

FELLISCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Venue: Kettlesing Village Hall **Date:** Thursday 21st May 2026 **Time:** 6.30 pm

1-26/27. **Present** Cllrs. Jeff Swindells (Acting Chair), Andrew Jackson, John Lazenby.

2-26/27. **Apologies** - Cllrs. Ian Thompson, Andrew Brown

3-26/27. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of 22nd May 2025** Proposed as a true record by Cllr. Andrew Jackson and seconded by Cllr J Lazenby

4-26/27. Felliscliffe Parish Council Chairman's Report 2025/26

This year, Felliscliffe Parish Council once again held six meetings, together with the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council. North Yorkshire Council remains our principal authority, and we have continued working with them since 1 April 2023. Nathan Hull is our County Councillor, and we thank him for attending many of our meetings and for his valuable input.

The Parish Council continues to fulfil an important role as a consultee to the principal authority in the determination of planning applications. While the Parish Council has no statutory powers to decide the outcome of applications, it can highlight local information, issues, and concerns of which the principal authority may not be aware. Parish Council meetings remain open to the public, and public attendance is always welcomed.

The Parish Council has commented on sixteen planning applications during the past year, including:

- An eco-dwelling self-build in the garden of a house at Swincliffe Top, which was refused but later allowed on appeal.
- The division and extension of a property to form two dwellings, which remains ongoing. The application was submitted in two versions and is currently withdrawn.
- An application to extend and add an upper storey to a large bungalow, which was refused.
- Three slightly varying applications to convert a large portal-frame farm building, which had only been erected following an appeal a few years ago. All applications were refused and subsequently dismissed at appeal.
- A similar building conversion at Long Lane Farm, which has also been refused in several iterations.
- Several more modest extensions and refurbishments, which have been approved, including a substantial extension to a recently erected agricultural dwelling.
- A new agricultural entrance and track on Barse Beck Lane, which was approved on the second application.
- Two applications for photovoltaic (PV) panels, both of which were approved.

The industrial and commercial site at Springfield Farm has continued to expand in stages, with five new units approved, involving the diversion of a footpath and changes of use for existing units. A new farm building was also permitted at Croft House Farm.

The application for houses on the Queens Head car park site remains pending.

There are now four major enforcement cases, none of which are any closer to resolution:

a] Enforcement: Site of Greystones – unauthorised extension of the lower ground floor and installation of an oversized east-facing window.

b] Enforcement: Change of use of agricultural land to the storage of end-of-life vehicles on White Wall Lane.

c] Enforcement: Unauthorised formation of a land bund at Windmill House, Skipton Road, Kettlesing, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG3 2LT.

d] Enforcement: Agricultural building at Windmill Farm.

The ongoing issues of potholes, road drainage, and gully emptying continue to be a problem.

There is also an ongoing problem with dog fouling in the village and near the school.

Finally, I would like to thank Suzie Cree, Parish Clerk, for her help and unstinting hard work for the benefit of the community and the Parish Council. I would also like to thank our parish councillors for their help and support during my year as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Many Thanks

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5-26/27. **Election of (1) Chairman (2) Vice Chairman**

(1) Cllr. Ian Thompson was re-elected as Chairman – proposed Cllr. Lazenby, seconded Cllr. Jackson.

(2) Cllr. Andrew Brown was re-elected Vice Chairman – proposed Cllr. Jackson, seconded Cllr. Lazenby.

6-26/27. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman:**

To be signed by Cllr. Thompson

7-26/27. **Present**

Cllrs. Jeff Swindells (Acting Chair), Andrew Jackson, John Lazenby.

8-26/27. **Apologies**

Cllrs. Ian Thompson, Andrew Brown

9-26/27. **Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council held on 22nd May 2025:**

Proposed as a true record by Cllr. Lazenby and seconded by Cllr. Jackson.