

**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 29th September 2025
Chair	Cllr B Hitchen
Parish Councillors	Cllr's; J Martin, C Cogswell, J Easton
Guests	T Cussons, J Faucet
Parish Clerk	Luke Barletta ('LLB')

**1. Welcome**

- 1.1. Cllr B Hitchen welcomed those present.
- 1.2. Apologies from Cllr L Southward & Cllr A 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 14th July 2025 were tabled and approved.

**4. Matters arising**

- 4.1. BESS - Cllr Martin - gave an update on BESS. The general consensus, was that we were expecting the EIA consultation to have been made public at this stage. On Tuesday (26th September 2025) it was noted via Ofgem the project at Bell moor Bess has been shortlisted for an initial site selection for Long Duration Energy Storage. This is part of the governments clean power action plan. There are 77 projects in the shortlist - and Ofgem and NESO are going to review this list and create a further shorter.
- 4.2. 20 is plenty - ongoing - lack of support from local parties. Cllr Hitchen spoke to Darren Griffiths from Highways - he wrote the paper re the applications as the traffic is going through the village to fast - it makes it more difficult to enforce and change the speed limit. Cllr Hitchen suggests we formally apply for a 20mph speed limit in the village. All Cllrs are in favour for proceeding with reducing the speed in the village.
- 4.3. Ownership of PC field - Letter has been sent by the Parish Clerk and Chairman to the occupier of the field to obtain rent.
- 4.4. Trees are overhanging both on the village green over the church and also on Stockton road near the stables. Cllr Hitchen to contact Aaron. LLB to log Stockton lane.

- 4.5. Carols on the green - Sunday 21st December 5pm - details to confirm.
- 4.6. Christmas tree - on the green to be organised.
- 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. Relaxed grass cutting from next year on the road between the village and Thirsk down Stockton Road, cutting around the edges approx. 1m.
  - 6.2. Bulb planting with the school to consider. LLB to get approx. £250 of bulbs.
  - 6.3. School project support from the Parish Council.
- 7. Finance
  - 7.1. Nothing to note.
- 8. Next meeting
  - 8.1. Monday 17th November 2025 - 7:30 - St Wilfred's Church

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Cllr B Hitchen

Chair

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Luke Barletta

Parish Clerk