



**DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Kettlewell with Starborton Parish Council
Wednesday 1 July 2026 at 7.30pm in Kettlewell Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Wilkinson (Chair), Councillor Appleton and Councillor Macefield
Laura Jowett (Clerk), and three members of the public

2627/39 To receive apologies and approve the reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillor Close and Councillor Lister

2627/40 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

2627/41 Minutes

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 3rd June 2026

2627/42 North Yorkshire Council

- a) To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council

Councillor Foster had sent his apologies.

- b) To note Parish Updates

Noted

262743 Clerks report

To note the Clerk's report

Noted

2627/44 Planning

- a) To consider planning applications received before the meeting:

C/46/181C/LB - Kettlewell Bridge, Listed building consent to reconstruct the 9, 000 mm section of parapet demolished following the recent vehicle strike, which will require a mixture of original and new stone and to repoint approximately 103 m2 of the bridge at Kettlewell Bridge (1180), B6160, Kettlewell, Skipton (GR:396765, 472221)

Resolved to support the application and to ask NYCC how they intend to complete the work and if there will be any road closures, also to be avoid carrying out the work during the scarecrow festival, and to be mindful of cycle races planned for the 6th September.

2627/45 Playground

To receive an update on the playground and to agree any action required

Councillor Appleton has repaired the wall head. The Clerk will seek signage advising that dogs are not allowed in the playground.

2627/46 Highways

a) To receive information about any highways issues in the parish and to agree any action required

Resolved to write to Highways to remind them of the issues reported in June: the sign at the junction of Middle Lane with the B6160 be turned to face traffic approaching Townfoot Bridge on the B6160, that the 30mph sign before the new bridge be moved 100 yards further up the knipe, and to request warning signs be placed on Park Rash to warn cyclists of the steep gradient and sharp corner and to advise that they slow down.

Resolved to invite the new Highways Officer to attend a meeting and to request that the road sweeper attend the parish due to large quantities of gravel from the recent wet weather.

2627/47 Street Lighting

To receive an update on street lighting and to agree any action required

Resolved to bring a list of issues to the next meeting.

2627/48 Council Business

a) To receive and consider the insurance renewal documents for 2026-2027, and to approve expenditure of £608.46

Resolved to approve the renewal and to approve expenditure of £608.46

b) To receive an update on grant funding for War Memorials maintenance and to consider a plan for works

No update

c) To consider any arrangements for the maintenance of verges in the parish

The Council noted that verges are the responsibility of North Yorkshire Council rather than Kettlewell with Starbotton Parish Council. As some residents are in favour of some work being carried out on verges in the parish the Council agreed to write to the Scarecrow Festival Committee to request funding towards village maintenance costs.

d) To consider making a financial contribution of £50 towards the cost of plants at the village entrance in Starbotton

Resolved to make a financial contribution of £50 towards the cost of plants at the village entrance in Starbotton

e) To consider land issues in the parish

Resolved to approve expenditure of up to £100 to enable title deeds etc to be obtained.

2627/49 Financial Matters

a) To note the bank balances and receive a bank reconciliation to 24/06/2026, if available

The bank statements to 24/06/26 had not been received before the meeting.

b) To approve the following payments:

- i. Yorkshire Dales Garden Maintenance: grass cutting July - September 2026, and spraying at the War Memorial: £720.90
- ii. Clear Councils: Insurance renewal: £608.46
- iii. Starbotton Resident: £50: planting at village entrance.

2627/50 Public Participation

Residents raised issues regarding access to sandbags, the state of gullies (particularly on Far Lane) and the course of the river by the Racehorses.

2627/51 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from item 2627/52 only under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1(2)) during consideration of items of a confidential nature. (Commercially sensitive information)

2627/52 War Memorial maintenance quotes

- a) **To receive and consider quotes for war memorial repairs, if available**
- b) **To consider appointing a contractor and approving expenditure**

Resolved to defer this item until September and to pursue grant funding in the meantime.

2627/53 Date of the next meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7.30pm