

**Minutes of the meeting of South Kilvington Parish Council held on Monday 21st September 2026 at 19:30
held at St Wilfrid's Church**

Date/Time	Monday 21st September 2026
Chair	Cllr B Hitchen
Parish Councillors	Cllr's, J Martin, C Cogswell ,
Guests	T Cussons, P Martin, David Wright ("DW") & Denise Wright , J Fauvet ("JF")
Parish Clerk	Luke Barletta ('LLB')

1. Welcome
 - 1.1. Cllr J Hitchen welcomed those present.
 - 1.2. Apologise from Cllr Baker, Cllr L Southward
2. Conflicts of interest
 - 2.1. 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 13th July 2026 were tabled and approved.
4. Matters arising
 - 4.1. Village land - research ongoing - following land registry searches it was agreed that Cllr Hitchen and LLB will attend the North Yorkshire Archives.
 - 4.2. Wild Flowering - Cllr Martin and Cllr Cogswell and JF and undertaken a site survey of the verges on Stockton Road, and would like to try a wild flower area again. A plan was presented by Cllr Cogswell, an area on the verge equivalent to 100m² has been identified for a trial wild flowering. The approx. cost to the PC will be in the region of £350. To include wild flowering seeds, scarifier hire, fuel, rope and stakes and signs. Additional cuts and collections will be needed, and Cllr Martin and Cllr Cogswell will be undertaken this.
 - 4.3. Swaleway footpath/Beck Lane/Footpath at the bottom of Kymer Homes development - DW raised the issue taht the footpath at the bottom of Hag lane, where the current development is happening and showing signs of erosion into the river bank. The land between the Kymer Homes Development and the river appears to be unregistered. DW and spoken to Kymer Homes about moving the boundary fence to line with neighbouring properties - this freeing up some space for a potential footpath movement. As the land is unregistered - SPKC to contact North Yorkshire footpaths to establish the next course of action.

5. Planning applications/issues

- 5.1. 26/03487/FUL - change of agricultural field to dog exercise field with the erection of 1 no. dog care building. This was discussed and unanimously agreed this would do harm to the village. A letter of objection to be submitted by SKPC.
- 5.2. BESS update by Cllr Martin.- We were led to believe that the developer would have submitted an EIA by now - as the scope for this was agreed over 16 months ago. To date we know that Natpower (the developer) have had meetings with the National Park (July 2026) and also been in touch with Thirsk Library (July 2026) to hold and store documents in relation to the development. Members of TABS have met with the National Park and expressed their concerns, including the fact that the sub-station is owned and controlled by National Grid, the design and specifications is not for Natpower to determine. It is expected to be sited on a site of 15 acres not 10 per the proposals. The colour of the batteries due to fire hazard are most likely to be white not green, as green is more heat absorbent and increases the risk of fire. TABS continue to lobby. There is also a large worry on the impact of tourism across Thirsk, North Yorkshire and the National Park as a direct result of the battery Storage.
- 5.3. Pigs at the bottom of Hag Lane - it is understood that the Pigs have returned to the muck store at Hag Lane. This is in breach of the original planning conditions. A letter from the parish Council to be sent to the planning department.

6. AOB

- 6.1. First Aid Training - to be organised in November 2026.
- 6.2. Carols on village Green - It was proposed that carols on the green is held on Sundays 20th December 2026 at 5pm, with mulled wine, mince pies etc in the church. Donations to the church most welcomed.
- 6.3. Village Christmas tree. Cllr Martin has once again offered a Christmas tree for the village green. Ideally to be erected on Sunday 29th November 2026.
- 6.4. Scarecrow festival - to make a return for 2027.

7. Finance

- 7.1. Application to move to online banking - completed
- 7.2. Precept to be discussed at next PC meeting
- 7.3. Approval to purchase replacement battery pads for the defib approved. Cost estimated at £90.

8. Next meeting 23rd November 2027 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