

NABURN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Naburn Parish Council held on 5th January, 2026 at 7:30p.m. in the Church

Attendees: Cllrs P Ashworth, K Atkinson, A Bean, J Britton, A Clark, S Gray, L Gunson (Chair), J Jefferson, S Raimes

Apologies: Cllrs, C Hill, Clerk

Absent: Cllr V Phillips

2. Identify confidential items. None.

3. Interests. None.

4. Minutes Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings of 17th November, 2025 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Finance

5.191. The payment of £161.26 to Vision ICT to cover the cost of web site hosting and support until February 2027 was approved.

5.192. The setting of the Parish Council Precept for 2026/27 was discussed and it was agreed to keep it the same as 2025/26.

6. Planning (none)

7. Flooding (none)

8. Highways

8.2. Ideas were discussed to improve the walking surface at the end of Vicarage Lane and towards the Sustrans cycleway/footpath. It was agreed that before any work is undertaken, the ownership of that section of Vicarage Lane should be ascertained. **ACTION.** Cllr Ashworth to check with the Land Registry.

8.3. It was agreed to review of the state of the emergency routes out of the village in the event of flooding. **ACTION.** Cllr Bean to check the state of Moor Lane and Cllr Gunson to ask Alan Jenkins for a price to trim the bushes and grass by the gate on the emergency route across the Sustrans track.

9. Community Areas and Buildings

9.52. The leasing of the Reading Room to Aliko Wigget as a hairdressing salon was unanimously agreed at a rental of £50 per month plus £250 for the Building Insurance. **ACTION.** Cllr Gunson to inform her and send her a copy of the lease agreement.

9.53. The maintenance of the Reading Room was discussed - particularly at the rear where various climbing plants need cutting back. **ACTION.** Cllr Gunson to discuss with Cllr Phillips.

9.54. There was a discussion about trees in the Parish and TPOs. It was agreed that should any Councillor feel that a tree should be protected which is not already on the TPO list, then they should record its position and discuss at the next meeting. The City of York Council website shows a map of where the existing TPOs are located. **ACTION** All Councillors.

10. Communication (none)

11. Miscellaneous (none)

12. Outstanding action items

12.30 Cllr Gunson seeking clarification from CoY regarding their estimate for tarmac for the final 330m of path along Naburn Lane. **ACTION.** Cllr Gunson to chase once again. Emails and phone messages are frustratingly not being answered.

12.33. Mike Beresford had expressed his desire to set up a community Speed Watch. Cllr Gunson had asked Mike to request volunteers using the Village FB but he is unable to due to work commitments, and so it was decided that Cllr Gunson do so instead . **ACTION.** Cllr Gunson to ask for volunteers.

12.35. The issue of the unusual recent smell affecting Bishopthorpe was discussed as it has recently affected Naburn as well. The consensus was that it was coming from the new Sewage Processing Plant at Acaster Airfield. Cllr Gunson had written again to Cllr Nichols of Bishopthorpe who replied that there had been no further complaints in Bishopthorpe. However, it appears that the company are now requesting retrospective planning permission from North Yorkshire Council and so it was agreed to object. **ACTION.** Cllr Gunson to object to North Yorkshire Council.

13. For Information items:

Cllr Gunson has for the last few years been sweeping the bus shelter when it became full of leaves, cobwebs etc., Cllr Hill has now agreed to take this on. **ACTION.** Cllr Hill

The halyard on the flagpole needs replacing. **ACTION.** Cllr Gunson to ask Cllr Phillips to replace and splice.

A replacement baby swing seat is likely to be about £250. Cllr Gunson awaiting further information from Komplan.

14. Public participation.

15. Confidential items. (none)

16. Items for consideration at the next meeting.

17. Closure of meeting and date of next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm. The next meeting will be at 7:30pm in the Church on Monday 2nd March, 2026.

Signed Dated
Chairman