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The Annual Parish Meeting was held on **Thursday 7th May 2026** in St James' Church, Nunburnholme.

Present: Cllrs Halkon (Chair), C. Bird, R. Bird, Danter, Philips and Richardson
Ward Cllrs Cary and Hammond
The Clerk

The Minutes from this Meeting appear below.

Minutes

The Annual Parish Meeting opened at 7:00pm.

2026.01 Chair's Welcome

Cllr Halkon welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2026.02 Minutes

To adopt the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025 had previously been signed as they formed part of the same document as the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on the same date and had been signed at the Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 19th June 2025 as a consolidated document.

2026.03 Public Participation

*To resolve that the Meeting is suspended for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow for Public participation. **Please note that discussion is not permitted during this session.***

There was no suspension of the Meeting as no members of the public were in attendance.

2026.04 Chair's Annual Report

To receive the Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council.

Cllr Halkon presented the following report;

All the Parish Councillors serving in May 2025 have continued in place, we have our full quota of seven. Our new Clerk, Andrew Buxton, has been with us for a year and has been very clear on policies and procedures.

Initials:



Our annual audit did not raise any recommendations. We did not increase the Parish Council Precept, which has remained the same for several years. Ongoing expenses such as insurance policy are checked by our Clerk as best value for money. Following his suggestion we have placed some of our reserves into a savings account to earn a little interest. The Parish Council pays an annual fee to St James' Parochial Church Council for Parish Council meetings and for providing our Emergency RV. Another fee is now paid to the Buddhist Centre where our November, January and March meetings are held. This has increased our costs by 20% for venue hire but better serves the councillors in Kilnwick Percy and everyone with a warmer winter environment. The Parish Council continues to give a small amount to Nunburnholme Jubilee Committee. Its fundraising events mainly support St James' Church, but in so doing provides valuable community social gatherings.

Planning and Consultations:

We considered six planning applications.

We submitted our statutory AGAR annual return and Audit, so the Parish Council is fully compliant with regulations.

Our policies were reviewed and the GDPR policy was updated.

Community Issues:

The Diocese of York decided that a **stone sarcophagus excavated during drainage work around St James church** should be reburied. A letter from the Parish Council expressing grave disappointment followed by one from Ward Cllr West resulted in a visit from the Archdeacon who seemed to respect the view of the Parish Council that it should not be reburied but remain in the church. The Parish Council has yet to hear the final decision of the diocese.

The Parish Council continues to raise issues to do with the '**Street Scene**'. The missing Nunburnholme sign on Butt Lane has been replaced.

The salt bin checks in the autumn showed that the one on Butt Lane positioned in full sun (on sunny days) was not being used. Following consultation with residents of Bratt Wood Cottages it was moved lower down the road where residents said they would spread salt on the icy road. The footpaths on Town Street are crumbling in various places as are the driveways to some properties and concrete is falling away around drains on Church Lane yet under ERYC's financial constraints they are considered 'OK' for now.

Two signs in Kilnwick Percy advising motorists that there is no access to KP Holiday Lodges through Kilnwick Percy residential estate have been replaced.

Initials:



Potholes reported to ERYC by the Parish Council are repaired quite quickly.

The missing 'Passing Place' signs on Featherbed Lane have not been replaced, the poles are visible, erect in the hedge, once the leaves had fallen.

Invertebrate assessment of **Nunburnholme Beck to check its water quality** was discussed, but wasn't carried out last summer, hopefully it will be done in 2026. Cutting down the butterbur on both sides of the beck at The Green proved challenging and did little to suppress it. The process was not repeated as advice as to whether it would do any good was conflicting and the ground is so soft that cutting it all back is not possible.

Jubilee Wood continues to be regularly monitored by the Parish Council with minor maintenance being carried out as required.

The poor drainage of Nunburnholme Hill which causes long term road flooding is currently being addressed by ERYC following **major improvements to Back Lane all the way to Warter.**

Remembrance Sunday was marked for the third time by the Parish Council with the laying of a wreath on a Commonwealth Grave in St James' church.

My thanks for their great support go to my fellow councillors, Tony Phillips, Andrew Richardson, Robert Bird, Chris Bird, Tom Danter and Mark Crabtree, our Ward Cllrs Paul West and Leo Hammond and our new Clerk Andrew Buxton.

The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7:15pm.

Signed to confirm that the above Minutes are a true and accurate record of the Meeting:

Date: Thursday 6th May 2027

Chair of Nunburnholme with Kilnwick Percy Parish Council