

# CURBAR PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6.30pm at the Wesleyan Reform meeting room.**

Cllrs present:	Rob Scott (Chair)	Charlotte Cooper
	Alexa Masterhorn	
Others present:	Pip Gilbert (Locum Clerk)	
	David Nicolson (Chair of Burial Committee)	

**0126/01 Apologies for absence** – Martyn Games, Susan Hobson (DCC) and Caralyn Denver

**0126/02 Variation of Order of Business** – None.

**0126/03 Declarations of interest** – None

**0126/04 To determine if any items should be taken with public excluded** - None

**0126/05 Public participation** – David Nicholson was welcomed to the meeting.

**0126/06 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 25** – It was resolved to confirm these as correct records.

**0126/07 Communications received not reported elsewhere on the agenda** –

1. The Chair updated the Council on the broken school boiler and his communications with Cllr Hobson who has escalated the matter and is chasing for a resolution.
2. The Council discussed the four energy options provided by EDF following the end of the existing contract. The Council resolved to enter a 4-year contract with EDF. Action Clerk to arrange contract and update the Council on the final contract details.
3. Cllr Cooper expressed appreciation on behalf of the Council to the Chair, Jane Taylor and Eastern Moors Partnership for their time and kit for clearing the trough blockage. The Chair offered to make notes on how to clear the blockage for future guidance and to clear and tidy up the trough during summer.
4. Cllr Denver will discuss the potential donation of a baby grand piano with the village hall committee. Action Clerk to update the person donating the piano.

**0126/08 Councillor Co-option** – There are currently no individuals who are willing to be co-opted onto the Council. Cllr Cooper agreed to discuss the matter with Tom Cooper and Dave Nicholson will talk to his neighbour about the opportunity.

**0126/09 Planning applications** -

- a. Any applications after the agenda was set –
  - i. Appeal 6002576 Barn next to the Chequers Inn, Froggatt Edge - no further comments were made to the original application.

**0126/10 Playing field matters** -

1. **Play equipment** – The Chair met with a representative from Playdale about potentially new play equipment. The company supplied good play equipment to Calver. Playdale will send through a quote in the near future.
2. **Damaged sign** – It was agreed for Cllr Masterhorn to determine what was required and send the information to the Clerk. Clerk will then obtain a quote from Printexpress Buxton who supplied the 20s plenty signs for the village.
3. **Any other playing field matters** – None

**0126/11 Burial Ground Update** – The Clerk informed the Council of a forthcoming burial on the 16<sup>th</sup> January. The existing headstone repair quote of £377 would be investigated further

by the Clerk and the Council updated. The need to consecrate further burial ground was discussed and the Clerk will continue to try to get this resolved. It was agreed that no planning permission would be needed as the area has been a burial ground since the 1960s and it was not needed for previous consecrations. Dave Nicholson discussed his concerns about burials close to the boundary with Coach House and it was agreed for the Clerk to discuss the matter with the Gravedigger if the consecration process does not happen in a sensible timeframe.

**0126/12 Traffic matters –**

- a. **Snow Warden Scheme** - The Council was informed that more grit may be needed before the end of the winter period. Action Clerk to order additional supplies.
- b. **Drainage matters** – This remains an issue throughout the village. It was agreed that any specific problem identified should be reported promptly. In the past this has resulted in the matter being resolved by DCC.

**0126/13 Telephone box and notice board repairs** – The Chair has discussed the requirements with a joiner, Nicholas Oakley Denver, who will provide a quote after a site visit to both the telephone box and noticeboard.

**0126/14 Recruitment of new Clerk** – It was noted that the job description for the Clerk may change if the Calver Weir Trust comes under a joint arrangement with Calver Parish Council. It was agreed for all Council members to review the website for the Trust ([calverweir.org.uk](http://calverweir.org.uk)) and for the advertising of the role to be put on hold until the next meeting when the way forward on the Calver Weir will be discussed further.

**0126/15 Statement of financial position** – The Clerk informed the Council that the bank accounts have been reconciled and there is £15,178 as at 31 December 2025.

**0126/16 Precept for 2026-27** no change from 2025-26 which was £8715.

**0126/17 Invoices for payment** – Invoices not formally recorded as paid at previous meetings were approved and are detailed in the appendix.

**0126/18 Date of next meeting** 5th March 7:00pm at the Wesleyan Reform Church Meeting Rooms.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.26pm

## Appendix - Invoices formally requiring approving

30-Apr	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
6-May	K Kelly	Salary and Expenses	£251.56
31-May	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
30-Jun-25	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
9-Jun-25	K Kelly	Salary and Expenses	£238.90
9-Jun-25	HMRC	HMRC Deductions	£51.40
9-Jun-25	R A Scott	CCTV Expenses	£21.28
7-Jul-25	HMRC	HMRC Deductions	£41.80
31-Jul-25	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
12-Aug	George Davis	Mowing Contract	£290.00
12-Aug	K Kelly	Salary and Expenses	£267.24
13-Aug	EDF Energy	Electric	£124.87
31-Aug	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
10-Sep	Senior Citizens Club	Donation	£153.75
4-Nov-25	HMRC	HMRC Deductions	£31.90
4-Nov-25	K Kelly	Salary and Expenses	£184.26
4-Nov-25	Dean Hill	Grounds Maintenance	£580.00
4-Nov-25	George Davis	Mowing Contract	£290.00
21-Nov	EDF Energy	Electric	£1.29
30-Nov	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
8-Dec-25	K Kelly	Nov Salary and Expenses	£237.26
8-Dec-25	HMRC	HMRC Deductions	£31.70
23-Dec	EDF Energy	Power	£11.38
30-Dec	K Kelly	Salary and Expenses	£211.20
31-Dec	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00