

Minutes of the meeting of South Kilvington Parish Council held on Monday 14th July 2025 at 19:30 held at St Wilfrid's Church

Date/Time	Monday 14th July 2025
Chair	Cllr B Hitchen
Parish Councillors	Cllr's; J Martin, C Cogswell, L Southward
Guests	T Cussons,
Parish Clerk	Luke Barletta ('LLB')

1. Welcome

- 1.1. Cllr B Hitchen welcomed those present.
- 1.2. Apologies from Cllr J Easton & Cllr Baker

2. Conflicts of interest

- 2.1. Cllr Easton, Cllr Martin and Parish Clerk are all members of Thirsk Against Battery Storage.
- 2.2. Cllr Martin is a neighbour of Manor House Cottage - Planning application ZB25/00835/FUL and will not join in any discussion on this matter.

3. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

- 3.1. The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 were tabled and approved.

4. Matters arising

- 4.1. Village summer party - Thank you to all involved. Low on numbers. Band was excellent. BBQ worked well. It was discussed about joining up with the school fayre, however it was decided to run the two events separately and further spaced out. With any village party to be held earlier in the year. Funds raised totalled £286 - which was £65 from the cake sale and £221 from the raffle. Costs associated with the event were the band £200 and BBQ items of £50 - therefore after costs £36 was donated to the church.
- 4.2. BESS - Cllr Martin - gave an update on BESS. A reminder of the site layout was given. Per the investor relations on NatPower website they will sell this site when it is Ready to Build. NatPower is a private company looking to make a profit. North Yorkshire Planning have requested that a EIA is undertaken and the scope of what has been included within the EIA has been agreed. It is anticipated that the full EIA will be ready in the final quarter of the year.
- 4.3. Bridge over the Beck - now officially open.

- 4.4. 20 is plenty - ongoing - lack of support from local parties. SKPC to join the Average and Fixed Speed Cameras - North Yorkshire (AFSC-NY)
- 4.5. Ownership of PC field - Cllr Hitchen to write a letter to the landowner.
- 5. Update for Cllr A Baker - via email
 - 5.1. Changes in Postal Voting renewals - Approx 9,000 postal voters in NY. Must re-apply for their postal vote by 31 January 2026.
 - 5.2. Cllr Baker continues to be a champion for young persons and supporting unaccompanied asylum seekers who require bicycles. Adult bicycles, equipment and pumps can be donated. Please contact Cllr Baker to arrange for collection.
 - 5.3. Young Persons summer reading challenge - children aged 4 -11 encouraged to read six library books of their choice over the summer holidays, offering stickers and prizes to encourage children to take part.
 - 5.4. New figures suggest visitor economy in NY is worth in excess of £4b per year and increasing. 32.3 million visitors to the area supporting 38,000 full time jobs.
- 6. AOB
 - 6.1. Local plan needs correspondence. Can the PC comment? Cllr Martin & Cllr Hitchen to find out.
- 7. Finance
 - 7.1. Cheques approved in the meeting;
 - 7.1.1. Zurich Insurance to be approved
 - 7.2. Final accounts tabled and agreed.
- 8. Next meeting
 - 8.1. Monday 29th September 2025 7:30 - St Wilfred's Church

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Cllr B Hitchen

Chair

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Luke Barletta

Parish Clerk