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Minutes of Meeting 01/26 of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council
held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 in Yapham Village Hall at 7.00PM

Meeting 01/26

01/26 Welcome and Apologies: Present: Cllr Arnold (Chair), Cllr Hallam, Cllr M Hammond, one member of the public (MOP) and the clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr Bradley, Cllr Poole and Cllr M Hammond.

02/26 Code of Conduct

- a) Declarations of Interest: **None**
- b) Granting of any Dispensations: **None**

03/26 Public Participation: Item 08/26 brought forward – MOP referred to minute reference 145/25 on the subject of safety concerns being raised about public rights of way (PROW) through the parish. In particular, the historic closure of one particular PROW means there is no safe, off-road, route from Yapham to Meltonby. Emphasis was placed on the winter months where parish children are making their way to the bus stop in the dark and around a sharp bend where traffic comprises lorries and farm vehicles. Some haulage has been reported as 'speeding'. The MOP further emphasised we have a duty of care to parishioners, especially children and requested to know why the PROW route had been closed and transferred to privacy. They also enquired about the possibility or reinstating such routes. **Agreed:** Raise the matter with ward Councillor Hammond to seek advice for the next step.

MOP left the meeting

04/26 The minutes: of the meeting held on **Tuesday 11th November 2025** were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Hallam and seconded by Cllr Arnold.

05/26 Matters arising from previous minutes: All purchases agreed at the November meeting have been made apart from the daffodil bulbs. The discounted bulbs were out of stock and didn't come back into stock in time for ground saturation and freezing which is detrimental to their ability to flourish. The agreed purchase will be reserved until later this year.

06/26 Planning: None

07/26 Finance & Accounts: Bank balance – **£3001.54:** Noted

- a) Clerk's salary for January 2026 – £177.97
- b) Clerk's WFH allowance for January 2026 - £26.00
- c) To ratify the Insurance Renewal payment for 2026/27 - £214.0
- d) To ratify the payment to Yapham PCC for grass-cutting Nov 25 - £103.20
- e) To confirm and sign the precept demand for 2026/27 - £3,538.00
- f) To confirm Chair, Cllr Arnold and Vice Chair, Cllr Poole have access to the PC bank account

All approved and confirmed. Precept signed. Proposed Cllr Hallam and seconded by Cllr M Hammond.

08/26 Public Rights of Way (PROW): Health & safety concerns within the parish of certain PROW

09/26 Traffic Speed Watch: To resolve feasibility of a volunteer group and grant application for related equipment
Deferred until Cllr L Hammond is present

10/26 Wildlife and Nature Projects: To consider ideas – The clerk received an email from the chair of the Allotments Association to say if any bird boxes etc are planned for the allotments there will be no objection but the members require assurance that no feeding of wildlife will take place, in order to deter rats and other potential pests.
Deferred

NB. The clerk noted that Item 11 was omitted due to a numbering error – no topic omitted.

12/26 History Board – To receive any updates from the working party: **No updates**

13/26 Ward Councillor Report: None

14/26 Councillor Reports: Cllr Arnold reported that a bonfire pile was being built on the village green but following discourse with a parishioner he has been assured the pile will be removed.

15/26 Correspondence: Noted

16/26 Set agenda Items for next meeting

- a) Plant a permanent Christmas tree in the parish
- b) Flooding from the village green onto the road
- c) All deferred items

Date of next meeting: provisionally Tuesday 10th February 2026

Meeting closed at 7:36PM