years and it was recognised that grants were getting harder to achieve. Parish Councillors resolved to financially support Bubwith Bunnies. A precept of £23,500 was unanimously approved which was a 12% increase, it was noted that the high percentage was because the base figure was low

## **06/26 Reports**

- Parish Councillors reported that various hedges were overhanging footpaths causing problems for pedestrians, Clerk to contact owners
- Allen Shepherd reported that the water burst on Brighton Road just to the south of Southwood Drain had still not been repaired despite many attempts

## **07/26 Correspondence, nil**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting of Bubwith Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12/2/2026 at 7.00pm in the Leisure Centre, this to be confirmed