

**Minutes of the Bubwith Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14 May 2026 in Bubwith  
Leisure Centre**

Present: Sandra Hills (Chair), Barry Carpus, Helen Gregory, Liz Hayes, Malcolm Henson, Brian Littlejohn, Richard Moore, Allen Shepherd, Mike Suddaby, Shaun Thompson

Apologies: Richard Falkingham, John Watkinson

Guests: Ward Councillors Victoria Aitken and Nigel Wilkinson

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**The meeting was preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, no business**

Public session, Nigel Wilkinson advised that £23 million was to be allocated to ERYC for highways improvements and that he would advise the PC when this happens

Election of officers for 2026/27, Sandra Hills was elected as Chair and Richard Falkingham as Vice-Chair. Other officers were elected as per the list with these minutes

Shaun Thompson announced he would be standing down as a Parish Councillor after the meeting as he plans to move away from the parish, he was congratulated warmly for his work with the Parish Council over many years

**29/26** Minutes of the previous meeting dated 9/4/26, 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, Shaun Thompson non-pecuniary in Leisure Centre matters.

**30/26** Matters arising

- 1 Bubwith Surgery, Sandra Hills reported on the email exchange with the surgery containing replies to resident's concerns, other issues were highlighted by Parish Councillors and Sandra will keep in contact with the surgery. Sandra will update residents via the Bugle. Sandra noted the possible need for volunteer drivers eg to take people to HOSM
- 2 State of Clay Lane Brighton, an email from ERYC Highways promised action 'in this financial year' and also asked for designs of planters and bollards. Clerk to meet with John Watkinson to discuss siting and design of bollards and planters
- 3 Allotments and orchard, two vacant plots were noted
- 4 Public Rights of Way, the blue pipe providing water to the site of the boat on the river is still losing water despite being reported to Yorkshire Water
- 5 Bubwith Leisure Centre, an athletics club is using the field for children's activities, work by Brent Hills is showing that the electricity costs can be reduced, waiting for replies to two grant applications, main hall floor is causing some concern and is being monitored. Parish Councillors agreed to apply for a grant to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Bubwith Playing Fields
- 6 Bubwith Bugle and Facebook page, nothing to report
- 7 Youth Club, North Duffield PC has declined a request for a contribution even though many ND attend. Two dates have been agreed to use the swimming pool over the summer

- 8 Bubwith School, nothing to report
- 9 Noticeboards waiting for delivery (for information)
- 10 Auto speed watch repairs not yet needed
- 11 Planning application for Bubwith Leisure and Sports Centre, the Parish Council has agreed to submit an application for a playground and other uses, Sport England has indicated that they will object and a meeting is planned shortly to discuss strategy with Ward Councillor and officer from ERYC

**31/26** Planning applications, nil

**32/26** Planning decisions as advised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, nil

### **33/26** Accounts

Balances £4,284.45 current, £11,640.87 saver (includes minus £1,089.99 Youth Club running total) Bank statements were considered without comment

Payments approved, P Clark social media work £60.00 (due for payment end of May), Salaries end of May Clerk £561.12 (inc £20 paid to M Henson as reimbursement for materials for the interpretation panel), Youth Club leaders £200.35 and £137.69, Litter picker £220.31, Bugle delivery £76.26, HM R&C tax on salary £213.04, Sapphire copy cost £32.50, Bubwith Leisure Centre Youth Club rent £93.38, M Richardson cleaning bus shelters £120.00

Bubwith Bunnies grant, waiting for details for payment of the grant to be confirmed by BLC  
Financial spreadsheet for 2025/26 was considered without comment

**34/26** Annual Audit Governance Statement 2025/26 were approved and signed by the Chair

**35/26** Annual Audit Accounting Statement 2025/26 were approved and signed by the Chair

### **36/26** Reports

- Helen Gregory reported the damage to the slabs at the Churchyard entrance, Clerk informed that a grant application has been submitted to get funds for the repair
- Brian Littlejohn reported that the dog poo bin in the Churchyard needs to be removed
- Mike Suddaby reported a blocked drain on Church Street Bubwith

### **37/26** Correspondence

\*Dog Fouling has been reported again and Parish Councillors agreed to put information received from ERYC in the Bugle

\*Bulk purchase of Speed Reduction Stickers, Clerk to ask Andy Williams to check with his Police contact to see what is possible

\*Potential for an Open Garden Event in Bubwith in 2027, Parish Councillors would support anyone taking this forward

\*Parking on Church Street near Church Close, parking is a problem throughout Bubwith due to lack of parking spaces and Church Close has many more cars than spaces to park them. It was pointed out that our bus service is poor and hence the need for more than one car in each family. Nigel Wilkinson pointed out that it is not unlawful to park on the pavement (except when causing an obstruction) but it is to drive onto the pavement!! Clerk to reply to the resident asking for info

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting of Bubwith Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11/6/2026 at 7.00pm in Bubwith Leisure Centre