

## STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 7 pm  
in Stokesley Town Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Sally Atkinson, Sean Carey, David Cook, Claire Craster, Bryn Griffiths, Chris Johnson and Gary Yuille.

Town Clerk – Mrs Julie McLuckie and 5 residents.

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

**North Yorkshire Council (NYC)** – County Cllr Griffiths informed members that NYC have carried out a survey of the wooden church footbridge following concerns regarding the deterioration of some of the wooden planks. They have concluded that it is not currently dangerous but that they will carry out routine checks and when appropriate will replace the bridge.

The Government have changed some of the rules in relation to Local Plans which means that the NYC Local Plan will now have some areas recategorised and NYC have advised that this work will take up to two years.

County Cllr Griffiths would request that the NYC reconsider their position regarding banners on the railings of the Show Field Car Park and that they look to introduce an agreed procedure.

The Clerk requested that County Cllr Giffiths obtain an update on when the new lighting column's part installed on the Levenside would be completed and that the groundwork be reinstated appropriately.

Three residents from White Thorn Close in Stokesley were in attendance and requested the support of the Town Council following the removal of a mature Hawthorn Hedge by the Tilia developers. The removal of this large established hedge has left their properties exposed and is in breach of their planning approval. The residents have tried to get appropriate action to this through NYC but are disappointed with the lack of response and despite reassurances from Tilia about installing larger fences at the rear of their properties this has not happened and Tilia have chose to simply plant 90cm whips which will take a long time to grow. This item would be discussed further under Correspondence.

Two representatives from the River Leven Group were in attendance and requested approval to host a 'Riverfest' Event from 28 May 2027 to 6 June 2027. This event would promote the riverside and its heritage and offer information and guidance on how we can maintain the river health etc. The event would be supported by the Tees River Trust, the Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water and it is hoped that it will become an annual event. The event would include music, art, poetry, historical information and advice and guidance. **RESOLVED** that the Town Council and the Manorial Lands Trust were supportive of this proposal and look forward to receiving further information as it develops.

### **1/14/04/26 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.

### **2/14/04/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1. **RESOLVED** that the from Cllrs Mike Canavan and Graham Sowerby be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the reasons for absence provided be approved.

### **3/14/04/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**RESOLVED** none declared.

### **4/14/04/26 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10 March 2026 be agreed and signed as a true record.

### **5/14/04/26 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. **RESOLVED** that the monthly statements for March 2026 circulated on 8.4.26 be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the payments made in March 2026 (attached at Appendix 1 be received.
4. **RESOLVED** that the Investment Income Account Statement for Febraury 2026 circulated on 10.3.26 be received.

### **6/14/04/26 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **Town Council**

1. Strategic Objectives for 2025/26: -
  - a. Cobbles. **RESOLVED** that no further update has been received from NYC and that County Cllr Griffiths request an update. The identified repairs to some of the Manorial Land cobbles is scheduled to take place in the coming weeks and the Clerk would obtain a further quote for the cobble's repairs required adjacent to properties on Levenside and in Millburns Yard. It was agreed that the Manorial Lands Trustees would continue to ensure that the cobbled areas under their control are maintained but that the areas leased to NYC be removed as a strategic objective for 2026/27 because this work needs to be completed by NYC.
  - b. Parking. **RESOLVED** that the revised Off Street Parking Places Order (OSPPO) 2026 and associated map circulated on 8.4.26 be received and approved and signed. It is disappointing that despite reassurances from NYC to progress required actions by the beginning of March that they still have not responded, and County Cllr Griffiths was asked to chase this as a matter of urgency because if the information is not received, we will not achieve the target date of 1 June 2026. It was agreed that the Clerk progress the additional lining installation so that we have everything ready for when we introduce the OSPPO.
  - c. Endeavour Footpath. **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would continue to try and have the allocated funding for the cycle path reallocated but that this be removed as a strategic objective for the coming year.
2. Strategic Objectives for 2026/27 – **RESOLVED** that the following strategic objectives be set for 2026/27:-
  - a. Electrical Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP) – **RESOLVED** that the Town Council install EVCP on the High Street to encourage visitors to the Town.
  - b. Riverbank – **RESOLVED** that the Town Council / Manorial Lands Trust work with the River Leven Group to improve the condition of the riverbank and ensure it is appropriately maintained.

- c. Fairfield Old Play Park – **RESOLVED** that following consultation with the residents that the Town Council identify funding to complete the removal of the old play park matting etc and the railings and reinstate this as a grassed open space area.
3. Press Releases / Newsletter – **RESOLVED** that the deadline for the next copy is 8 May 2026 so any articles for inclusion to be submitted to the clerk by 1 May 2026.
4. Legionella Risk Assessments. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk has completed the paperwork required and is awaiting a confirmation date for the risk assessments to take place.
5. Scout Hut. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Atkinson would request an update from the Scout Group.
6. Banking Hub. **RESOLVED** that following confirmation from LINK that a review would take place we should receive a response in 6 to 7 weeks' time.
7. Unspent S106 Funds for Stokesley – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk submit a request for the S106 Commuted Sums for Open Spaces and Village Hall be allocated to install additional accessible play equipment in the Play Park on North Road.
8. Fairfield Road Old Play Park – **RESOLVED** that the Town Council set this as one of their strategic priorities and identify funding to complete the work as agreed via consultation with the residents.
9. Yorkshire in Bloom - **RESOLVED** that this would involve too much work and unfortunately there were not enough volunteers to be involved.
10. Business Continuity Plan – **RESOLVED** that the Business Continuity Plan circulated on 14.4.26 be adopted. This is a 'living' document and would require routine updates which will be completed by the Clerk.

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

1. **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Communications and Events Committee held on 17 March 2026 be received.
2. **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Employment Committee held on 31 March 2026 be received.

#### **Correspondence/Complaints received**

1. **RESOLVED** that the e-mail from a resident requesting support for the Tanton Fields Boundary Removal and Ongoing Complaints against Tilia circulated on 29.3.26 be received. The Town Council agreed to write to Homes England as requested and that County Cllr Griffiths escalate this through the appropriate channels at NYC including raising this concern at the next Cabinet meeting. The Clerk would request a meeting with Tilia to discuss this situation with a view to seeking an appropriate solution.

#### **7/14/04/26 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (NYC)**

##### **Planning Applications**

1. To review and respond to the following Stokesley Planning Applications:-  
**ZB26/00338/TPO – Lyndhurst, 31 Springfield** – Works to trees (T12 and T13) subject to a tree preservation order 1991/16. **RESOLVED** that Stokesley Town Council supports the comments made by the NYC Tree and Woodland Officer on this application.  
  
**ZB26/0353/LBC – 14 West Green** – Listed building consent for the installation of through floor lift. **RESOLVED** no objections and the Town Council recognises that the property will be reverted back to its original condition at an appropriate time.  
  
**ZB26/00392/FUL – 29 A College Square** – Application to change 7 single glazed wooden sash windows and one French door to double glazed sash UPVC windows and a UPVC double

glazed French door. **RESOLVED** that based on the location plan provided the application relates to 24 College Square, and not No.29A. The Design and Access Statement fails to identify clearly that the subject property is located within the Stokesley Conservation Area, a significant factor when considering this application. The application identifies that the existing single-glazed timber-framed bay windows on the ground floor are to remain in place 'maintain the elevation characteristics of the building', but that the currently identical existing single-glazed timber-framed bay windows on the first floor would be replaced with double-glazed uPVC frames. The suitability of having such a contrast between the dominant windows on the front elevation of the property is questioned. The applicant has failed to provide *detailed* drawings and specifications for the proposed replacement windows which would support his assertion that they would 'not be of detriment to the character' of the building. Such additional information should be provided prior to any positive determination of this application.

**ZB25/02162/FUL – 40 College Square** – Application for the replacement of 5 no. windows timber framed to UPVC double glazed to the front of the property. **RESOLVED** that this application fails to identify if the current windows are single or double glazed. Subject to the Conservation Officer finding the replacement with uPVC framed double glazed windows which replicate the design of the current timber framed windows acceptable, then no objection.

**ZB26/00451/MRC – Millbry Hill, 47 Levenside** – removal or variation of a condition 2 to previously approved application ZB25/01332/FUL (External alterations). **RESOLVED** that the Town Council strongly object to this application and want to see this window reinstated. This window was a distinct heritage feature in our Conservation area and one that should not have been removed.

### Planning Decisions

2. To receive the Planning Application decisions from NYC:

#### Applications Granted

**ZB26/00089/ADV and ZB26/00080/LBC – The Spread Eagle, 39 High Street** – Listed building consent for fixing of 1no. externally illuminated fascia sign 1no. externally illuminated projection sign 2no. non illuminated amenity signs.

**ZB26/00222/FUL – 46 Meadowfield** – Erection of proposed single storey extension.

**ZB26/00237/FUL – 17 Riverslea** – Application for the removal of existing glazed conservatory and construction of a single storey side extension.

#### Tree Preservation Order Served

**25/00018/TPO2 – Tree Preservation Order 2025 No 18** – order confirmed.

#### Applications Refused

**ZB25/01972/LBC – Sadlers, 59 – 61 High Street** – Retrospective application for alterations to front elevation.

#### Planning Appeal

**APP/U2750/C/26/3377452 – Il Mulino, Church House, 30 College Square** – Appeal ground F against enforcement notice that without permission, the construction of a flue.

**Planning and Development Issues**

3. Enforcement Issues reported to NYC

**RESOLVED** that the update on current Enforcement Cases from the Enforcement Officer circulated on 17.3.26 be received. County Cllr Griffiths was asked to revert back that the Town Council do not agree that a lack of response from the business owners of Morrisons and Costa is sufficient reason for them to stop further action. County Cllr Griffiths was asked to take this through the appropriate channels and if necessary raise this at the next NYC Cabinet meeting.

- a. Taylor Wimpey Estate.
- b. British Legion Club Site, North Road.
- c. Tilia Estate – planning conditions.
- d. Brierley Development.
- e. 47 High Street (formerly the Pack Horse Pub).
- f. Morrison, High Street.
- g. Costa Coffee, High Street.
- h. Millbry Hill.
- i. 49 Levenside.
- j. Mind Shop.
- k. Old Natwest Bank.

**North Yorkshire Council Correspondence**

1. **RESOLVED** that the Crisis and Resilience Fund information circulated on 29.3.26 be received.

**8/14/04/26 POLICE**

**RESOLVED** that the Police report circulated on 2.4.26 be received. A total of 29 Incidents had been reported between 1 March and 31 March 2026.

**9/14/04/26 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 Chief Executive bulletins be received.

**Items tabled for information**

None received.

**10/14/04/2026 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**11/14/04/2026 STAFF SALARY PAYMENTS**

**RESOLVED** that the staff salary payments move from weekly to monthly and that this be completed in accordance with the appropriate ACAS procedures.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

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

**STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL -MARCH 2026****ACCOUNTS REPORT**Payments

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Value £</b>
Salaries	Weeks 48 - 52	5288.73
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Month 12	1119.16
Sage	IT Support	147.52
HFC Systems	Office 365	114.28
Clear Business	Phone / Internet	92.69
The Cumbrian Clock Company	Clock Maintenance (refunded by Manorial Lands Trust)	4518.00
Stewart Forbes Electrical Services	Clock Maintenance (refunded by Manorial Land s Trust)	432.00
C G Robinson & Sons	Grass Cutting – Open Spaces / Trees	2740.09
Wigin Landscaping	Tree Work – Monthly Payment	250.00
MBP Groundcare	Hedge Work SLA x 2	695.00
Glasdon Uk Ltd	Memorial Bench – Open Spaces / Play Areas	842.82
British Gas	Electricity – Open Spaces / Toilets	102.87
Wave	Water – Open Spaces / Toilets	125.85
Amazon	Cleaning Products – Open Spaces / Toilets	18.99
Lesley Palmer	Newsletter	160.00
Wave	Allotments Water	290.57
D.E. Lloyd Locksmiths	Padlocks – Allotments Maintenance	244.54
Town Hall Trust	Meeting Rents	230.00
Chipchase Manners	External Audit	624.00
Barclays	Bank Charges - Miscellaneous	8.50
H M Land Registry	Land Search	14.00
Wonderwall Products Ltd	Notice Boards (payment for 3 reimbursed from Town Hall)	2214.00
YLCA	Training	10.00
Catch Designs	Website (Manorial Lands Trust reimbursed half)	568.80
<b>Total</b>		<b>20852.41</b>