

Minutes of the meeting of South Kilvington Parish Council held on Monday 11th May 2026 at 19:30 held at St Wilfrid's Church

Date/Time	Monday 11th May 2026
Chair	Cllr B Hitchen
Parish Councillors	Cllr's, J Martin, C Cogswell , J Easton (late), L Southward,
Guests	Cllr Baker (partial attendance) T Cussons, P Martin, Jo F
Parish Clerk	Luke Barletta ('LLB')

1. Welcome

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

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 23rd March 2026 were tabled and approved.

4. Matters arising**4.1. BESS update by Cllr Martin.**

4.1.1. Cllr Martin - presented to Felixkirk village meeting a few weeks ago - providing a brief background in her capacity as a member of TABS - Cllr Martin gave a brief overview on this presentation. It is understood that the planning decision will be made at the strategic planning committee. Lots of concerns raised by statutory consultees. Still waiting for Nat power to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment - deadline has been moved again! The customer substation is currently located above the water supply for Thirsk, this was raised by Yorkshire Water. There is currently no grid connection in this location. Substations are often sited on 30-40 acres sites. Natpower are claiming this is on a 10 acre site.

4.2. 20 is plenty - very disappointed by the response from North Yorkshire Council. If the speed is over 24mph unlikely to obtain a 20mph speed limit. The speed coming through the village is more than the 24mph average. Ideas are to;

Create a speed buffer zone as entering South Kilvington. One between Thirsk and South Kilvington and also one from the roundabout into the village. With the idea that speed is reduced before you enter the village. SKPC are supporting these ideas. Philip Martin is going to be a representative and push forward on the buffer scheme. Cllr Hitchen to draft a letter to the village about the measures we are putting in place. Cllr Hitchen also writing to NYC. Also look at the community speed watch program although this is a slow process.

- 4.3. School project - SKPC are working with the school and FOSKA to help re-purpose a small area of the school playground that isn't used to create a garden area. Cllr Cogsworth presented a number of designs etc on the school project. Once these are agreed pricing can be obtained from a number of contractors.
- 4.4. Summer party - Saturday 5th September 2026. Check funding from the locality budget.
- 4.5. South Kilvington Primary School - recently achieved 'Strong Standard'. across 7 areas in the recent Ofsted inspection. SKPC to write a letter to the school from the Parish Council congratulating on them on the recent Ofsted result.

5. Planning applications

- 5.1. ZB25/000144/FUL - no issues - letter sent supporting previously
- 5.2. ZB25/02111/FUL - This application covers the development of a horse arena and 400sqm parking area. The Parish Council supports this local development however notes that this is in flood zone 3 and also sits within in the setting of the national park and dark skies reserve. Therefore any lighting around the arena needs to follow guidance set out by the dark skies reserve.

6. AOB

6.1. Cllr Baker gave various updates;

- 6.1.1. She is running a number of surgeries in the coming weeks,

Galtres Centre Easingwold 15TH May 2026

Thirsk Auction Mart Gavel Café 28th May 2026

Both 10 until 12

- 6.1.2. Foster careers are needed - If you or someone you know has ever wondered what fostering involves, our Fostering North Yorkshire team are holding a drop-in event at Northallerton Market next week

This is a friendly space to ask questions, explore the different types of fostering, and hear about the support and financial packages available

- 6.1.3. A call for building sites across the county has been made again.

6.2. First aid and CPR training - Another village training session is to be organised. LB to co-ordinate with DB.

7. Finance

7.1. Application to move to online banking - ongoing

7.2. Payments

7.2.1. YLC £155 - agreed

7.2.2. WJPS - £247.20 - Agreed

7.2.3. Donation to St Wilfrid's - agreed

7.3. Accounts tabled and approved. LB went through the numbers in the accounts. Accounts agreed and signed.

8. Next meeting 13th July 2026 to be held at St Wilfrid's Church at 7:30pm.

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Cllr B Hitchen

Chair

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Luke Barletta

Parish Clerk