

High Coniscliffe Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 21st January 2026

18.30 hours

St. Edwin's Church Hall, High Coniscliffe

MINUTES

Attendance

Paul Branch

Ian Calvesbert (Chair)

Anne Llewellyn (Clerk)

Michael Ramsay

Chris Simmonds

Apologies

Simon Atkinson

Rebecca Knowles

Duncan Laidler

Minutes of last meeting.

Agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising.

None

Correspondence

- Anne Llewellyn reported that she had received the monthly emails about Economic and Cyber Security and Fraud Protection which she will upload to the website.
- Anne Llewellyn has received an email offering free trees. The email will be circulated and this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- A planning application has been received:

Farm House Cottage, High Carlbury, Station Road, Piercebridge.

Replacement of 10 windows to the porch, front and side and rear elevations.

This was discussed and no objections were raised. Anne Llewellyn to respond to Darlington Borough Council.

- Thanks from George Hollis were recorded.

Finance.

The current balance is £5857.05. The precept will be paid on 1st April 2026.

Business

- a. Update on discussion with Reverend Debs Robinson about lighting between Church Hall and Lych Gate. Deferred to February meeting
- b. Update on gravel on church path. To be completed in the spring.
- c. Update on Speed cameras. Deferred to February meeting
- d. Permanent Xmas Tree discussion. This was discussed at length and it was agreed that it was not feasible to plant a permanent xmas tree at this point in time. AL to respond to Michelle Attey.

- e. Update on tree clearance in Wellfield. HCPC will negotiate with the Wellfield Trustees to organise this. It is proposed that this will also be used as an opportunity to have discussions about ideas for further maintaining and developing the Wellfield for the benefit of village residents.

Any Other Business.

Concerns have been raised about the amount and nature of litter in the layby on the A67 between High Coniscliffe and Merrybent. Anne Llewellyn will email Darlington Borough Council and the Clerk to Low Coniscliffe and Merrybent Parish Council to explore whether we can approach this problem as a partnership.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

18th February 2026 at 18.30 hours in St Edwin's Church Hall.

Signed as Accurate Record:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Calvesbert', written in a cursive style.

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Ian Calvesbert (Chair)