

**Minutes of the meeting of South Kilvington Parish Council held on Monday 19th January 2026 at 19:30
held at St Wilfrid's Church**

Date/Time	Monday 19th January 2026
Chair	Cllr B Hitchen
Parish Councillors	Cllr's, C Cogswell, J Easton, L Southward, J Martin
Guests	T Cussons, D Bryne, G Holmes
Parish Clerk	Luke Barletta ('LLB')

1. Welcome
 - 1.1. Cllr B Hitchen welcomed those present.
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/Arkle Grange - Planning application ZB25/00835/FUL & ZB25/01950/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 17th November 2025 were tabled and approved.
4. Matters arising
 - 4.1. SKPC field - LLB to check Land Register for ownership details then to hold meeting with agent and owner.
 - 4.2. **Village First Aid:** Following a recent incident, G. Holmes outlined the importance of trained responders. Dom will undertake first-aid training. A WhatsApp group will be created to monitor the defibrillator, with GH reporting updates to the Circuit system. LLB to complete handover.
 - 4.3. BESS update. - very little information has been uploaded to the portal in the last quarter. Just one piece of correspondence from National Highways. January 2026 advising that the application could not be approved until July 26 unless they get permission from the secretary of state. SK Parish Council to ensure ready for planning meeting in Northallerton to prepare presentation for 5 minutes.
 - 4.4. 20 is plenty - still with NY Highways. Darren Griffith (North Yorkshire Highways) was not encouraging about the villages change of success at obtaining 20MPH in the village. Cllr Hitchen has requested that this be progressed.
 - 4.5. Thirsk Have your say - this is an important opportunity for residents to have their say about the future of Thirsk, items that could impact development, tourism and Thirsk overall. Information is on the parish council website under news.

4.6. Christmas - Carols on the green very successful also the Christmas tree donated by Cllr Martin and Philip Martin was appreciated, upgraded lighting for next year to be looked at.

5. AOB

5.1. Waste bins on the village green - not getting emptied regularly enough. LLB has emailed North Yorkshire Council requesting more regular bin collections or additional bins.

5.2. Church Grave Yard - Approximately 10 burial plots remain, equating to an estimated three years of availability. The church is in discussions with the land owners of the green re acquiring more land for future between the church and Norwood House.

6. Finance

7. Next meeting

7.1. Monday 30th March 2026- 19:30 - St Wilfrid's Church

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Cllr B Hitchen

Luke Barletta

Chair

Parish Clerk