

Minutes of a meeting of Yarm Town Council held at
Challoner House,
Challoner Rd.,
Yarm, TS15 9DS.

Date: Tuesday, 3rd June 2025

Time: 7pm

Members of the public were invited to
attend the meeting

SIGNED: Pamela Danks (Interim cover)



Yarm Town Council
Town Hall
High Street
Yarm
TS15 9AH

Yarm Town Council Annual Parish Assembly

Recording of meeting

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1.	<p>Notice of Meeting</p> <p>It was confirmed that public notice of the meeting was given in accordance with schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the LGA 1972.</p>
2.	<p>IN ATTENDANCE:</p> <p>Councillor Philip Addison Councillor Marje Blair Councillor John Coulson (Chairman) Councillor Brian Newcombe Councillor Yvonne Pybus Councillor Pam Smailes Councillor Barbara Wegg Councillor Robert Wegg.</p> <p>ABSENT:</p> <p>Councillor Steve Atkinson Councillor Joyce Hardy Councillor Peter Monck</p> <p>Town Clerk (Interim cover) Pam Danks – Minute taker</p>
3.	<p>Statement from 2024/25 Chairman: Cllr Brian Newcombe</p> <p>Thanked volunteers for contributions towards last year's events which were very well attended. A good year all round.</p> <p>Would like to add a special mention for the Yarm Knitters who don't seem to get any recognition for the work they do.</p>

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4.	<p>Finance: Cllr Philip Addison Precept increased by 3% for this FY. Fairly level expenditure so far apart from the move of the Heritage centre clock being moved from winding to electrical function.</p>
5.	<p>Allotments: Cllr Yvonne Pybus 19 people no on waiting list for plots. Dave Jeffries has split plots into 6 as the size is making it difficult for people to manage. 2 plots allocated earlier this year still not being cultivated. It could be that if someone can manage the smaller plots they can then be considered for a larger or full size. The tap is being repaired by Paul Honeyman and the shed replacement is underway. Shed at the bottom right-hand side 17a, needs to get advice on how to remove as roof is unstable.</p>
6.	<p>Cemetery: Cllr Barbara Wegg Chapel has continued to be opened on first Sunday each month and we are seeing visitors both from local areas and further afield and everyone comments on how they have enjoyed seeing it. Would like to mention the cemetery team of Andrew, Ethan & Danny who are extremely hard working and helpful when identifying plots. Councillor Yvonne Pybus is now going to manage the Cemetery in 2025/26.</p>
7.	<p>Questions from members of public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoP 1: The Taylor Wimpey planned development of 600 houses. How does the Council and its members stand on this planning application. This was originally for 250 houses and its gone up to 600. • Cllr John Coulson: Personally had meeting with them today in role as Borough Councillor. Recognise that there is concern around the Town and a lot of blame is being levied at SBC but the Government is pushing for house building and feels that although the Town don't want the development and will always appeal, but that the permission may be forced through. Has found out that SBC have completed infrastructure surveys but the last one completed was in 2017 and since then we have already seen huge expansions with the development extensions on former Tall trees sites and other locations. We would need to have more GP surgeries and schools to handle the additional constituents. • MoP 2: They can build them but where will the GPs come from as we aren't an attractive area for people to relocate to. Yarm medical practise is already over run and we can't get appointments. • Cllr John Coulson: Please remember to attend the meeting on Thursday 5th June 3pm at the Cricket club. It will be really busy and limited parking but don't let that put you off. • Cllr Yvonne Pybus: Yarm residents opinions should always count when considering these plans. We didn't want the seating in the High Street and they waited 3 year and then installed it. • Cllr Brian Newcombe: There are plans for another 200 houses opposite the Fox Covert. The plans for an extension on one of the oldest houses in Yarm has also been objected to but it will probably go through eventually.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pam Smales <p>Who is maintaining the planters around the High St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr John Coulson: <p>Stockton Borough Council will retain responsibility for their maintenance. I know not everyone agrees but there are things we can't change such as the fair which has been there for over 800yrs and is a historical event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Yvonne Pybus: <p>The chairs outside of the many bars are spilling out of the 1 metre rule and stopping people from being able to use the pavements. They pull the chairs back against the walls when enforcement is in the area but its just going to worsen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr John Coulson: <p>We have asked the question about getting more enforcement officers but SBC don't have any availability and it was also stressed that they have no real powers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoP 2: <p>Real question is, are Yarm Councillors with the public in not recommending this plan is accepted and will you continue to back everyone that wants to fight against these plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YTC members present: <p>All in agreement with the plans for these additional properties not being good for the town and will make the necessary appeals to try to stop the plans coming to fruition.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 19:50</p>
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The next meeting of Yarm Town Council is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10th June at Challoner House, Challoner Rd, Yarm. TS15 9EL.

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