



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kettlewell with Starbottle Parish Council
Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 7.30pm in Kettlewell Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Lister (Chair), Councillor Wilkinson (Deputy Chair), Councillor Appleton, Councillor Close and Councillor Macefield

Laura Jowett (Clerk), Councillor Richard Foster (North Yorkshire County Council) and five members of the public

2526/108 To receive apologies and approve the reasons for absence

None, all were present.

2526/109 Disclosures of Interest / Dispensations

- a) To receive any disclosure of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest from members on matters to be considered at the meeting.
- b) To decide upon any dispensation requests from members received by the clerk in respect of this meeting.

None

2526/110 Minutes

Resolved to approve the minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 3 December 2025

2526/111 North Yorkshire Council

a) To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council

Councillor Foster gave a report, including an update on North Yorkshire Council's budget setting

b) To receive and note the Parish Updates

Received and noted

c) To consider the Council's response to the Rural Housing Enabler's request for parish council support to carry out a housing needs survey

The Council discussed the request and raised some concerns about the reliability of the data provided. The Council agreed to ask to see the questions in the survey before it is issued.

d) To receive a letter from North Yorkshire Council regarding Urban Highways grass cutting and agree any action required

Received and noted. The Council agreed not to take on grass cutting of highways verges in the parish, no action is required.

e) To receive information about North Yorkshire Council's Home to School Transport Policy and the impact on residents, and to agree any actions required

A report was given regarding the current issues locally with North Yorkshire Council's Home to School Transport Policy, which is affecting local families. **Resolved** to send a letter raising concerns about the policy and highlighting issues regarding the welfare and safety of children and families involved.

2526/112 Clerks report

Received and noted

2526/113 Planning

To consider planning applications:

None

2526/114 Playground

a) To receive an update on the playground

A representative of the Playground Committee gave an update. They need to address areas around the wet pour surfacing and fill in any gaps.

b) To receive an update on repairs to equipment

Parts have been received to enable repairs to be made

c) To consider any action required

Ongoing action is required on the gate.

2526/115 Highways

a) To consider Highways issues in the Parish

It was noted that pot holes have recently been marked up, some work has been done at Dowber/ Cam Gill Beck and the saplings at Middle Lane have been cut back. The repainted 'slow' markings on the road have made a big difference to the speed of traffic. However repairs have not yet been made to the tarmac strips previously identified, and specifically erosion of the road edge on the Knipe has become dangerous and will be reported. A blocked water culvert and pot holes at Tug Ghyll will also be reported.

b) To receive an update on works at the new bridge, if available

Concerns were raised regarding water ingress on the edges of the bridge.

c) To agree any action required

2526/116 Street Lighting

a) To receive and consider an update on street lighting

It was noted that the contractor has recently carried out works on the street lighting

b) To agree to request repairs, if required

None required

c) To consider requesting quotes for replacement lighting columns

This will be considered at the meeting in March

2526/117 Council Business

a) To appoint an internal auditor for 2025-2026

Resolved to appoint Clare Smith as Internal Auditor for 2025-2026

b) To review arrangements for Christmas trees and to thank those involved

The Council thanked everyone involved with the Christmas trees, especially Scargill, who donated the trees to the community, and David Nelson and Anthony Robinson for their help installing the trees and the lighting. Councillors also thanked Councillor Lister.

It was noted that cheque number 101467 made out to Scargill for the Christmas trees has been destroyed and was not cashed.

c) To receive an update on replacement bins and to consider approving payment for a dog waste bin, if required

North Yorkshire Councillor Foster advised that the bins will be replaced before the summer.

d) To receive an update on the Market Place

Councillor Macefield and Councillor Wilkinson will follow this up with the Trust Lords

- e) **To receive and consider information about repairs at the War Memorial, and to consider prioritising work and agreeing any action required.**

Resolved to request quotes from local contractors for the first phase of works.

- f) **To receive information regarding garden waste in the watering hole by the shop, and consider any action required**

Resolved to request a reminder in The Link, that all watering holes should be kept clear of rubbish and garden waste.

2526/118 Correspondence

To consider correspondence received:

- a) **To receive an email from a resident regarding winter maintenance issues (grit bins and NYC gritting routes) and to consider any action required**

The correspondence was discussed and the Council agreed that no action is required. North Yorkshire Council provide winter maintenance services.

2526/119 Financial Matters

- a) **To note the bank balances and receive a bank reconciliation to 24/01/26**

The bank statement to 24/01/26 had not been received by the clerk at the time of the meeting.

- b) **Resolved** to approve payments:

- i. Aubergine 262 Ltd: Domain 05.01.26-04.01.27: £36.00 (including VAT of £6.00)
- ii. Heley Tree services: Removal of two trees at Kettlewell War Memorial: £816 (including VAT of £136)
- iii. Clerk's expenses: Defibrillator accessories: £15.70 (including VAT of £2.62)

2526/120 Public Participation

None

2526/121 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 7.30pm