



Skeebly Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Skeebly Jubilee Village Hall on Thursday 27th November, 2025
at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Budden (Chairman), Cllr J Frankland, Cllr K Richardson, Cllr H Bowler, Cllr R Dixon

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Constantine (Parish Clerk), 3 Residents

WELCOME: Chairman Cllr Budden welcomed everyone attending and opened the floor for 10 minutes of Public Open Speaking

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Angus Thompson
PCSO Elliott Brown

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

All Councillors made the following declaration:
“We, as Parish Councillors, declare that we have an interest in each Agenda item as residents of Skeebly” It was agreed that any financial interest or financial gain needs to be declared by all.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 25th September 2025 were approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

There was no report from NY Cllr Angus Thompson.

5. POLICE BULLETIN

There was no report from NY Police. The most recent bulletin has been forwarded to all Councillors, and a copy is available on the Parish Website.

6. ON-GOING ISSUES

1. Speed Watch – Spread Sheet has now been updated to the 25th November.
JF mentioned a post seen on Facebook in relation to North Yorkshire Council’s plan to review all existing speed limits in the county as part of a speed management strategy countywide.

Monk Fryton Parish Council has requested support from other Parish Councils in their efforts to implement a change to North Yorkshire County Council’s existing protocols for VAS matrix signage. Point to raise at next meeting in January 2026.



2. VAS Installation – Highways will be completing installation of the mounting post on 5th December 2025. VAS Installation has been provisionally booked for 9th January 2026. PC resolved to await invoices prior to approving payments.
3. Best Kept Village Competition – Certificate now in both Village Notice Boards
4. Best Newcomer Plaque 2024 – Installed in Bus Stop
5. Email Addresses for Councillors – It was agreed that all Councillors were to be allocated an individual Councillor email address. The cost of £130 per annum for 5 Councillors was approved - JF to arrange.
6. Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held 12th June 2025 – Minutes were approved and signed off as a true record of that meeting. CC to update Website.
7. Precept – CC to update Spreadsheet for Precept Application & submit accordingly.
The following costs were agreed:

Clerks Salary	£3500.00
Clerks Expenses	£120.00
Payroll Services	£100.00
Defibrillator	£420.00
Hall Hire & Electricity	£200.00
Memberships (YLCA, SLCC, ICO)	£300.00
Ian Crisp Accountancy	£170.00
Donations (GNAAS)	£100.00
Volunteers	£25.00
Play Park Inspections	£600.00
Grass Cutting	£2500.00
Utilities Car Park	£70.00
Insurance	£850.00
Training (Clerk & Cllrs)	£400.00
Total Precept Request	£9355.00
8. Delegated Authority – Councillors have adopted the policy and delegated duties to the Clerk
9. Parish Council Correspondence Address – This has been updated to the Clerk’s address. Democratic Services will need to be updated once Councillors have received their new allocated Email addresses. CC



10. Section 106 Payments – It was discussed that when the new builds were originally granted planning, it was agreed with NYCC there would be a s106 fee. JF will look into this further as rules have changed since the original builders agreed this fee.

7. PLAY PARKS

1. Latest Report Received
2. Removal of Elderberry Bush – Now removed. Will require some sort of weedkiller in the Spring. KR and JB
3. Repair to Zipwire – Repair completed, invoice signed and paid

8. VILLAGE GREEN

1. Installation of 3 White Posts on Village Green – Posts have been installed. Posts that were in reserve have now been used outside Skeeby Manor.

It was agreed another 12 posts need to be ordered to complete the work on the Village Green and this will also give some in reserve should existing posts need replacing. CC to contact suppliers for a quote for the purchase of the additional 12 posts. JF also suggested No Parking Signs to be installed at the VG entrance to the parking for the 2 new builds on Richmond Road, so 2 in total. CC to contact Eye Catching Signs for quote.

2. For Sale Sign outside 40A Richmond Road– Sign has now been removed.
3. Re-Instate Village Green in front of 40A Richmond Road – During a site meeting of all Councillors on Monday 24th November 2025 it was agreed that there are various issues that need addressing:

Driveway access was measured at 4.55m which is over what was originally agreed, this needs making good to the agreed 4.5m. It was agreed this could remain

As the Village Green slopes down the grass creed is not level and the pin curbs vary in height

The Village Green will be used as an access route to the parking area. A dropped kerb previously installed was installed and should have been reduced to 3m. This will need discussing with developers

JF advised the For Sale details for the first house suggests that access is via a shared access. Estate Agents need to amend the listing so it reads that access is over a Registered Village Green. CC to contact Nick Carver Estate Agents to have the Sales Details updated



4. Grass Cutting and Stream Clearance – Grass cutting has been completed for the year. The stream has been cleared (but not the stream bed) and vegetation has been removed. JB to contact the contractors to request inclusion of the stream bed clearance as maintenance from 2026.
5. Yorkshire Water, cover behind bus stop – Gaps filled
6. Fly Tipping of Freezer – This has now been removed but it was noted that the footpath is the responsibility of North Yorkshire Highways and not the Parish Council

9. Planning Matters – It was noted that the Planning Applications for Hill House, 24 Richmond Road, Skeeby were a repeat of an original application previously refused. No objection was made by the Parish Council.

10. Footpaths and Rights of Way

1. Update on installation of new footbridge over Skeeby Beck at Barnacres – No update available
2. Any Other Issues – HB requested a stile be looked at pending repair. It was advised that this is not part of Skeeby Parish and does not fall under Skeeby Parish Council.

11. Finance

1. Payments Approved:

Clerks Salary	£461.40
Clerks Expenses	£22.46
HMRC	£115.20
Darren Bowler – Bus Shelter Repair	£70.00
Street Scape	£150.00
2. Community Parks Account Balance	£20,616.73
Business Premium Account Balance	£3,835.75

12. Correspondence Received

1. Email from Parish Clerk – Contents noted by Councillors
2. Phone call from resident with concerns over lighting outside their property. Unfortunately, due to all lights changing from sodium to LED bulbs they are not as bright. This is not something the Parish Council is able to assist with currently.



3. Emails from a resident

It was noted that since 22 May 2025, a total of 14 emails have been sent to the Chairman. 5 marked Private and Confidential. 9 not marked Private and Confidential. 9 not marked Private and Confidential were forwarded to the other Councillors for reference. From 1st September 2025 all Correspondence should have been sent via email to the Clerk and not the personal email addresses of any Parish Councillors.

A Vexatious Complaints and Correspondence Policy was adopted and unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors to take effect as of 27th November 2025, at 2113Hours. A copy of the Policy can be found on the Parish Council Website. No emails will be responded to or acknowledged if not sent to the Parish Clerk.

Fly Posting in Village – The following was made known “Parish Councils are ONLY responsible for their Capital Items or Assets. In Skeeby these include the stone bus shelter, public car park, notice boards, play area equipment, play are fences and gates etc, the Village Green and Village Seats.

No one can fly post on any Parish Council owned item without consent and permission from the Parish Council.

Utilities have sole authority over telegraph and electricity poles. No one can fly post on these poles without their permission; this is not usually given. Parish Councils have no responsibility to removed fly posters from utility owned fixtures.

All lamp standards, street furniture including traffic signs, and the bus shelter NOT owned by Skeeby Parish Council come under North Yorkshire Council, who do not allow fly posting. Parish Councils have no responsibility to remove fly posters from North Yorkshire Council owned property.

Anyone fly posting on any Utility or North Yorkshire Council owned property, do so at their own risk”

White post missing from September Minutes – Not discussed at the September meeting – This has been addressed by JB. Email response sent.

4. Bus Shelter Rubbish – JB checked the Bus Shelter on Tuesday 25th November and noted it was clean. It is hoped that people take their own rubbish home.

5. Concern from Resident over parking outside the Travellers Rest – It was noted in Minutes from 25th January 2024 that Police Inspector Metcalf confirmed they have no powers over parking but will act if required when parking is illegal. Response to be sent to resident to advise it is a Highways issue.

CC will also email Cllr Thompson, PCSC Elliott Brown and Highways for advice



6. Concerns from Resident(s) with regards to speeding on Scurragh Lane – JF gave an update received from Highways with recent speed & flow summaries, which also confirmed that no decision had yet been made on possible reduction to a 40MPH limit. There are also issues with limited street lighting, a number of residents having to reverse onto the main road from their drives and a van parked near the junction. This is a matter to be brought up at the next Parish Council Meeting.

13. Social Media and Website

No action to take – Discussed at last meeting

14. Items for next Agenda

1. Internet Banking
2. Archiving
3. YLCA – Richmondshire Branch Meetings
4. SLCC/YLCA – Membership
5. NALC – Login Required
6. Speeding on Scurragh Lane
7. Monk Fryton PC – support request re VAS type protocols.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29th January 2026 at 7.00pm in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall

Signed

John Budden, Chairman

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Date

29th January 2026