

## STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday 13 January 2026 at 7 pm  
in Stokesley Town Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Sally Atkinson, Mike Canavan, David Cook, Claire Craster, Bryn Griffiths, Chris Johnson, David Oxley and Gary Yuille.

Town Clerk – Mrs Julie McLuckie and 2 residents.

***In accordance with the notice of meeting a public forum session took place from 7pm to 7.15pm.***

The residents in attendance confirmed that they were just in attendance to observe the meeting.

**North Yorkshire Council (NYC)** – Cllr Griffiths updated members on the NYC budget concerns and that they are proposing a Council Tax increase of 4.99%.

### **1/13/01/26 NOTICE OF MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the public notice of the meeting had been provided in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **2/13/01/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1. **RESOLVED** that the apologies for absence from Cllrs Carey and Sowerby be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the reasons for absence provided be agreed.
3. **RESOLVED** that the letter of resignation from Cllr Olivia Dell-Price be received and it was noted that the Clerk has commenced the co-option process.

### **3/13/01/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**None declared.**

### **4/13/01/26 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9 December 2025 be agreed and signed as a true record.

### **5/13/01/26 PLANNING**

1. The following Planning Applications were received and reviewed. **RESOLVED** to confirm approval of all the comments submitted as detailed.

***Cllr Griffiths as a member of NYC Planning Committee observes and offers advice only regarding planning applications discussed.***

### **Applications Received**

**ZB25/02200/MRC – 1 College Mews** – Application for modification / variation of condition 2 (drawings) – change pitch room to flat roof – new drawing number 002B for previously approved application ZB25/01197/FUL. **RESOLVED** no objections.

**ZB25/01966/FUL – Commercial House, 10B Bridge Road** – Full planning approval for the change of use of offices to regularise previous planning approval ZB24/01812/FUL.

**RESOLVED** no objections provided there are no issues in relation to the provision of parking spaces in relation to the change of use.

**ZB25/02205/MRC – Tallow Cottage, 39A Levenside** – Application for modification / variation of condition 2 (plans/drawings) – change solar panel amount and position for previously approved application 22/00219/FUL as new drawing 1773/3P received by North Yorkshire Council on 13.12.25. **RESOLVED** no objections.

**ZB25/02239/FUL – 16 Roseberry Avenue** – Application for a single storey side extension, single storey rear extension, internal alterations & loft conversion with dormers. **RESOLVED** no objections.

**ZB25/02429/FUL – 51 Levenside** – Subdivision of existing dwelling to form 3no. dwellings, together with associated external alterations and demolition, boundary treatments, landscaping, and hardstanding (amended red line boundary received on 18 December 2025). **RESOLVED** that the Clerk has reported that the information has yet to be uploaded to the Planning Department website and therefore the Town Council is unable to respond.

#### Applications Granted

**ZB24/01933/FUL – 5 The Garth** – Erection of a single storey side extension.

**ZB25/01761/ADV – Roundabout Cricket Field Traffic Circus** – advertising consent for 5no. external non illuminated sponsorship roundabout signs.

**ZB25/02036/FUL – 19 Queens Drive** – Application for a two storey rear and single storey side extension.

**ZB25/01332/FUL – Millbry Hill Stokesley Store, 47 Levenside** – External alterations.

#### 2. Planning and Development Issues: -

- a. Taylor Wimpey Estate – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- b. British Legion Club Site – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- c. Tilia Estate – **RESOLVED** that Cllr Canavan has still not received a response to the questions he had raised. In addition, the bungalows have still not received planning approval.
- d. Brierley Development – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- e. Morrisons, High Street – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- f. Costa Coffee, High Street – **RESOLVED** waiting for further information on the work to take place from the Landlord.
- h. Millbry Hill – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- i. 49 Levenside – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- j. Mind Shop, Bridge Road – **RESOLVED** no further update.
- k. Old Natwest Building – **RESOLVED** no further update.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk had sent a letter to the Mayor, Rishi Sunak MP and NYC Chief Executive on 12 December 2025 expressing the Town Council's disappointment at the lack of action taken regarding the ongoing enforcement issues. The fact that Stokesley is a Conservation area and the cumulative effect of having several buildings along the High Street in a poor state of repair is not acceptable. The Town Council believes it is in the public interest to have these buildings brought up to a suitable standard to ensure the High Street

remains vibrant and encourages both residents, visitors and business owners to support Stokesley. To date no response has been received.

### **6/13/01/26 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. **RESOLVED** that the monthly statements for December 2025 circulated on 7.1.26 be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the payments made in December 2025 (attached at Appendix 2) be received.
3. **RESOLVED** that following confirmation that there has been a 2.15% increase in the number of Band D equivalent properties in Stokesley it was agreed that the precept be increased from £191,450 to £205,150 in 2026/27. This equates to a 4.90% Council Tax increase.
4. **RESOLVED** that the Portfolio Management fee increase information be received.

### **7/13/01/26 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **Town Council**

1. Strategic Objectives for 2025/26: -
  - a. Cobbles. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Griffiths would supply a contact for the North Yorkshire Council contractor so a quote could be requested to carry out repairs to the cobble area in front of the White House on West Green. Cllr Griffiths would request an update on when the repair programme would be submitted to the cabinet for consideration.
  - b. Parking. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk is waiting for a response from NYC to confirm that they will carry out the enforcement as previously agreed and that the wording is appropriate for the signs and the size of the signs. Cllr Griffiths to chase up the response.
  - c. Endeavour Footpath. Cllr Oxley had contacted the landowner to open discussions regarding the proposal to install a footpath, however the landowner was currently not in favour of the proposal. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would ascertain if the Section 106 funds could be reallocated for another project as the cycle path was no longer an option and report back.
2. Press Releases / Newsletter – **RESOLVED** that draft newsletter circulated on 13.1.26 be approved subject to the amendments received.
3. Legionella Risk Assessments. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk had contacted the firm recommended by Cllr Carey but had not received a response. The Clerk would contact other firms for quotes.
4. Scout Hut. **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Atkinson and Oxley are waiting for the Scouting Association to provide suitable dates to meet and inspect the building and discuss the lease.
5. Trees. **RESOLVED** that the work has been completed on the trees as agreed on the Riversdene Estate. The Clerk to ask our contractor to remove a large branch that has come down on the verge leading up to the pumping station on the Riversdene Estate.
6. Banking Hub. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Griffiths would obtain contact information on who to apply to for a banking hub in Stokesley. Cllrs Griffiths and Johnson would draft the proposed next steps for discussion at a future meeting.

#### **Committees and Working Groups**

**No meetings have taken place.**

## **North Yorkshire Council**

1. **RESOLVED** that the response from Area 2 about the parking on Levenside circulated on 19.12.25 be received.

## **Police**

**RESOLVED** that the report circulated on 5.1.26 be received. A total of 13 incidents were reported between 1 December and 31 December 2025. The Clerk to forward an e-mail received via e-mail raising concerns regarding youths on e-scooters. The Clerk to ask when the front desk will be reopened in Stokesley. Cllr Griffiths informed members that two new Police Officers are due to commence work in Stokesley by the end of January. The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the new Police Constables, Sergeant and Inspector and the earliest opportunity.

## **YLCA**

1. **RESOLVED** that the White Rose Updates be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the Training E—Bulletins be received.
3. **RESOLVED** that the Law and Governance Bulletins be received.
4. **RESOLVED** that the Information Requests and Vacancies Information be received.

## **Correspondence/Complaints received**

**No items received.**

## **Items tabled for information**

**No items received.**

## **8/13/01/2025 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Town Council can **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting to deal with items of a confidential nature.

The Bank Planning – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk advise them to remove the current application and seek pre application discussions with the Planning Department and Conservation Area Officer prior to resubmitting a revised application. Trustees would also welcome the opportunity to be included in any discussions.

Rubbish Van – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the business owner to advise that the Town Council has received several complaints from residents regarding the parking of the waste van which belongs to one of their members of staff and to see if they can ask them to relocate the vehicle.

Spend Time in Stokesley – **RESOLVED** that following residents asking the question at the Parking Committee meeting what impact would the Spend Time in Stokesley campaign have on parking members confirmed that the Spend Time in Stokesley activities would take place on dates when there are no markets , therefore the Plain area would be available for parking and therefore the impact will not be as significant as on Market Days.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed .....Date .....

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## ACCOUNTS REPORT

## Payments

| <b>Supplier</b>             | <b>Reason</b>  | <b>Value £</b>  |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Salaries                    | Weeks 27 - 30  | 4434.28         |
| HMRC                        | PAYE/NIC Month 7   | 1536.06         |
| Sage                        | IT Support   | 123.60          |
| HFC Systems                 | Domain – IT Support                                      | 75.12           |
| Town Hall Trust             | Office Rent  | 4030.00         |
| Clear Business              | Phone / Internet   | 85.76           |
| MBP Groundcare              | Ivy removal – Open Spaces / Play Area                    | 160.00          |
| B&Q                         | Drain Cover – Open Spaces / Play Area                    | 17.95           |
| C G Robinson & Sons         | Grass Cutting – Open Spaces / Trees                      | 2466.07         |
| Wigin Landscaping           | Tree Work – Monthly Payment x 2                          | 500.00          |
| MBP Groundcare              | Hedge SLA – Open Spaces / Trees x 2                      | 695.00          |
| British Gas                 | Electricity – Open Spaces / Toilets                      | 137.81          |
| Initial                     | Hygiene Contract - Open Spaces/Toilets                   | 170.65          |
| Direct Business Supplies    | Wallgate Soap – Open Spaces / Toilets                    | 158.31          |
| SPIOTA                      | S137 Grant Application towards Plant Tubs                | 360.00          |
| The Globe Community Library | S137 Grant towards staff costs (2 <sup>nd</sup> payment) | 12208.00        |
| Lady Hullocks               | Allotments Rent  | 525.00          |
| MBP Groundcare              | Hedge Cutting – Allotments Maintenance                   | 150.00          |
| Town Hall Trust             | Meeting Room   | 60.00           |
| Barclays                    | Bank Charges - Miscellaneous                             | 8.50            |
| M J Pat Services            | PAT Testing – Miscellaneous                              | 75.00           |
| Amberol Limited             | Plant Tubs – Miscellaneous                               | 2831.40         |
| Royal British Legion        | Wreath – Miscellaneous                                   | 50.00           |
| YLCA                        | Training   | 73.00           |
| Catch Designs               | Website Domain   | 114.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                |  | <b>31045.51</b> |