

High Coniscliffe Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 12th November 2025

18.30 hours

St. Edwin's Church Hall, High Coniscliffe

MINUTES

Attendance

Rebecca Brown
Paul Branch (Interim Chair)
Duncan Laidler
Anne Llewellyn (Clerk)
Chris Simmonds

Apologies.

Simon Atkinson
Ian Calvesbert
Michael Ramsay

Minutes of last meeting.

Agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising.

Raised as items on business agenda

Correspondence.

A planning application has been submitted to DBC from The Farmhouse, 5A High Carlbury Station Road. Details of the application can be found at www.darlington.gov.uk/PA. The committee considered the application and concluded that there were no concerns. **AL to respond to DBC.**

Finance.

- a. Current balance is £8,570
- b. 2026/7 Budget and Precept. AL shared a spreadsheet of the 2025/6 budget and projected 2026/7 budget. This was accepted and it was agreed that we would ask for £8,000 for the 2026/7 precept. **AL to email DBC to confirm precept.**

Business

- a. Website. AL reported that the website is now live. **Details of the website to be put on social media sites for parish residents (AL).**
- b. CDALC Membership. AL reported that CDALC membership will cost £13.69 for the remaining year and will be £52.79 for the full year membership from 1st April 2026, which will include NALC membership.
- c. Update on bus stop refurbishment. PB and CS reported that the bus stop has now been painted. **PB and CS will complete the work over the next few weeks.**
- d. Update on lighting between Church Hall and Lych Gate. PB has contacted a couple of electricians who were not interested in taking on the project. It was agreed that we

may need to get separate contractors to complete the footing work before the electrical work can be completed. **PB to follow up.**

- e. Carols on the Green. It was decided that this event will take place in the church this year at 18.30 hours on Saturday 13th December 2025. This is a parish council event which is open to anyone in the church parish and admission will be free, although donations will be invited for church funds. Aycliffe and Brancepeth Brass Band will play 2 sets of 45 minutes with a 15-minute interval where we will serve mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks. **AL will purchase the mince pies and soft drinks and water for the band and SA and AL will bring mulled wine** (there are plenty of thermos jugs in the church). Will need to erect some lights on the path to the church – volunteers required. AL, SA and RB will be available to help on the night – other help would be appreciated. AL has met with church wardens and heating will be on and key will be available for set up. **RB will create a poster and AL will post on WhatsApp and Facebook.** Details of the event will also be included in the church Xmas card to all parishioners.
- f. Local green space designation. **Discussion deferred to December meeting.**
- g. Update on gravel on church path. **Discussion deferred to December meeting.**
- h. Speed cameras. AL has been in touch with Councillor Gerald Lee for information of contacts at DBC and is awaiting response. AL has got details of the company who installed the speed visors in Merrybent.
- i. Dog waste bin on Wellfield. AL has contacted DBC who are following this up.
- j. Dog waste signage. AL apologised for the signs that were not quite what was expected when they were ordered, but it was agreed that they were OK for now – we may look at replacing them in the future.

Any Other Business.

None.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th December at 18.30 hours in St Edwin's Church Hall.

Signed:



Paul Branch, Interim Chair