

**Minutes of the Bubwith Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11 June 2026 in Bubwith  
Leisure Centre**

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

Apologies: Liz Hayes, Brian Littlejohn

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**Co-option of a Parish Councillor,** John Cunnington was unanimously co-opted to the Parish Council, he highlighted how he supported community activities namely through Speedwatch, Police committee and NHS committee

**Public session**

Edmond Downes attended to express concern at the gas guns being used to scare birds from a field of peas to the south of Bubwith. Edmond reported that the guns were being used from 6am, were finishing after 10pm and were going off too often, all contrary to the guidelines. The field belongs to Richard Falkingham and he replied that if scarers were not used that he would lose the crop, he stated that he would look at timings and frequency to ensure the settings were correct. He said that all scarers were pointed away from housing. He asked Edmond to contact him directly in the future if there were problems and he would do his best to accommodate but stated that to protect the pea crop the scarers were needed. Sandra Hills hoped that something could be done to help and checking timings plus possibly using baffles might be a compromise

Paul Lambert attended to discuss the planning refusal for the removal of TPOs from 5 silver birches on land at The Honeypot. Parish Councillors expressed support to the families affected by the trees and were minded to appeal in support. A report on the refusal and options for the way forward was presented by Helen Gregory, Parish Councillors considered the report and concluded that an appeal would need to have new information and would need a tree surgeons report which could possibly be expensive and would need to be prepared before the deadline for an appeal. Despite disagreeing with the planning officer's decision Parish Councillors felt that all points made to her had been considered and without any new evidence an appeal would be very unlikely to succeed. A suggestion made to the affected residents that they make an application to do work to the trees was supported. Parish Councillors expressed sympathy to Paul Lambert and he was given a copy of the report, Helen Gregory was thanked for her work in presenting the report and options for the way forward

**38/26** Minutes of the previous meeting dated 14/5/26, 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 and Richard Moore, non-pecuniary in Leisure Centre matters.

### **39/26 Matters arising**

- 1 Bubwith Surgery, Sandra Hills reported that she had put information in the Bugle and was preparing further contact with the surgery
- 2 State of Clay Lane Brighton, waiting for a reply from ERYC, Clerk and John Watkinson to meet to discuss planters and bollards
- 3 Allotments and orchard, thanks were expressed to Richard Falkingham for cow manure
- 4 Public Rights of Way, it was noted that traffic lights at Bubwith bridge were covered by hedge growth
- 5 Bubwith Leisure Centre, planning permission exists to build a new playground between the running track and car park and this is the main focus, grants are very difficult to find for building a new playground but plans are being laid to seek them
- 6 Bubwith Bugle and Facebook page, a new appointment has been made to deliver the Bugle
- 7 Youth Club, swimming sessions are being planned for the summer
- 8 Bubwith School, nothing to report
- 9 Noticeboards have been delivered and will be sited asap

### **40/26 Planning applications**

26/01065/PLF Erection of single storey extension to front following demolition of existing bay window at The Elms, 12 Church Street Bubwith for Danny Longbottom, Parish Councillors were concerned at the proposal and comments on the planning portal saying that the appearance of the house frontage would be spoiled were echoed by Parish Councillors

26/01252/PLF Erection of detached double garage following demolition of existing (Re submission of 25/03083/PLF) at Gunby Hall, Gunby Road Bubwith for Mr Stephen Turner, supported

26/01140/PLF Erection of single storey extension to side and rear with attached garage, and conversion of attached garage with associated replacement of garage doors with windows to create additional living space at Dronfield House, Clay Lane, Brighton for Mr M Smith, supported

26/01409/CM Variation of Condition 3 (operating hours) of planning permission 03/03273/STPLF (Erection of a building to house tyre shredding plant on land at Brighton Airfield) to allow for the increase of operational hours where treatment activities can be undertaken at Midco Waste Management Limited Brighton Airfield Street Lane Bubwith for Credential Environmental Limited. Parish Councillors noted that the company was very keen to work with the community and had reacted well to previous concerns about noise from the site. The noise assessment report was long and appeared conclusive but concerns were expressed that for example wind direction was a major factor in noise affecting residents. The Parish Council suggested that the application was granted on a temporary basis for one year to allow noise levels to be checked in all seasons and presuming no problems it could be then confirmed

### **41/26 Planning decisions as advised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council**

26/00769/VAR Variation of conditions for permission 23/02905/REM and changes to condition 4 of 25/30469/CONDET at Land North of Long Acres, 1 Highfield Road Bubwith for Bespoke Homes Yorkshire, granted

26/00385/TPO Fell 5 no. Silver Birch trees as they have outgrown their location, are overhanging adjacent bungalow and house, causing loss of light and leaf/branch fall, and there are concerns about the roots at Honey Pot Amenity Land Honey Pot Bubwith for Bubwith Parish Council, refused

Consideration of appeal against this refusal, covered in the public session

#### **42/26 Accounts**

Balances £1,333.17 current, £11,640.87 saver (includes minus £1,734.25 Youth Club running total)

Bank statements were considered without comment

Payments confirmed £162.64 Youth Club tuck shop purchases, £3.40 bank charge, £3,166.00 cost of notice-boards (two grants cover most of this cost, one received already and one applied for)

Payments approved, P Clark social media work £60.00 (end of June), Salaries end of June Clerk £553.10, Youth Club leaders £200.55 and £137.69, Litter picker £220.31, Bugle delivery £76.26, HM R&C tax on salary £212.84, Sapphire copy cost £32.45, Bubwith Leisure Centre Youth Club rent £93.38

Bubwith Bunnies grant, details for payment of the grant to be confirmed

A grant request from GooleGoFar was considered and it was resolved to support them with a grant of £250

#### **43/26 Reports**

- Allen Shepherd reported that the interval between grass cutting by ERYC was longer than usual
- Mike Suddaby reported again a blocked drain on Church Street

#### **44/26 Correspondence**

\*Email expressing concern at hedge growing out partly blocking the pavement, Clerk to ask the resident to cut the hedge back in the interests of safety

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting of Bubwith Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9/7/2026 at 7.00pm in Bubwith Leisure Centre