

STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 at 7 pm
in Stokesley Town Hall

Present: Cllrs Sally Atkinson, Mike Canavan, Sean Carey, David Cook, Claire Craster, Bryn Griffiths, Chris Johnson, David Oxley, Graham Sowerby and Gary Yuille.

Town Clerk – Mrs Julie McLuckie and 3 residents.

In accordance with the notice of meeting a public forum session took place from 7pm to 7.15pm.

The residents in attendance had received parking tickets for parking on the car park on the West End, this error had been raised with North Yorkshire Council and the new Traffic Warden advised that this is not limited parking on this area. The residents also raised their concerns regarding the old landrover that has been parked in this area for several years, not only taking up valuable parking space but also the state of repair is not suitable in a conservation area. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk explained the current situation, and it was agreed to try and meet with the vehicle owner in the first instance to ask that it be removed. If this is not achieved, then the Clerk would ask NYC to serve notice on the vehicle. The Clerk would also seek advice from YLCA on options available to Manorial Lands Trust to introduce a limited parking time on areas of Manorial Land after which they can arrange for the vehicle to be moved.

North Yorkshire Council (NYC) – Cllr Griffiths reported that he was supporting residents in the Grange Estate to have the roads adopted by NYC. He has been pressing the Corporate Director for progress. Taylor Wimpey’s contractors (JLES) are awaiting further instructions from them to progress the remedial works needed to bring the roads up to an adoptable standard.

Cllr Griffiths is currently working with the residents of the Firs about a hedge that has been removed by Tilia. The planning conditions stipulated that this hedge was to remain and its removal has had a negative impact on the privacy of the residents on this Estate. Cllr Griffiths was disappointed to note that despite his requests to replace with semi mature hedging that they had been replaced with 90cm whips. Cllr Griffiths would continue to push for more substantial hedging to be planted.

Cllr Griffiths informed members that the NYC budget would be set on Friday 13 February 2026 but that Council members had not been provided with any financial breakdowns in advance of the meeting so he was unable to confirm if the cobbles refurbishment project would be included in next year’s budget or not.

1/10/02/26 NOTICE OF MEETING

RESOLVED that the public notice of the meeting had been provided in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2/10/02/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED that the no apologies received.

3/10/02/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RESOLVED none declared.

4/10/02/26 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 January 2026 be agreed and signed as a true record.

5/10/02/26 PLANNING

1. The following Planning Applications were received and reviewed. **RESOLVED** to confirm approval of all the comments submitted as detailed.

Cllr Griffiths as a member of NYC Planning Committee observes and offers advice only regarding planning applications discussed.

Applications Received

ZB25/02181/MRC – Riverside Nurseries – Application for modification / variation of condition 2 (drawings) – revised drawings for garage, porch and glazing for previously approved application 21/02574/FUL. **RESOLVED** no objections.

Applications Granted

ZB25/02200/MRC – 1 College Mews – Application for modification/variation of condition 2 (drawings) – change pitch roof to flat roof – new drawing number 002B for previously approved application ZB25/01197/FUL – application for proposed single storey rear extension.

2. Planning and Development Issues: -

- a. Taylor Wimpey Estate – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- b. British Legion Club Site – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- c. Tilia Estate – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- d. Brierley Development – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- e. Morrisons, High Street – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- f. Costa Coffee, High Street – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk request a progress update from the owners.
- h. Millbry Hill – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk report the erection of three unapproved advertising signs on the side of the building.
- i. 49 Levenside – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- j. Mind Shop, Bridge Road – **RESOLVED** that two Councillors would go and discuss the situation with staff at the Mind Shop and ask who they need to contact to request that the building be brought up to an appropriate standard.
- k. Old Natwest Building – **RESOLVED** no further update.

RESOLVED that the Clerk had sent a letter to the Mayor, Rishi Sunak MP and NYC Chief Executive on 12 December 2025 expressing the Town Council's disappointment at the lack of action taken regarding the ongoing enforcement issues. The fact that Stokesley is a Conservation area and the cumulative effect of having several buildings along the High Street in a poor state of repair is not acceptable. The Town Council believes it is in the public interest to have these building brought up to a suitable standard to ensure the High Street remains vibrant and encourages both residents, visitors and business owners to support Stokesley. It is disappointing that to date no response has been received.

The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Enforcement Officers to attend Stokesley so they can be shown the issues and the negative impact they are having on the High Street.

6/10/02/26 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. **RESOLVED** that the monthly statements for January 2026 circulated on 4.2.26 be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the payments made in January 2026 (attached at Appendix 2) be received.
3. **RESOLVED** that the Investment Income Account Statement for December 2025 circulated on 15.1.26 be received.

7/10/02/26 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Town Council

1. Strategic Objectives for 2025/26: -
 - a. Cobbles. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Griffiths was unable to confirm if the cobbles improvement programme would be included in the next financial year works programme until after the budget setting meeting on 13 February 2026 as no financial reports had been circulated.
 - b. Parking. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would arrange a meeting with NYC to discuss the enforcement contract.
 - c. Endeavour Footpath. **RESOLVED** Cllr Canavan would review the wording in the Taylor Wimpey document for the S106 agreement to see if the allocated funding could be relocated to a different scheme.
2. Press Releases / Newsletter – **RESOLVED** that the copy deadline for the next newsletter is 11 March 2026 so any articles to be submitted to the Clerk by Thursday 5 March 2026.
3. Legionella Risk Assessments. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk had contacted the firm recommended by Cllr Carey but had not received a response. The Clerk would contact other firms for quotes.
4. Scout Hut. **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Atkinson and Oxley had met with representatives of the Scouts and Guides on site at the Scout Hut and they had been very impressed with the improvement works that have taken place and confirmed that the building was in a very good state of repair. The Scouts were going to contact their Legal Team to progress the lease renewal requirements from their side and revert once they had further information. One area to review was around sub-letting as the Scouts believe that they are currently unable to do this. It was agreed that the lease be for 25 years at a peppercorn rent.
5. Banking Hub. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Chris Johnson would draft an application to be submitted to LINK requesting that they undertake another survey providing further information around the number of businesses in Stokesley and residents. This would be submitted to all Councillors for their input prior to submitting to LINK.
6. Community Emergency Plan. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would provide the relevant contact information required to complete the Community Care Emergency Plan to Cllr Yuille. It was agreed that the Town Council needs to consider introducing a 'Business Continuity Plan' and that this be one of the Strategic Objectives next year and that a Working Group be established.
7. Waste Bins – that the report from Cllr Yuille circulate on 9 January 2026 be received. **RESOLVED** that as agreed in the Vibrant Market fund grant that four dog poo bag dispensers be purchased and installed at agreed locations.

8. Website Update. **RESOLVED** that the work required to update the website to a new provider be approved the costs of £925.00 +vat would be divided between Town Council and Manorial Lands Trust.

Committees and Working Groups

RESOLVED that the minutes from the Communications and Events Committee held on 3 February 2026 be received.

North Yorkshire Council

1. **RESOLVED** that the correspondence about the grass cutting payment for 2026/27 and the subsequent e-mails confirming that a review of the areas covered within the contract will take place be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Canavan would draft a response to the Local Planning Enforcement Plan Consultation.

Police

RESOLVED that the report circulated on 2.2.26 be received. A total of 20 incidents were reported between 1 January and 31 January 2026. The Clerk was asked to express the disappointment at the lack of Police attendance at the Town Council meetings.

YLCA

1. **RESOLVED** that the White Rose Updates be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the Training E—Bulletins be received.
3. **RESOLVED** that the Law and Governance Bulletins be received.
4. **RESOLVED** that the Information Requests and Vacancies Information be received.

Correspondence/Complaints received

1. **RESOLVED** that the memorial bench request form circulated on 16.1.26 be received and agreed. The Clerk would provide the costs to the resident and confirm if they would like to go ahead.
2. **RESOLVED** that the complaint regarding anti-social behaviour circulated on 13.1.26 be received. The Clerk had forwarded this to the Police for action.
3. **RESOLVED** that the request from the residents of Stokesley Grange for the Town Council to write requesting responses to 3 specific questions circulated on 21.1.26 be received. Members agreed that a letter of support and raising the questions as requested would be sent to NYC.
4. **RESOLVED** that the information from YLCA about funding for Stokesley and District Community Care Association circulated on 28.1.26 be received and noted.
5. **RESOLVED** that the correspondence from Rishi Sunak MP about the proposed Banking Hub in Stokesley and response he received from LINK circulated on 28.1.26 be received.

Items tabled for information

No items received.

8/10/02/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Town Council can **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting to deal with items of a confidential nature.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send a 'Get Well' card to our tree contractor who is currently recovering from an illness.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

SignedDate

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ACCOUNTS REPORT

Payments

Supplier	Reason	Value £
Salaries	Weeks 40 - 43	4275.08
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Month 10	1142.40
Sage	IT Support	132.00
HFC Systems	Office 365 x 2 months	225.12
Clear Business	Phone / Internet	92.69
C G Robinson & Sons	Grass Cutting – Open Spaces / Trees	2740.09
Wigin Landscaping	Tree Work – The Acres	450.00
Wigin Landscaping	Tree Work – Riversdene	3600.00
MBP Groundcare	Hedge Work SLA	347.50
British Gas	Electricity – Open Spaces / Toilets	154.61
Initial	Hygiene Contract – Open Spaces / Toilets	170.65
SAIL	S137 Donation	260.00
Lesley Palmer Advertising	Newsletter	160.00
National Allotments Society	Membership – Allotments Maintenance	84.00
Christmas Plus	Christmas Lights – dismantling & storage	2070.30
Barclays	Bank Charges - Miscellaneous	8.50
Town Hall Trust	Meeting Rent	30.00
YLCA	Training x 2	63.90
Bravura	Lantern Workshops – Events	1106.03
Total		17112.87