

**Minutes of the meeting of South Kilvington Parish Council held on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 19:30 held at St Wilfrid's Church**

Date/Time	Monday 23rd March 2026
Chair	Cllr J Martin
Parish Councillors	Cllr's, C Cogswell, J Easton, L Southward,
Guests	T Cussons, D Bryne, P Martin
Parish Clerk	Luke Barletta ('LLB')

**1. Welcome**

- 1.1. Cllr J Martin welcomed those present.
- 1.2. Apologise from Cllr Hitchen.

**2. Conflicts of interest**

- 2.1. Cllr Easton, Cllr Martin and Parish Clerk are all members of Thirsk Against Battery Storage.

**3. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

- 3.1. The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026 were tabled and approved.

**4. Matters arising**

- 4.1. Village First Aid course - thank you to D Bryne for organising and taking a lead. It was very successful.
- 4.2. BESS - no news from the developer. The deadline for planning is 24th April 2026. No sign of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the portal.
- 4.3. 20 is plenty - how can we lower the speed in the village - Philip Martin was invited to speak on this matter, his suggestions are as follows
  - 4.3.1. A buffer zone before entering the village. There are three speed zone buffers present in Thirsk.
  - 4.3.2. Community Speed watch - this would involve members of the village using police radar equipment to initial a speed watch.

P Martin to speak with Cllr Hitchen. But the PC were happy to support both these initiatives.

- 4.4. Community project with school - initial designs shared by Cllr Cogswell. LLB to check on the laying of the astro turf. Designs to be agreed with school.
- 4.5. Churchyard Graveyard - As discussed at the previous parish council meeting, the church graveyard is running out of space for burials. The graveyard if closed, it

would become the responsibility of the parish council. To increase the longevity of the use of the graveyard there are two possibilities:

1. Extend the boundary of the graveyard towards Norwood House, using a portion of the village green. The church is in discussions with the landowners on this matter.
  2. Alternatively - it is understood that where a grave is over 100-year-old these graves can be re-purposed. The graveyard has several graves over 100 years old.
- 4.6. Bins on the green - collection of communal bins will now be done by the residential bin round collection fortnightly but only if within 5m of the road - there is a proposal to move the bin outside the church closer to the road. PC to check if the other bins are being collected which are with 5m of the roadside. Before it is moved.
5. AOB
- 5.1. First Aid - another training session to be organised for the summer.
  - 5.2. Summer party on the village green
  - 5.3. Scarecrow competition - in autumn
  - 5.4. Vehicles parked on the pavement in the village - the specific vehicle is now being parked on the driveway.
6. Finance
- 6.1. Application to move to online banking
  - 6.2. Parish Clerk wages have been paid
  - 6.3. £500 to be given to the church to cover use of facilities. This equates to £250 per year. This payment represents use for FY 2025 and FY 2026.
7. Next meeting Monday 11th May 2026 19:30. This will be the AGM. To be held at St Wilfrid's Church.