

CURBAR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2 July 2026 at 7pm at the Wesleyan Reform meeting room.

Cllrs present:	Rob Scott (Chair)	Thomas Cooper
	Alexa Masterhorn	Caralyn Denver
Others present:	Pip Gilbert (Locum Clerk)	PCSO Anthony Boswell

0726/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr Games, Cllr Cooper, Susan Hobson (DCC) and Helen Froggatt (DDDC). The Council requested the Clerk to enquire on the wellbeing of Kath Potter.

0726/02 Variation of Order of Business – None.

0726/03 Declarations of interest – None

0726/04 To determine if any items should be taken with public excluded - None

0726/05 Public participation – PCSO Boswell reported that over the last two months there had only been one crime in the Parish, drugs possession at Curbar Gap. Speeding matters was discussed and he offered to do speed checks over the coming months. The Council expressed their interest in having red lines at the Curbar Gap rather than the current double yellow lines. He recommended the Clerk got in touch with the Castleton Clerk who was successful in having red lines installed in their Parish. Also, for the Clerk and the community as a whole to continue requesting DCC enforcement officers to visit Curbar Gap at key times.

0726/06 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 14th May 26 – It was resolved to confirm these as correct.

0726/07 Communications received not reported elsewhere on the agenda – The need for additional Council emails was discussed and it was agreed for the Clerk to request an email for the Chair and the Burial Ground. The latter will be made available for a few Councillors as a back-up for when the Clerk is on annual leave.

0726/08 Councillor Co-option – The Council welcomed Thomas Cooper as a newly co-opted Councillor and resolved for him to be added as a signatory for authorising payments on Unity Trust bank. This was on the basis that the Clerk did not request for both Cllr Charlotte Cooper and Cllr Thomas Cooper to authorise the same payments.

0726/09 Planning applications -

- Any applications after the agenda was set:
 - i. NP/DDD/0526/0485 Applegarth, The Bent, Curbar – The Council agreed to make no comments on this application.

0726/10 Burial Ground update – The Council resolved to sign the Petition for Consecration of a new area of the Burial Ground. The Chair and Vice-Chair signed the Petition. The Council requested the Clerk to determine what happens during the Consecration process as they would like to involve the school if appropriate. The Clerk updated the Council on the recent annual review of the Burial Ground which was completed on the 30th June. She provided a summary of the improvements needed over the coming months.

0726/11 Playing field matters: - The Council received the new playing field sign and the Chair agreed to install it.

- Annual Rospa report - this was discussed and it was agreed for the Chair to install a new spring for the bottom gate and change the spring on the top gate.
- Play equipment – The Council agreed the location of the new springers as documented by Caloo. Clerk to send an approval email to Caloo on behalf of the Council.

- Memorial bench – It was resolved to agree to the new memorial bench for Mrs Jean Cooper on the basis of information provided by the family. Clerk to inform the family of their decision.

0726/12 Bus shelter land – It was agreed to clear the land and look after both noticeboards' contents in the future. Clerk to enquire as to whether Dean Hill would be prepared to do the clearance work going forward.

0726/13 Noticeboard (at the Bridge Inn) – The Clerk updated the Council on her discussion with the landlord of the pub. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact local joiners to quote on building a new sign, which is in keeping with the current noticeboard.

0726/14 Recruitment of new Clerk – The HR Committee updated the Council on the matter. It was agreed for the Chair to purchase a Council mobile phone for the Clerk, budget of approximately £100.

0726/15 Traffic matters – This was discussed under agenda item 0726/05 public participation

0726/16 Statement of Councils' financial position - The Parish Council has £20,249 in the Unity bank account, of which £4,777 relates to the Burial Ground

0726/17 Invoices for payment – the following invoices were approved for payment:

- Pip Gilbert locum clerk - £392.20 May/June
- Playsafety Ltd Rospa report- £104.40
- EDF energy £19.70 May and £20.29 for April
- G E Davies £290 for May mow of playing field and burial ground
- Parish Online invoice £336
- Unity Trust Bank service charge £7 per month for June and July

0726/18 Date of the next meeting – 10 September at 7pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm.